

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of September 15, 2022; 9:00 am**  
Aspirus Wausau Hospital & Tele/videoconference

Members Present: Michelle Armstrong, April Bauch, Kelly Bechel, Jenny Blenker, Dr. Michael Clark, Dr. Riccardo Colella, Cathy Connor, Robbie Deede, Nicole Dekan, Margaret Finco, Meghan Foltman, Jeff Freese, Andrea Hebert, Chuck Hill, Del Horn, Jason Joling, Jason Keffeler, Christopher Keller, Dana Klug, Anthony Luchini, Brenda Meyer, Katie Prather, Dr. Jen Roberts, Mark Schroeder, Corey Smith, Sara Steen, Rachel Symons, Amanda Tabin, Robert Towne, Dr. Tim Vayder, Linda Vollmar

Chairperson: Gina Brandl

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Michael Fraley

Introduction and Welcome	Gina Brandl welcomed attendees.
July Meeting Minutes	Motion by Hebert to approve the July 21, 2022 meeting minutes as posted. Second by Tabin. Unanimously approved.
Correspondence	None
National Guideline for the Field Triage of Injured Patients	Dr. Colella and Margaret Finco presented the recently updated Guideline. EMS agencies will be encouraged to implement the Guideline. The 2023 Wisconsin EMS Protocols will include the change.  NCRTAC will distribute laminated copies of the Guideline with offers to conduct training.
Project Grant Recipient	Katie Czys from the Wood County CISM team presented on how the team used the project grant funds they received from the NCRTAC last year.
ImageTrend Trauma Registry EMS Outcome Feedback Tool	Katie Prather presented how hospitals using the ImageTrend Trauma Registry can provide outcome information to the EMS crew that transported the patient. Hospital trauma registrars must use the "EMS look-up" feature to link the registry record to the EMS record.
Trauma Registry Updates	Katie & Michael provided the follow updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">2021 Year in Review: Updates and Statistics</a> report has been posted.</li> <li>• A <a href="#">training video</a> for running the registry reports to prepare a hospital classification pre-review questionnaire has been posted.</li> <li>• If you want to use AIS-15, contact Katie</li> <li>• All ImageTrend users can now enter suggestions into the User Voice feature. You can also vote on suggestions entered by other users.</li> <li>• The 2023 Data Dictionary has been approved and will be posted soon.</li> </ul>
State Trauma/ STAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The STAC meeting featured a presentation on gun violence by Dr. Hargarten</li> <li>• STAC is working on a charter</li> <li>• Considering having ACS come for a state trauma system consultation visit</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAC discussed the draft EMS MCI plan. Several questions were brought up and the document will be referred back to the Office for consideration of review by a panel of experts.</li> <li>• DHS is assessing the changes in the new ACS Grey book</li> <li>• Injury Prevention Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussed top 5 peds MOI</li> <li>○ Will be updating the IP survey (last sent in 2016)</li> <li>○ Next meeting will discuss adult falls</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trauma program managers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drafted a toolkit</li> <li>○ The Criteria Highlight email went out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Margaret welcomes suggestions for future editions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Performance improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working on regional reports</li> <li>○ Each RTAC is presenting regional activity to the state committee, NC reported at the September meeting</li> <li>○ Had a presentation on PI and site visits</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Classification Review Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When submitting a PRQ make sure your volume numbers add up and that everyone on the trauma committee have reviewed it</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>State EMS Update – notes from Dr. Clark from the Sep 13 &amp; 14 EMS Board &amp; Committee meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will Koehne gave a overview of EMS call volume data</li> <li>• Working to build alerts in Biospatial that will go to local health departments for overdose spikes noted</li> <li>• Dane Co is working on a pediatric weight project</li> <li>• NEMSIS 3.5 update is in the works</li> <li>• Discussed hospital diversions and required notification of EMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Encouraged to use EMResource</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussed the medical equipment standards that will replace Trans 309</li> <li>• Reviewed EMS MCI plan template</li> <li>• Considering an updated medical director course</li> <li>• Progress on processing the flex grant applications is slow</li> <li>• Operational plans will be transitioned to eLicensing</li> <li>• Had a presentation on Bell Ambulance’s involvement in Operation Allies Welcome</li> <li>• Developed an HR committee</li> <li>• Developed a rural EMS committee</li> <li>• Next meeting – Dec 6 &amp; 7</li> </ul>
<p>RTAC Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder of the trauma training equipment the RTAC has for loan. This includes PHTLS textbooks</li> <li>• We will be looking to update the bylaws. Submit change recommendations to Michael</li> <li>• A survey was posted to see if anyone opposed moving the NCRTAC general meeting day from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd months to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of odd months. There were no negative responses. Michael will have the Executive approve the change.</li> <li>• WI Emergency Management is sponsoring a offering of their WEM W402 Class - EMS MCI Responder Training. March 4, 2023 at NTC Merrill</li> <li>• Michael will be attending EMS World Expo in Orlando the week of October 10</li> </ul>

Process improvement committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met September 1.</li> <li>• Hosted a trauma program manager meeting after the last general meeting</li> <li>• Discussed ED length of stay data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Considering development of time goals for CT scan, calling for transfer, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reviewing the regional indicators that the state regional PI guidelines recommend we do</li> <li>• Started writing a regional PI plan document</li> </ul>
Injury Prevention Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with ADRCs to offer a fall prevention program last month with the goal of promoting other classes and events that would occur in September.</li> <li>• SafeKids is sponsoring Child Passenger Safety Week</li> <li>• Wisconsin Institute of Health Aging updated their website</li> <li>• We have life jackets available to restock Life Jacket Loaner stations</li> </ul>
Out of Hospital Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend hospitals use radios to communicate with EMS occasionally so that they know how to use them when needed</li> <li>• Michael has the MIST card updated but is waiting on some hospital trauma level changes</li> </ul>
Conference Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael has set up target dates for conference planning deliverables</li> <li>• Looking for speaker and topic ideas</li> <li>• Will be recruiting new committee members</li> </ul>
NCW HERC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HERC Coordinator job has been posted (Robbie is re-applying)</li> <li>• HERC Plan has been signed – thanks to everyone that signed it</li> <li>• ABLS and HAZMAT Decon seats are available</li> <li>• Current responses – COVID, monkey pox, nursing strike</li> <li>• Considering the purchase of an MCI bus, hosting a vendor at the MedEvac CWA hangar on September 20.</li> <li>• Crisis standards of care ConOps draft is out for initial review</li> <li>• Will have a nuclear/radiological emergency focus for 2022-2023</li> <li>• Starting to plan an outreach/engagement tour for the fall/winter</li> <li>• Reviewing the strategic plan that was developed by the consultants</li> </ul>
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None identified</li> </ul>
Announcements/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seats remain open for an ATLS renewal course in October</li> <li>• Responders Retreat will be hosting sessions at Camp Luther in Oneida County this fall. <a href="https://www.respondersretreat.org">RespondersRetreat.org</a></li> </ul> <p>See Calendar at <a href="https://www.ncrtac-wi.org">NCR TAC-WI.org</a> for more events and details</p>
Adjournment	

Next Meeting:  
 Thursday, December 1, 2022  
 9:00 am – Noon  
 Marshfield Medical Center