



**Triad Regional Advisory Committee  
Trauma/Disaster Meeting  
August 13, 2009**

**Forsyth Medical Center  
Conference Room  
Winston-Salem, NC**

**Attendance List:**

The attendance list is on file and available upon request.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Gail Kluttz and Dr. Jay Wyatt

Dwayne Young, Guilford Co. EMS, spoke of the passing of Dr. Norm Mayer, beloved friend, coworker and emergency medicine supporter. Dr. Michael Ghim is now the medical director, coming with EMS experience in California. Dr. Mayer handpicked his successor. Dr. Norm Mayer will be greatly missed!

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved.

**T-RAC Reports**

**Regional Disaster Preparedness Update - Mary Beth Skarote**

- SMAT II - Thresher's Reunion June 30-July 5 with Davidson County EMS and provided care to 42 patients. Thank you to Lexington Memorial for providing ED nurses daily - also have several new members.
- SMSS training August 3-6 with CAP RAC >100 team members trained.
- SMAT II and SMAT III at BBQ Festival October 24.
- Equipment at ITLS Conference and presentation in November.

**Grant Status**

- FY 2009 grant completed on August 8, 2009.
- FY 2010 grant contract amendment being reviewed by hospital attorney.
- Administrative grant renewed.
- Regional grant pending execution and guidelines. Committee will meet once guidelines have been sent out. Reporting requirements: 1) must report ACF

location and information for all hospitals this year; 2) NIMC compliance - ICS this year must report name, job title, classes completed of each participant.

- Funding cut by about 34% from previous year.
- Project ideas to be sent to Mary Beth Skarote for review and consideration.

#### **MRC**

- Medical Response Plan - Waiting release of template from State; will reconvene this committee to begin work.

#### **Exercise Planning**

- Communications exercise quarterly.
- WebEOC exercise at least annually.
- Exercise workgroup to start again for exercise plan and ideas for 2010.
- NDMS exercise planned for April/May 2010.
- Exercise calendar posted on TRAC website or WebEOC for all to share.
- Regional H1N1 Summit: Working Together - Save the date: September 17, 2009 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Location: Forsyth Medical Center Community Center (conference room). Triad RAC and PHRST 5 sponsoring a regional summit to identify planning issues related to H1N1. The goal is to recruit collaborative efforts in the region by sharing lessons learned, best practices and propose potential response options by identifying needs and resources at the local and regional levels.
- Best Practices - facilities to bring their best practices and ideas to share. Contact Mary Beth or Jody Moore to be scheduled in the future.

#### **Performance Improvement Subcommittee - Gail Kluttz**

Gail reports at the last PI meeting cases reviewed and discussed met two criteria: 1) deaths <24 hours after admission, and 2) transfers >6 hours were reviewed for January, February and March 2009. Increased participation within the Triad RAC is suggested.

CISM class September 18 & 19. For further information on this class, go to [www.triadrac.org](http://www.triadrac.org)

2009 ITLS conference November 4-8, 2009 in Charlotte.

Flowers sent to Dr. Norman Mayer's wife, children from Triad RAC.

#### **Education - Linda Kalafut**

TNCC, ENPC, ABLIS and Rural Trauma classes have been offered. Check Triad RAC website for upcoming scheduled classes. NCBH Trauma Conference scheduled November 19-20; Dianne Wheaton is coordinating with more information available at a later day. Cheryl Workman reports an ATLS course at Moses Cone Hospital offered September 11-12, 2009.

#### **Injury Prevention - Leigha Shepler**

Plan is currently at printer and will be uploaded to website soon as well as emailed to all contacts. The Data Committee will meet early September. Falls Prevention workshop scheduled September 22. Check the Falls Prevention website for more information.

## **Emergency Department Reports**

### **High Point Regional - Linda Newton**

Linda reports having an ENPC class- see her if interested.

### **Moses Cone Hospital - Vermell Rice**

Vermell reports upcoming trauma site visit September 3-4, 2009.

### **NC Baptist Hospital - Holly Mason**

Holly reports construction for the new pediatric emergency department will begin 2010, completion slated for Spring 2011. Changes with EMS intake in the ED which will be communicated to all EMS agencies.

## **Old Business**

### **Update Trauma Triage Guidelines - Bradley Dean**

Bradley reports the guidelines have been completed and will be ready within the next couple of weeks.

## **New Business**

### **WFUBMC Pediatric Trauma Update - Ginger Wilkins**

Ginger announced upcoming ACS visit September 28-29, 2009 in preparation for accreditation site visit of the first pediatric trauma center in North Carolina and one of 21 in the nation.

### **SMSS Initiative - Mary Beth Skarote**

State Medical Support Shelter (SMSS) pertains to the state medical response system. The partnership allows the state's emergency preparedness personnel to move forward with plans to use the community colleges as medical support shelters during catastrophic disasters, primarily intended for coastal region evacuation, to provide safe refuge for evacuated medically deprived individuals that require medical services. We want to support NC residents with chronic diseases that are homebound or in long term care facilities who have no other means of care in disaster. Currently, the shelters cannot take mental health patients.

Mary Beth explained how the plan will work in the case of a disaster with an overview of 2009 goals, projected number of patients, level of care needed, transportation issues, sister facilities identified. Staffing has been identified as needing 238 total medical and nonmedical staff. About 130 will be from the local community, with local community colleges to provide allied health students to help out as well as local community partners, which will leave approximately 108 from the state medical response system. She also reviewed the timeline, Phase I (120 hours out) through Phase V (post incident) and SMAT I, II and III team assignments, need for evaluation plans and possible asset allocation. It is of note that an Emergency Declaration will be needed to activate the system.

