

NORTHCENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES of January 28, 2016; 9:00 am
 Aspirus Wausau Hospital - Wausau, WI

Members Present: Michelle Armstrong, Jenny Blenker, Nicole Dekan, Doug Duchac, Lisa Ebert, Joe Gemza, Dr. Bruce Gordon, Scott Habeck, Brenda Kachelhoffer, Jason Keffeler, Robert Kirkley, Chris Masterson, Kathy Palm, Scott Perrin, Dr. Heong P'ng, Ashley Rothmeyer, Mark Schroeder, Corey Smith, Carmen Viegut, Linda Vollmar, Helen Walsh, Debra Witman

Chairperson: Mark Dascalos

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Michael Fraley

Introduction and Welcome	Mark Dascalos welcomed attendees.
September Meeting Minutes	Motion by Gordon to approve the Dec 4, 2015 meeting minutes as posted. Second by Kirkley. Unanimously approved
Correspondence	None
WHEPP/ HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient tracking pilot is underway and drills will occur this spring. • State HCC Board is reviewing a project to provide tourniquets to law enforcement officers. A committee is assessing the numbers needed and how they will be distributed. Advocates feel this is a good project to introduce law enforcement to the HCC & trauma • The NEWRTAC/ HCC gave a presentation at the last state HCC Board about their experience distributing SMART triage products and how it helped bring EMS to the RTAC/HCC meetings • Our region may need to find a new fiscal agent • Region is considering purchasing UV light decontamination devices for hospitals and EMS
Fiscal report	NCRTAC has spent \$9,715.80 and has \$18,482.20 remaining.
State Trauma/ STAC	<p>Applications are still being accepted for an open STAC position. Contact Michael if interested.</p> <p>The registry version 5 upgrade has gone fairly well. Do not hesitate to contact DHS if you have an issue so they are aware of it. Registrars should be aware of the data dictionaries and user guide available in the File Center of the NCRTAC website.</p> <p>The process to open DHS 118 is underway. Julie will be scheduling hearings and public comment periods. The Classification Review Committee continues to review the new ACS criteria and will be presenting their analysis in the near future.</p>
RTAC Coordinator Report	The GFWC peds bag project is completed. The NCRTAC now has 70% of first responder services and 100% of ambulances covered with pediatric jump bags.

Committee Reports	<p><u>Process Improvement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter was sent to hospital trauma program managers encouraging them to participate in the NCRTAC PI committee • Committee is considering purchasing ICD-10 and AIS coding books of hospitals. Would also like to do some training • Continue to monitor the ED LOS data and will be asking DHS for another report to identify possible trends. Already have seen a link between patients that do not have an activation and a longer LOS. • ED LOS data: Nov 57.1%, Dec 45.5% • Seeing an increase in falls. Could this be a project to include EMS and a definitive care position? <p><u>Definitive Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. Waiting for RTAC assessment information. <p><u>Injury prevention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting additional sites for life jacket loaner stations • Considering a gun lock project • Lisa presenting the existing alcohol awareness and poison-look-alike displays available for use at conferences, health fairs, etc. <p><u>Out of hospital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gordon is the new Chair • Would like to increase EMS participation. Considering developing presentations/ trainings that could be taken to services. • Reviewing the Stop the Bleed campaign
RTAC Assessment	<p>Michael reviewed the assessment/ planning categories that the updated regional trauma plan will include: System access, communication, medical oversight, process improvement/ data, education, injury prevention</p> <p>Michael will create an online assessment survey to deploy. Results will be compiled and brought to the March meeting for the group to review and finalize.</p>
Regional Trauma Conference	Michael reviewed the draft schedule.
Other business	None
Future agenda	None
Announcements/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHTLS, HYMC, Hybrid class, March 12 • TCAR, Gundersen – LaCrosse, March 23 & 24
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Gordon. Second by P'ng. APPROVED

Next Meeting:
Ministry Saint Clare's Hospital
Thursday, March 24, 2016
9:00 am – Noon