

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of November 19, 2020; 9:00 am**
Tele/videoconference

Members Present: Michelle Armstrong, Joel Bach, Steve Bakos, Kelly Bechel, Heather Berg, Jenny Blenker, Gina Brandl, Dr. Michael Clark, Cathy Connor, Nicole Dekan, Jeff Freese, Krista Henderson, Del Horn, Jason Keffeler, Christopher Keller, Don Kimlicka, Bob Kirkley, Julie Knetter, Liz Kracht, Scott Langa, Autumn Marcis, Brenda Maier, Adam Maguire, Jeff Nuernberger, Dr. Jennifer Roberts, Mark Schroeder, Tina Stephanus, Amanda Tabin, Linda Vollmar, Shirley Wiesman, Linda Worden

Chairperson: Sara Steen

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Michael Fraley

Introduction and Welcome	Sara Steen welcomed attendees.
May Meeting Minutes	Motion by Brandl to approve the Sept 17, 2020 meeting minutes as posted. Second by Bakos. Unanimously approved.
Correspondence	None
Presentation	North Central Regional Scores & Resources for EDs - Erica Kane, Wisconsin EMS for Children
Presentation	Past Project Grant Funding, Stop the Bleed – Sara Steen
HERC Update	Busy with the COVID-19 response.
State Trauma/ STAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data manager position will be moved to OPEHC but likely not filled until after the beginning of the year. • Working in the 2021 data dictionary • Encouraging hospitals to keep current on registry case entry. • Classification Review Committee is working on documents for the revised DHS 118. • DHS & CRC have reviewed new CRC member candidates. DHS to approve soon. • Working on a plan to handle COVID-related site review delays for 2021.
State EMS Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging reached out to EMS services through the recent EMS town hall call to encourage use of the fall referral program. They will be meeting with the RTAC Coordinators in December to discuss collaboration to promote the program. • ACS sent out a survey to kick off their review of the Trauma Field Triage Guidelines. • Holding the monthly town hall meeting next week • Section Chief Mark Lockhart is leaving at the end of November. Office staff is working on a plan to cover his duties. • Continuing to work on the DHS 110 revision, Scope of Practice and Model Care Guidelines.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering funding to EMS agencies for respiratory fit testing equipment. • Reminder to services that 911 services cannot leave their response area uncovered to take an interfacility transfer. • Reminder that EMS medical directors are granted certain authorities and responsibilities related to the operation and oversight of ambulance services. Both the EMS agencies and medical directors should be clear on them.
RTAC Coordinator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting schedule for 2021 has been finalized. Changes will be made if meetings need to continue as online-only in March and May. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jan 21 - Online only ○ Mar 18 - Ascension St. Michael's Hospital ○ May 20 - Marshfield Medical Center ○ Jul 15 - Ascension St. Michael's Hospital ○ Sep 16 - Aspirus Wausau Hospital ○ Nov 18 - Marshfield Medical Center • A project grant was awarded to the Wood County CISM team for training. • Michael reviewed the current budget and expenses. Group discussed potential projects. Group agreed that the purchase of PHTLS online codes for the hybrid course would be an allowable expense under the "Pre-hospital courses" budget line. Group also agreed that ABLIS online courses could be supported under the "Hospital-based courses" line. • Michael now has access to the biospatial reporting tool to run regional reports from the WARDS EMS data.
Process improvement committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed ED length of stay and imaging before transfer. • Michael will update the ED LOS PI tool to the delay fields found in the registry and send out to TPMs. • Hospitals are encouraged to use the tool for internal PI but also put the results in the PI fields in the registry. • Discussed undertriage and the NFTI criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AWH uses the Cribari method as a first filter then applies the NFTI criteria and then reviews the case against their trauma team activation criteria.
Definitive Care Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to assist with recommended projects.
Out of Hospital Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael reported on an article Dr. Gordon sent about pre-hospital use of plasma. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AWH may have a intern to look into it more • Michael noted that the WI EMS scope of practice lists tourniquets as a required skill for EMT and above and pelvic compression devices as a required skill for paramedic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The RTAC has some TQs left to offer EMS agencies. Pelvic compression devices may be a project option,
Injury Prevention Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fall prevention banners are all checked out currently but let Michael know if you would like to use one.
Conference Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed conference options: in-person, online, hybrid. Consensus was that online only was the best option. Michael will cancel the reservation at Westwood.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed the schedule format options: one day versus a few hours over a few days. Considering a few evenings and then a partial day. • Group agreed to use the funds collected from the last few conferences to cover the costs of this year's conference. There will be no fee for attendees.
Maintaining trauma programs in the COVID era	Sara reviewed an article about the impact of COVID on trauma programs. Group discussed ways they are maintaining their programs. It was noted that some facilities are seeing record numbers of trauma cases.
Other business	None
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABLS courses
Announcements/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flambeau Hospital is now known as Marshfield Medical Center – Park Falls <p>See Calendar at NCRATAC-WI.org for more events and details</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Steen.

Next Meeting:
 Thursday, January 21, 2021
 9:00 am – Noon
 Online Only