

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of December 1, 2022; 9:00 am**
Wausau Fire Department, Station 2 & Tele/videoconference

Members Present:, April Bauch, Jenny Blenker, Dr. Michael Clark, Dr. Trina Daniels, Robbie Deede, Nicole Dekan, Cindy Gurchinoff, Andrea Hebert, Del Horn, Jason Joling, Irene Kadlec-Murrey, Christopher Keller, Don Kimlicka, Dana Klug, Brenda Meyer, Kathy Palm, Kari Rickert, Dr. Jen Roberts, Liz Schreiber, Corey Smith, Sara Steen, Tina Stephanus, Rachel Symons, Amanda Tabin, Linda Vollmar

Chairperson: Gina Brandl

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Michael Fraley

Introduction and Welcome	Gina Brandl welcomed attendees.
September Meeting Minutes	Motion by Tabin to approve the Sept 15, 2022 meeting minutes as posted. Second by Hebert. Unanimously approved.
Correspondence	None
NCW HERC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting Community Partner Engagement Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early findings include need to address critical staffing issues across healthcare and re-establish county planning • Coordinating multiple trainings and exercises upcoming, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rad/Nuc Annex ○ Interstate Pediatric MCI ○ Virtual Communication Platform In-service • Monitoring and supporting current limitations and concerns related to resp illness and bed capacities
State Trauma/ STAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAC has not met since our last meeting • STAC held a strategic planning meeting and reviewed the ACS report • Margaret is working on TOPIC and Rural TOPIC courses offered by the state • A list of concerns/trends noted in hospital classification visits recently was shared with the hospital trauma program managers by Michael • Next STAC meeting is December 7 and is virtual only • The March meeting was going to be joint with the EMS Advisory Board but that may be changed. Details to come. • If you are not getting the “Gov-D” emails from Margaret you can sign up here: http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/subscriber/new?topic_id=WIDHS_622 • Jess Link-Reeve (Margaret’s supervisor) is leaving OPEHC for another roll in DHS • Gina encouraged attendance at the STAC meetings, especially the committees
Trauma Registry Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie is working on the EMS outcome feedback feature and will release a user guide and do a presentation at STAC Dec 7

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new video training on running PRQ reports is posted on the DHS trauma website
State EMS Update – Don Kimlicka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eLicensing Operational Plan feature will be online soon. Services are encouraged to update their plans in the new tool but not required to unless they are upgrading or having some other form of change to their service • The flex grant release has been complicated and frustrating for all. The money is Federal dollars so there is additional paperwork & processes to release them. The DHS EMS website has additional information on it and will be updated regularly with important information for recipients • The MCI template plan is under review • The error in the rule requiring AEMTs to have ACLS has been fixed. • EMS Advisor Board meetings are Dec 6 & 7. • Don has jump bags available for first responders
RTAC Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 meeting dates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 12 - Marshfield Medical Center ○ March 9 - Aspirus Wausau Hospital ○ May 11 – Annual meeting - Marshfield Medical Center ○ July 13 - Aspirus Wausau Hospital ○ September 14 - Marshfield Medical Center ○ November 9 - Aspirus Wausau Hospital • Michael has been attending each of the HERC engagement meetings • Working on attending county EMS meetings • The budget/expense worksheet was reviewed • Two potential expenses discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion by Horn to endorse the idea to support the publishing of the snowboard/skier concussion study conducted by MCOW student for \$700 and to forward the recommendation to the Executive Council. Second by Vollmar. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ○ Michael discussed that some EMS leaders in the area are looking at the idea of bringing the National EMS Management Association Field Training Officer training program to the region. The group is supportive of the idea. No formal request for funding has been submitted at this point. https://www.nemsma.org/page/EMS-FTEP
ACEP letter to the President about ED boarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Clark reviewed the letter that the American College of Surgeons & 34 other organizations sent to President Biden about emergency department overcrowding and boarding and all the issues it is leading to. • https://www.acep.org/globalassets/new-pdfs/advocacy/emergency-department-boarding-crisis-sign-on-letter-11.07.22.pdf
Process improvement committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met. Will look at a next meeting time. Possibly after the next general meeting. • Was looking at establishing some benchmarks related to ED Length of Stay. May update the PI tool. • Collected trauma team activation criteria from many of the hospitals in the region. Michael created a comparison grid. • Will hold a trauma coordinator meeting after the next general meeting • Will ask coordinators to bring their PI forms
Out of Hospital Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met. Will set up a meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May look at setting up a hospital capacity/capability grid to provide information to EMS providers, particularly when they are called into an area they are not familiar with. Discussed the challenge of keeping it current given the fluid status of hospital bed availability and services offered. • MCI Class – March 4 • Michael is sending laminated Trauma Field Triage Guideline cards to each service.
Injury Prevention Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will set up a meeting. • Would welcome new members • Amanda discussed a new project they are working on in Marathon County to address patients that call multiple times for falls
Conference Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group has met once and working on a second meeting. • Have a few new EMS members, would still like to have representatives from Level III/IV hospitals. • Looking for speaker/topic ideas • Discussing accreditation for EMS so that the CEUs can be used for Michigan licenses
Position Statement – TXA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group reviewed the draft position statement on the administration of TXA. Document had been posted with the agenda prior to the meeting. • Michael noted that the statement should read IO route in addition to IV. • Motion by Dr. Clark to approve the position statement as amended. Second by Steen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion: Sara noted that she had heard of some areas where the 1 gram infusion was being given as a bolus right away. This had created an issue when EMS gave a 2 gram bolus but the hospital did not know it and gave the 1 gram infusion. Neither level II in our area are currently considering a 2 gram bolus. We can revisit the position statement in the future if that changes. ○ UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael discussed the statutory language that Margaret identified with addition PI confidentiality protection. We will use this to get our case reviews going again.
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified
Announcements/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCHS Rural Trauma Symposium – Wi Dells – Dec 6 • UW Health Burn Education – Frostbite – Dec 12 • Doug Miller Symposium (Organ & Tissue Donation) – May 24 & 25 – details TBA • ABLIS-Now and DECON first receiver online training seats remain available – Contact Robbie Deede • HERC Communication platform training – Mar 20 • Check out the NCW HERC newsletter for a list of preparedness courses <p>See Calendar at NCRATAC-WI.org for more events and details</p>
Adjournment	

Next Meeting:
Thursday, January 12, 2023
9:00 am – Noon
Marshfield Medical Center