



**Triad Regional Advisory Committee
Trauma/Medical
November 8, 2007**

**Quality Inn – Hanes Mall
Winston-Salem, NC**

2008 T-RAC Scheduled Meeting: February 14, 2008.

Attendance List:

The attendance list is on file and available upon request.

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Jay Wyatt

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as written.

Old Business

- ASPR Grant Update - Mary Beth Skarote
FY 07-08 grant has been submitted to the State and awaiting final approval. Numerous training sessions have been funded and a report will be given during the Education Subcommittee report. The regional warehouse continues to be funded and will house the T-RAC equipment. Funds have been designed for the Medical Reserve Corps and will work on recruiting more members. Currently working on the regional surge and evacuation project which will include cribs for alternate care sites, ventilators, evacuation boards for hospital and nursing homes. Phase II equipment will be purchases for the M8 mobile field hospital. Communications projects continue within the region. Jody Moore with Moses Cone Hospital will discuss their communication project at the next RAC meeting. Randy Kearns will present the burn surge plan today for the State. Triad RAC is working on a trailer with supplies for burn surge in the event we have a mass burn event. The standardized triage project will fund triage tags and SMART triage training for the EMS agencies. Finally, their will be funding for regional exercises with a primary focus on evacuation.

Committee Reports

- Regional Disaster Preparedness Update - Dr. Roy Alson
Dr. Alson stated that he worked with the state on ASPR applications and he commends Mary Beth Skarote and Bradley Dean for the excellent job done.
- Quality Improvement Subcommittee - Gail Kluttz
The Trauma PI meeting will immediately follow this meeting. We will review deaths >24 hours after admission for July, August and September as well as transfers >6 hours to include potentially preventable deaths. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Education - Linda Kalafut
During the ASPR application process, education was a primary focus. Funding will include numerous Rural Trauma Team Courses, Trauma Nursing Core Courses and Advanced Burn Life Support for nurses and pre-hospital personnel. Please sign and update the training officer signup sheet, so information regarding upcoming classes can be emailed to you. Check the T-RAC web site www.triadrac.org frequently for upcoming educational opportunities. Cheryl Workman reports an ATLS course being offered at Moses Cone Hospital on January 4 and 5, 2008; openings still available.
- Injury Prevention - Leigha Shepler
Announcements: Injury Prevention Conference on December 11th being held as a joint effort between Duke Trauma Center and UNC Healthcare, entitled "Trauma Knows No Boundaries", a one-day conference free of charge, and they will review opportunities (prepackaged material) in the RAC that are available. She has a registration form for information. She will also email this information to anyone who would like to have this. The Greensboro Police Department is the regional coordinator for the seatbelt convincers and they are using them with teens in high schools. This sled has a seatbelt attached with an occupant; once the sled is released it simulates an 8-10 mph crash where one can really feel what it is like to be in a crash and how the seatbelt will protect them. This is available through the Greensboro Police Department. Please contact Brian Spice for additional information at 336-373-2216. Lastly, the Lifesavers Conference will be held April 13-15 in Portland, Oregon. This is a premier traffic safety conference and for more information go to www.lifesaversconference.org.
- EMS Subcommittee - Myron Waddell
Safe Kids Conference in March 2008; www.buckleup.org to get registration information; \$75 conference fee also includes several meals. He has also been approached about talking to the RAC about possibly forming a RAC-wide safety coalition. This would not take away from any county within the RAC that already has a Safe Communities or Safe Kids coalition, but North Carolina is trying to find a way to strengthen the local coalitions. If you would like to discuss this with Myron just let him know.

New Business

- RACE Project Update - Lisa Monk and Stephanie Starling-Edwards.
RACE (**R**eperfusion of **A**cute myocardial infarction in **C**arolina **E**mergency departments). Slide presentation and review of data recently released regarding

RACE. RACE Objectives: 1) Increase speed of reperfusion and 2) Increase reperfusion rate. RACE centers and regions: 65 hospitals (10 PCI, 55 non-PCI). This project is supported by BCBS of NC, nurse coordination, steering committees, EMS, ED nurses, hospital administration, and QI experts in cardiology for each region as well as buy-in of all PCI centers in each region. Also reviewed RACE interventions and patient flow diagram; overview of collection data beginning in 2005; post-data collection was in the first quarter of 2007.

- Burn Surge Plan - Randy Kearns and James Holmes, MD.
Slide presentation. Has been working with WFU School of Medicine, UNC School of Medicine and East Carolina School of Medicine on this HRSA project with Randy Kearns, Scott Sagraves, MD and Holli Hoffman, NCOEMS. Specifically working with NC Baptist Burn Center and James Holmes, MD. Need to think of how we create tools to help us with daily operations in a way that if and when we have a burn event we know what these considerations are, how to work with the burn centers, how to work with local hospitals, and how to work with EMS providers in the field. Key issues: education and surge resources. Key point: Burn is trauma. Deliverables: develop stable plan that will work in our jurisdiction, delivery cornerstone of education (ABLS) and plan with specific educational content, develop surge resources, and develop white paper and website (www.ncburndisaster.org). When completed, provide triage and treatment guidelines, decision tree for EMS, community hospitals, trauma and burn centers to interface with local, regional and state plans.
Dr. Holmes stated we have the opportunity to bring a fully operational, multipurpose disaster response plan together. Significant disasters will involve burn injuries and we must have a plan to deal locally that is workable. Will come up with some very simple tools with education on ABLIS initially and we are going to work with ABLIS to make this program more accessible to everyone. We can be a model within the state in providing ABLIS for prehospital providers at low cost within each RAC. Will bring to fruition and build on the spine of the trauma system in the state. We have a unique opportunity in North Carolina to create a model that has not been done nationally.
In closing, a survey tool was distributed and information regarding burn information from each hospital and EMS agency was requested. This is also available on the website www.ncburndisaster.org.

Meeting adjourned.

The T-RAC meeting format will be changing. More information will be emailed and posted to the website: www.triadrac.org

2008 T-RAC Meeting schedule:

February 14, 2008

May 15, 2008

August 14, 2008

November 13, 2008