

RAC G
Trauma Systems Committee
Meeting Minutes
4-21-22

Topic 1: TTCT / DSHS Updates

Discussion: Terri Rowden reported on upcoming State meetings and provided the following information:

- TTCF will hold a virtual TDEC course on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Registration is available at TTCF.org. This course will fulfill the requirements for TNC/TPM to complete a course designed for their job.
- TTCF will hold a hybrid meeting on Monday, May 23. See the TTCF website for registration information.
- TETAF will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, May 23, at 5:00 p.m. Registration is available at tetaf.org
- GETAC meetings will be held Tuesday through Thursday, May 24-26. Trauma Systems should be on Wednesday, May 25. See the DSHS website for registration details.

Action: No action required; information and discussion only.

Topic 2: Recent / upcoming surveys

Discussion: The group was asked to share tips from recent surveys.

- UT Carthage completed their redesignation survey earlier in April.
- Jo Ann and Terri reviewed the process on how to submit your report once it is received from TETAF. It should include a letter requesting redesignation as well as an action plan for any potential deficiencies that are essential. Desired criteria marked as “not met” do not require action plan.
- Jo Ann recommended everyone periodically review the DSHS essential criteria to monitor how your facility is doing. This would allow any deficiencies to be corrected prior to survey.

Action: No action required; information and discussion only.

Topic 3: Regional Statistics

Discussion: Jo Ann presented the First Quarter 2022 statistics. A copy of the PowerPoint was provided to all present and is attached to these minutes. Transfers in/out are being reviewed with focus on activity within and outside of RAC-G. Transfers within the RAC account for approximately 75% while approximately 25% of patients transfer in or out from outside RAC-G. Reasons for transferring to a facility outside of RAC-G included pediatrics, burns, reimplantation, TDC managed care, and family/patient request.

Action: The group agreed to continue looking at transfer data related to activity within and outside RAC-G.

Topic 4: Regional Injury Prevention

Discussion: Savannah Vinson, Trauma PI/Prevention nurse for Christus TMF Tyler, agreed to lead the Trauma Systems subcommittee related to trauma injury prevention.

- This committee would like to keep an ongoing list of injury prevention activities within RAC-G. Everyone was asked to email Jo Ann with any events and include date, name of event, brief description, and how many people attended.
- Savannah gave everyone a handout from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration which included a number of topics available on their site with free information to download and distribute.
- Everyone was reminded to check with other hospital departments (PT/OT, L&D, pediatrics, etc.) to determine what other injury prevention activities were already taking place in their hospital and include those activities.
- The group decided to look at information on water safety and injury from heat as topics for the summer months.

Action: Savannah will look at water safety and heat prevention information and forward to the group via email.

Topic 5: Pediatric Readiness

Discussion: Dwain Coats provided handouts related to pediatric readiness.

- While he has undergone a special new certification to be a Pediatric Ready Facility, the anticipated requirements with the new State trauma rules as well as the new ACS rules will require some degree of pediatric readiness. He advised that, at a minimum, by September 2023, trauma centers would be required to have completed the self-assessment tool. The handout included a link to the tool.
- Dwain noted the assessment tool was extremely helpful in identifying supply needs related to the care of a neonate. After review of the tool, he developed an emergency pediatric box to include necessary respiratory supplies which are not routinely included in the Broselow cart but needed for that urgent ED delivery.

Action: Dwain will continue the pediatric readiness segment at future meetings.

Topic 6: DSHS RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool

Discussion: Jo Ann reported the status of the RAC self-assessment tool.

- Trauma has completed their initial scoring of the tool. A second review will be completed within the next month.

- Jo Ann and Terri are assisting Sheryl Coffey and other committee chairs in their review of the tool.
- Reports and other necessary data will be compiled and available as requested to substantiate the ratings trauma assigned the various topics.

Action: Sheryl to reach out to Jo Ann and Terri with meeting dates with other committee chairs. Second review will be completed within the next month. Reports and other data will be compiled.

Respectfully submitted:

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