

# Trauma Systems Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2025

Call to order: 1300

A meeting of Trauma Systems was held virtually through Microsoft Teams and in-person at UT Health North Campus in Rm. H104 on 1/28/2025.

(Sign in Sheet attached to minutes.)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Purpose of Meeting: Analyze Performance Measure Data.

## 1. DSHS Trauma Designation Rules

Members were presented with the DSHS timeline for implementation, and informed that new rules would be implemented on September 1, 2025. Great detail was discussed on concerns surrounding current site surveys being performed with the new rules in mind, and designations being held in contingency based on rules that are not currently in place at the state level. Many program coordinators voiced their concerns with the additional efforts demanded in conjunction with their daily tasks due to additional requirements from DSHS following their site surveys. The chair questioned those individuals who had transitioned to a new registry if perhaps the new software could aid in their efforts, but more time is needed to fully assess as those facilities are still in the infancy stages of the software. The chair further provided guidance on the DSHS webinars being offered, and encouraged members to voice these concerns with the DSHS members in the hopes to convey a change in process at the state level.

## 2. Texas Wristband Initiative

Discussion was held on the intent of this state-wide initiative, and members voiced understanding of intent. It was determined that many members were unaware of the capabilities of the EMR to capture the wristband identification number. The chair challenged members to get with the pertinent individuals at their facilities to see this capability is implemented. There was question of the deadline for this project, and the chair informed members that discussions were still on-going but to expect to see these wristbands coming with every prehospital patient by June 2025.

## 3. Performance Measures

Members agreed to maintain data with de-identified facility information, and no concerns were voiced with the current "codes" provided to facilities.

Time to Transfer: A box and whisker chart was provided to members displaying the ranges of time to transfer on critical patients per facility. Members openly discussed common issues they had surrounding transferring patients from their facility. The items most commonly discussed were: Time to Administrative Approval, Hospitalist Admission Support, Prehospital Resources, and Requests for More Imaging. The chair spoke on gathering more data on acceptance of transfer from the communication centers within each organization, and would hopefully have more information to share with members at the next meeting.

Transfers Outside of RAC: No major concerns on the top demands for proceeding outside the RAC as the bar graph illustrated the need for pediatric and burn care. The chair touched on some data discrepancies found, and re-educated members on the need for accurate data. There was concern of needing adjustments to the registry to be more inclusive of data points, and the chair informed members to contact Dave Walker to see what could be added to the registry.

4. **Open Discussion:** Members made a motion to approve Tammy Jones as co-chair for the committee and renew Ashley Hanson's term as co-chair for the committee; these items will be brought to the board.

5. **Announcements:** Next RAC-G Trauma Systems Committee meeting will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> before general assembly with a hybrid option.

Adjournment: 1410

Secretary must sign Minutes  
Secretary

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