



**Triad Regional Advisory Committee
Trauma/Disaster Meeting
November 12, 2009**

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

Attendance List:

The attendance list is on file and available upon request.

Welcome and Introductions - Dr. Jay Wyatt

August 13, 2009 minutes approved.

T-RAC Reports

Regional Disaster Preparedness Update – Bradley Dean

WEB EOC project initially started in September and has been ongoing. Beta tested during the Lexington BBQ Festival in October, Identified a few things to be changed. Currently working on reconfiguration; beta testing scheduled in December and train-the-trainer scheduled January/February 2010.

Performance Improvement Subcommittee - Gail Kluttz

During the most recent strategic planning meeting looked at different ways to improve PI within our region. Numerous cases will be reviewed at the PI meeting to follow. Continue to send PI cases to Gail.

Injury Prevention - Leigha Shepler

No report

Emergency Department Reports

NC Baptist Hospital – Michelle Collins

September and October were the two busiest months in the history of the ED. Seeing 15% of overall population with flu-like illness four weeks ago; currently slowing down to 5%, expecting to rise late November into December. Preparing for the trauma site visit in December and pediatric site visit at the beginning of next year.

Forsyth Medical Center – no report

High Point Regional – no report

Moses Cone Hospital – no report

Old Business

EM Today and ITLS Paramedic Competition – Dr. Roy Alson

Our RAC consistently fields winning teams. Once again this year members of the Surry County EMS are winners of the EM Today Competition. North Carolina also did quite well in the ITLS Paramedic Competition with the Surry County EMS team winning the national competition. Congratulations on this outstanding teamwork!

Moses Cone Healthsystem and Trauma Center – Dr. Wyatt

Dr. Wyatt announced Moses Cone is the first trauma center to obtain ACS Level II verification in our region.

WFUBMC and HPRHS have upcoming site visits in the near future.

Moses Cone and WFUBMC are working collaboratively on a trauma conference for April 2010. Outstanding speakers from throughout the country are slated. More information will be provided through the RAC and AHEC.

New Business

Continuous Chest Compressions – Dr. Bozeman

Discussion regarding improvement of CPR with the use of continuous compressions in trauma related injuries and cardiac resuscitation. Have seen a tremendous improvement in our ability to provide CPR since the implementation of the 2005 Heart Association CPR Guidelines were introduced and the ability of getting people back from cardiac arrest. Continuous compressions are the key to getting return of spontaneous circulation.

Induced Hypothermia Post Arrest – Dr. Bozeman

Colleagues at WFUBMC, FMC, Moses Cone and HPRHS have been working on the implementation of therapeutic hypothermia for those patients that do regain a pulse. Surface cooling systems such as Arctic Sun are being used throughout the region. We, as a community, need to be focused on pre-hospital medicine and when there is a return of spontaneous circulation we need to think about transport destinations as you would for trauma patients, potentially going to post-cardiac arrest centers. Dr. Bozeman cites real-world successes in survival. The process can begin en route with ice packs and cold fluids being applied in the truck.

Northwest AHEC has online training for hypothermia protocol. Dr. Alson states Wake County EMS website has state-approved hypothermia protocols which can be used as a guide. A link is provided on the T-RAC website.

Other:

Matt Merritt would like to meet with the emergency managers from the hospitals who are working on the ASPR grants since the deadline is 11/25/09. These are competitive grants in which \$1.6 million will be awarded among 122 hospitals.

T-RAC 2010 Newsletter – submit articles and case studies to Dr. Wyatt by February 15th at jay.wyatt@mosescone.com. The newsletter will be published March 15th and sent electronically.

Meeting adjourned.

2010 Triad RAC Meeting schedule:

February 11, May 13, August 12 and November 11
Forsyth Medical Center Conference Room, Winston-Salem