



## MINUTES

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

#### REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

April 18, 2007 - 2:30 P.M.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Ellen Britt, RN, Chairman  
E.P. Homansky, MD, American Medical Response  
Sameer Abu-Samrah, MD, Sierra Health & Life  
Kim Dokken, RN, St. Rose Hospital  
Melinda Hursh, RN, Sunrise Hospital  
John Recicar, RN, University Medical Center

John Fildes, MD, University Medical Center  
Sean Dort, MD, St. Rose Hospital  
Michael Metzler, MD, Sunrise Hospital  
Michelle Chino, PhD, UNLV-SPH  
Sandy Young, RN, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue  
Tim Hingtgen, Summerlin Hospital

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Henderson, MD, MAB Chairman

Robert Bursey, General Public Representative

#### SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

#### PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

JoEllen Hannom, RN, Clark County Fire Dept

#### CALL TO ORDER – NOTICE OF POSTING

The Regional Trauma Advisory Board convened in Human Resources Training Room #2 of the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Chairman Mary Ellen Britt called the meeting to order at 2:51p.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Britt noted that a quorum was present.

#### **I. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Britt stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

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Chairman Britt asked for approval of the minutes of the March 21, 2007 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

**II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Approval of Draft Clark County Trauma System Regulations**

Ms. Britt stated that the Health District’s attorney, Steve Minagil, reviewed the draft Clark County Trauma System Regulations and made a couple of recommendations. The “Forward” was revised to reflect the standard language now being used in all District regulations. Mr. Minagil asked that the third bullet regarding the application process be removed since the issue is already addressed in the second bullet and he preferred that the language reflect what is written in NRS 450B.237.

Dr. Fildes questioned why the word “authorization” was struck in two separate places and asked if it was being considered a non-usable term. Ms. Britt explained that although the law states we’re supposed to “designate”, the District does not have the authority to designate so the term “authorize” was chosen to avoid confusion as to who owned what part of that process. Mr. Minagil communicated that in the “Forward” we should use the language in NRS 450B.237 which uses the word designate, and then explain the process in the body of the regulations. In this section the term is used generically which is why a lower case “d” was used for “designate” because we capitalize and define the term differently when describing the process in the body of the document.

Ms. Britt explained that the language “by the State Health Division” was removed from Section 300.000, subsection V because it isn’t consistently used throughout the document and the law actually identifies the State Health Division as the authority.

In addition, a paragraph was added to Section 300.700, Subsection VIII to identify the next step after an individual wins in the appeal process.

Ms. Britt advised the Board that Dr. Heck has reviewed the draft regulations and it was sent to Administrator Alex Haartz and Acting Bureau Chief for Licensure and Certification Lisa Jones at the State Health Division. She will be meeting with them April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the draft and how the State trauma regulations will interface with the Clark County regulations. She added that she would like to have the Board’s endorsement prior to that meeting and the May 24<sup>th</sup> District Board of Health meeting when they will consider adoption of the regulations. The regulations will then go to the State Board of Health in June, if needed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Clark County Trauma System Regulations as written.

**B. Approval of District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma**

Ms. Britt stated that there were no changes to the draft District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma, which spells out the steps in the process as outlined in the Clark County Trauma System Regulations.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma as written.

**C. Approval of District Procedure for Renewal of Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma**

Ms. Britt stated that there were no changes to the draft District Procedure for Renewal of Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma, which spells out the steps in the process as outlined in the Clark County Trauma System Regulations.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the District Procedure for Renewal of Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma as written.

**D. Discussion of EMS Ground/Air Transport Agency Education Regarding Trauma Calls to Sunrise Trauma Center**

Ms. Hursh reported that Sunrise Trauma has a separate radio channel now, but EMS calls continue to go to the general emergency department or pediatric emergency department channel. She has requested re-education on radio channels with regard to how trauma calls come into her facility. Ms. Young stated that part of the problem is that the fleet map has not been updated on all of the individual radios so it is not labeled Sunrise Trauma because it wasn't programmed in the original dissemination of the radios. Mr. Chetelat stated that he will send out an email to notify the agencies and also put it on the MAB Agenda.

E. Update on EMS Spinal Immobilization Protocol

Ms. Britt advised the Board that Mr. Recicar presented a few cases to the QI Directors Committee regarding the paramedics' interpretation of the spinal immobilization protocol. It was agreed that additional education on the use of the protocol will be required. She noted that the current protocol manual is currently being revised with educational supplements which will include additional information to help the paramedics better understand when to use the protocol.

F. Update on Status of SB228 Relating to Access, Sharing and Confidentiality of Certain Information by Various Medical Review Committees

Ms. Britt reported that SB228 passed in the Senate and is now before the Assembly. It is anticipated that it will be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. She thanked Dr. Metzler for testifying before the Senate Committee the prior month. Ms. Britt commented that the coroner's office was represented at the April TMAC meeting and have agreed to continue their support in this effort.

G. Update on Clark County Social Services Medical Card Issue

Ms. Britt reported that the Health District's attorney sent a request to UMC's attorney to research the medical card issue in an attempt to identify a solution to the problem of patients being seen at other facilities not being allowed to fill their prescriptions at the UMC pharmacy. She will report the findings back to the Board.

H. Review of Trauma Transport Data

The February 2007 and March 2007 Trauma Transport Data reports were reviewed along with an updated January 2007 report. Dr. Fildes felt it would be helpful to show trending for the last 12 months and asked Michelle Chino if there was a way to depict this in a standardized report format that populates monthly and represents annual or semi-annual events. Ms. Britt stated that she spoke with Dr. Cross about including UB92 data in this report which will give information on trauma patients that are going to non trauma facilities. Ms. Chino stated that there are graduate students who do need projects and she will speak with Chad Cross about putting this together.

**III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

Ms. Britt discussed an issue that was brought up at the TMAC meeting regarding a single call for notification of internal disaster/trauma overload declaration and asked Ms. Young about the status of that issue.

Ms. Young stated that at the fire alarm office meeting they felt the issue was that EMS agencies are not linked together and the only system that could be used is the EMSsystem. If a hospital went out of service for whatever reason this could be noted in the EMSsystem.

Dr. Metzler asked whether all transport vehicles were equipped with EMSsystem. Ms. Young explained that the dispatch centers could send a message to the crews. She added that the alternative is to discuss a base station concept which was suggested a few years ago but turned down. Ms. Britt suggested that this issue be revisited.

**IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Chairman Britt called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn at 3:26 p.m.