Mary Beth announced restructuring of NCOEMS regional assignments. Peggy Handon will be our newly assigned regional staff rep for OEMS for the Triad RAC.

### **Pandemic Flu Update - Dr. Roy Alson**

Upcoming workshop in September is vitally important so plan to attend. He reviewed the issues with the H1N1 flu and what we should be doing. The lead agency in our state for planning and execution remains with the NC Department of Public Health; NCOEMS and Emergency Management are partnering with the to assist them. Alternate group is looking at allocation of resources and hopefully by the end of the month drafted guidelines. The federal government and has made available and is already in-state compliance of the strategic national stockpile for antivirals and public health is working on distribution. Dr. Alson recommends finding out who your contact is and begin working with them because they may be planning your hospitals, your medical communities, or your EMS agency to carry out certain pieces of their plan.

The CDC and NC Department of Health maintain web sites for pandemic flu with useful information put out daily with weekly updates. The National Association of EMS Dispatchers has already drafted a protocol for screening for pandemic flu, who gets transported, who doesn't. Your plan also needs to be in place on how to screen employees and how you will staff when someone gets sick at work, and/or the schools close. Also important to provide information to volunteer agencies.

Jeff Peterson, disaster coordinator for the state office of EMS, encourages EMS to provide personnel to assist public health to look at protocol development.

Dr. Alson announced changes at the office of NCOEMS. Mark Chambers who had been a disaster coordinator has resigned; Jeff Peterson has currently filled this role. Shelly Caraway will be taking a position with regard to grant funding. Holli Hoffman who is overseeing the trauma program has submitted her resignation effective next month.

### **Public Health - Wendy Boggs**

Wendy suggests contacting your local health department to get on the list serve. Also, share information with your local health department so they can pass along to the general public.

### **Loop Closure for EMS Agencies - Dr Shayn Martin/Dr. Roy Alson**

WFUBMC's Level I Trauma Center has a site visit scheduled for Dec. 1-2, 2009. Also important in this visit is our performance improvement process. The audit filters provide opportunities for improvement. It is important to include surrounding areas to help us and respond to our inquiries about a particular case; the majority of requests involve scene times. Karen Wiles is the trauma performance improvement coordinator at WFUBMC. There is a web site with point of contact information for each agency. It is of note that every trauma center in this RAC is being surveyed this year, i.e. WFUBMC, Moses Cone and High Point Regional Health System.

Dr. Alson reports the state is outstanding and this particular region is among the top; however, there is always room for improvement.

Dr. Wyatt congratulates Dr. Shayn Martin on his appointment as trauma attending at WFUBMC.

**Trauma Pediatric Case Presentation** - Dr. John Petty, WFUBMC pediatric surgeon  
Case presentation: Toddler backed over by a riding lawnmower; complex injury to right flank and upper thigh. Initially seen at Moses Cone Hospital; transferred to Brenner Children's Hospital at WFUBMC.

Lawnmower injuries facts: 140k recorded injuries for the past 14 years resulting in 11k hospital admissions, 850k run-over, two-thirds are backed-over, 15% were burns. Website for more information: [www.ridinglawnmowersafety.com](http://www.ridinglawnmowersafety.com).

**Emergency Medicine Today/Paramedic Competition** - Gail Kluttz/Dr. Jay Wyatt  
Awards were presented for the winners of the paramedic competition. The winners were awarded certificates and gift cards. Awards given to Davidson Co. EMS – Mark Robbins & Kelly Kirk; Surry Co. EMS – Roger Horton & Barry McMillian; and Stokes Co. EMS – Returning Champions – Scott Brown & Fred Lawson. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication to the Paramedic Competition.

Emergency Medicine Today will be October 4-6, 2009. Paramedic competition will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> with six teams competing.

#### **Regional WebEOC** - Don Campbell

The Triad RAC is WebEOC for the entire region. Goal is to roll out to all facilities as a tool to manage demand throughout the region. The process will be within the next couple of weeks. The most important part is for the hospitals to complete the survey and submit to Mary Beth Skarote prior to the end of this month.

Phase 1 of the project will begin rollout now and hopefully have all the hospitals up and running by the end of December or early January. Phase 2 will be the process of bringing SMAT teams and EMS agencies onboard so they can get information regionally. Phase 3 will begin tying in many WebEOC systems across the state.

#### **RACE** - Stephanie Starling Edwards

Stephanie introduced Heather Norman from Forsyth Medical Center who replaced Lisa Monk.

The efforts of the Heart Center, Department of Emergency Medicine, local EMS teams and other hospital to get chest pain patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) the care they need quickly are paying off. The "door-to-balloon" (D2B) at WFUBMC and other North Carolina medical center are about 60 minutes which is 30 minutes lower than recommended by the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association.

The project has been very successful. Heather and Stephanie are collecting data, making phone calls day of and day after, working to identify and resolve issues to improve patient care from EMS communication up to the hospital door.

Triad RACE meeting - September 18th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at High Point Regional. October 1st through December 31st data will be collected.

Meeting adjourned.

**2009 Triad RAC meeting schedule:**

November 12, 2009

Forsyth Medical Center Conference Room, Winston-Salem

10:00 a.m.

**2010 Triad RAC meeting schedule:**

February 11, May 13, August 12 and November 11, 2010

Forsyth Medical Center Conference Room, Winston-Salem

10:00 a.m.