

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES of March 13, 2025; 9:00 am
 Tele/videoconference

Members Present: Jamie Armbruster, Michelle Armstrong, April Bauch, Heather Berg, Jenny Blenker, Gina Brandl, Carly Butt, Dr. Michael Clark, Cathy Connor, Dawn Everson, Joe Gemza, Jamie Haring, Andrea Hebert, Del Horn, Sue Janquart, Jason Keffeler, Chris Keller, Sandra Koch, Andrea Krantz, Sheana Laszinski, Ken Marg, Adam Meshak, David Rae, Kari Rickert, Andrienne Schroeder, Sara Steen, Amanda Tabin, Robert Towne, Linda Vollmar

Others present: Suzanne Morley

Chairperson: Rachel Symons

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Michael Fraley

Introduction and Welcome	Rachel Symons welcomed attendees.
Presentation	Suzanne Morley from Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging presented on the Falls Free Wisconsin program and related resources. The slide set is available HERE . The recorded webinar about alcohol and falls is available HERE .
September Meeting Minutes	Motion by Horn to approve the November 14, 2024 meeting minutes as posted. Second by Hebert. Unanimously approved.
Correspondence	None
NCW HERC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see the recent NCW HERC newsletter. • If you do not receive this and would like to, please contact HERC.Coordinator@NCW-HERC.org
Trauma representative to the NCW HERC Board	Due to Megan Foltman resigning her position at MMC, a Trauma representative position on the NCW HERC Board is open. Nominations from the floor were opened. Andrea Hebert nominated herself. No other nominees were received. Motion by Marg to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Hebert. Second by Horn. Unanimously approved.
State Trauma/ STAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAC and committees met Wednesday • Injury Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had a presentation on pedestrian injuries and fatalities ○ Reviewed an IP data dashboard • Data management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the data dictionary change log ○ Discussed the Trauma Registry 101 & 102 courses that will be available – Gov-Ds will be coming ○ Discussed methods for finding cases to enter ○ Discussed ICD-10 codes and how to look them up in the registry as well as how to find the information in EHRs ○ Reviewed fall data reports available in the registry • Trauma program managers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The mentorship program is open for enrollment again now through 4/9 ○ Reviewed the TPM Tool kit for updates ○ Reviewed the quarterly reports that hospitals get <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noted that these reports go to whomever is listed as the Trauma Registry “hospital administrator” ○ Reviewed the Drive Time report ● Performance improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed priority areas of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Data validation – ISS & AIS coding ▪ Mortality data – diagnosis information from coroner/ME ○ Presentation on levels of review and documentation of those actions ● STAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed the STAC strategic plan ○ Discussed that blood products are giving blood in the field more but that the standard criteria for highest level of trauma team activation enforcement by DHS says “Transfer patients from other hospitals receiving blood to maintain vital signs.” STAC confirmed that <u>any</u> patients receiving blood should receive a highest level TTA. ○ DHS has drafted a “statement of scope” to open DHS 118 but until this is approved they cannot take part in any other discussion about rule making. ○ EMS for Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruiting an EMS representative for their Board, preferably a rural provider ▪ Working on Skills Check videos ▪ Purchasing training equipment for RTACs ▪ Looking to study how accurate EMS weights are ▪ Want to grow the Peds Readiness recognition program ○ Classification Review Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on a TEAMS platform to record data during site visits so understand that the reviewers may be on their computers more. Speak up if you feel it is distracting.
<p>State EMS Update</p>	<p>Dr. Clark reported on the recent EMS Advisory Board and committee meetings.</p> <p>EMS-Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reviewing minimum EMS recognition requirements ● Looking for a rural EMS board representative <p>System Quality and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National and WI EMS Data indicate decreasing numbers of opioid overdose calls ● WI EMS Data indicated an increased number of STEMI transports ● Public health funds have been approved to fund CARES Registry going forward <p>Education and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EMR, EMT and AEMT curriculum is approved ● Updated total EMT curriculum is more than 5 credits based on the number of competencies <p>System Management and Development</p>

- Discussion about Ambulance Service closures and actions the town needs to take
- Interfacility Transport Guidelines and EMS Communication Plan under review/formatting by EMS Office
- State Inter-Operability Council has recommended Air-Ground EMS Communications transition from MARC 2 to Fireground Gray and Black. This recommendation has been supported by WI Air Medical Council and incorporated into the updated EMS Communication Plan

Physician Advisory Committee Meeting

- 2025 Scope of Practice has been published
 - EMS Office working on Attestation Form in E-licensing and communication on update and form is forthcoming
- EMS Medical Director Course: EMS Office has adopted the NAEMSP Fundamental of EMS Medical Oversight for non-EMS Boards/Fellowship trained physicians
 - Course includes NAMESP core course plus WI Specific module in WI-Train
 - EMS Boards/Fellowship trained only need to complete WI Specific module
 - In-person course will be scheduled once formally approval and communication
- Scope of Practice Review
 - Oxygen at EMR level as required: Approved to be consistent with other EMR scope/equipment designations (required = service must have plan for equipment at service level not individual practitioner level)
 - Pulse Oximetry at EMR level as required: No action
 - Ondansetron (PO) at EMT level: No action
 - IV Epinephrine for cardiac arrest at AEMT level: Deferred action to later meetings to allow for additional review and expected guideline updates from the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation

EMS Office Report

- Funding Assistance Program:
 - 496 Services applied representing
 - 70% eligible EMS services
 - 50% of eligible EMR services
 - 88% of eligible EMT and above services
 - Training and Exam Pool
 - \$1 million equally divided by services applied, \$2,398.08 per service
 - Support and Improvement
 - \$24 million base
 - \$10,000 per service plus per capita rate of \$2.98

Ground EMS Medicaid Reimbursement

- Payments for Public Program expected by end of fiscal year

Legislative Updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in progress to update required Workers Compensation coverage for PTSD to include all EMS providers from currently limited coverage • Department of Revenue Innovation Grants for improvement of municipal services includes EMS (https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/SLF/IG.aspx), part of Act 12 • Bills in progress to increase hours limitation to allow “retired” public safety personnel to maintain pension while working “second career” • No Surprise Act for Ground EMS at state level in progress. Bill would require health insurance companies to pay fair rate for ground EMS emergent transports and eliminate balance billing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal No Surprise Act did not include ground EMS • Propose to increase state Medicaid payments for treat-no transport from current rate of \$64 to approximately \$300 (BLS emergent rate)
RTAC Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed budget and expenses to date. Encouraged committees to identify projects. • Reviewed the recipients of the additional hospital trauma course training money given to us by DHS this year. Let Michael know as soon as possible if you are interested in any of the courses. • The RTAC Coordinators are working on a training video for the DMIST verbal hand-off report format.
Process improvement committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gina presented a case review • All meeting attendees are reminded to complete the PI confidentiality statement for the new calendar year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael reviewed the 2024 form completions and confirmed that all attendees in 2024 completed the form in 2024. • Andrea reviewed highlights from the recent TQIP conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focusing on less analysis and more improvement efforts and getting data to participants sooner ○ Focusing on rural programs ○ Updated TBI guidelines ○ Reviewing urology injury guidelines ○ Chest wall injury management guidelines coming • Committee will meet after the general meeting
Out of Hospital Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met since our last NCRTAC meeting. • Reviewed notes from Sept 14 meeting.
Injury Prevention Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Passenger Safety Technician course is being held in Rothschild April 28 – May 1 and a few seats are still open. • Working again to coordinate Stop the Bleed courses for schools this summer and fall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are expecting the ACS to release an updated version of the StB course any day now. Will let instructors know when the materials are available. • Reminder that several injury prevention displays and give-away items are available: https://tinyurl.com/mryhjyau • Release of EMS-CBO (Community-Based Organization) falls prevention partnership toolkit: https://fallsfreewi.org/newsletter-ems-cbo-toolkit-release/
Conference Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The brochure is published and registration is open • The NTC registration site does not allow attendees to register and then have their employer billed. NTC has a “work-around” in place where

	<p>the attendee sends information to NTC and then NTC will process the registration and contact them for their session choices. Look for the “3rd party billing – Formstock” link and follow that. Contact Michael for questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have one vendor spot still open • 38 registrations as of Tuesday morning – Please help us promote
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Announcements/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Aging Summit in Stevens Point, May 1 • MidWest Regional Trauma/ Acute Care Surgery Symposium in Milwaukee, August 4-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wisconsin Chapter of ACS will be offering a few scholarships for APP and physicians. Details TBA • Trauma Registry and EMResource open office hours continue. Check the Calendar for details • Portage County EMS is conducting Rescue Task Force training and exercises this summer and invite other services to join them. Details will be on the Calendar. <p>See Calendar at NCR-TAC-WI.org for more events and details</p>
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Marg. Second by Tabin. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 2025
9:00 am – Noon
Aspirus Wausau Hospital