

RAC G Trauma Systems Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023

Call to order 1000

A meeting of RAC G Trauma Systems Committee was held at UT Health Pavilion Room 1 on Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Sign in Sheet must accompany Minutes (attached)

Purpose of Meeting: Report on Concerns, Educational Opportunities, etc.

1. Regional Trauma Systems Plan

- The committee reviewed the sections distributed at the July meeting and received a status update from each section leader:

Jennifer Marshall – Pre-hospital triage and transport guidelines

Summary: Recommend excluding facility activation guidelines as each facility has their respective activation criteria. Much of the pre-hospital triage and transport guidelines look current but there is a need for EMS to review. Shawn Salter stated that the EMS committees would be willing to help. Chief Amy Hooten has already begun to review these. It was recommended that a multidisciplinary workgroup be formed to review to make sure all level of trauma centers have input. The committee recommends the following membership for the workgroup:

- Chad Solomon (H-EMS), Chief Amy Hooten (Fire & EMS), Jennifer Marshall (IV), Ashley Hanson (I), Laura Garlow (II)

Ashley Hanson: Pediatric, Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation

The committee discussed the content of the Rehab section. There was discussion as to if we can add links to the CMS website to reference current eligibility requirements for IPR. There was an indication that in order to keep the document aligned with the current year, in the event of a state audit, previously links were not allowed. Sheryl agreed I investigate the current practice as other RACS do include links in their plans.

Summary: Still working on reviewing the document and gathering information from stakeholders. No recommendations at this time.

Melissa Gooden: Will be reviewing the Transfer Agreements section of the regional plan.

Laura Garlow: Performance Improvement

Summary: There are several recommendations for revising the plan. There was clarifying discussion regarding the use of “Physician Peer Review” language and maintaining confidentiality, meeting legal requirements, and

assuring no protected health information is included. There was extensive discussion regarding sunseting the system “Physician Peer Review” committee language in the existing plan. The proposed System Performance Improvement Committee (SPI) committee would establish performance indicators similar to those GETAC is using such as double transfers, ISS > 15 admitted to a level IV trauma center, etc. or look at trends within the RAC data for opportunities for improvement, community/clinical education, The committee recommended the Systems PI committee be multidisciplinary, multi-agency, and include all service lines in the RAC, perhaps chairs of the existing committees would serve on the System PI Committee. “Cases” would be investigated by the specialty. It was requested that the RAC staff look into developing a “ticket” system that routs the ticket to the proper member of the committee based on their respective specialty. The proposed DSHS RAC rules are not posted. The committee desires to make sure that we are in alignment with the proposed rules. Laura Garlow will work on a draft for the next meeting.

2. Sub-Committees:

- Injury Prevention: Brittany Ray presented a summary of the IP subcommittee meeting. She reviewed the top 3 mechanisms of injury based on RAC data (ground level falls, MVC, falls from height) excluding CTMF data but theirs is similar. The committee discussed several IP quick and easy techniques that centers can use to meet their requirements. There was discussion regarding lunch and learn events, radio and TV public service messages. RAC staff to investigate process, cost, etc. and get back to the committee. They are planning for events beginning in Q1 2024. Next meeting 10/18/2023.
- Registry: Pam Rowlett reported that they voted for co-chairs and will be splitting duties with Kim Bryan. Kim presented the 2024 NTDS Data Dictionary and reviewed the changes with the committee in August. The reiterated that they need outside records for interfacility transfers to complete the dataset in the registry. The UT Trauma Symposium was a big success and the CTMF Trauma Symposium is 10/13/2023. They voted to reduce committee meetings to every other month. The committee will work on the Trauma System Plan recommended revisions at their next meeting. Interesting coding cases are requested for registrar training. Next meeting 11/15/2023.

3. DSHS Proposed Rules

- Terri Rowden reported that the proposed rules should be posted in November followed by 30 days of open formal written comment. It is projected that the rules will be approved in April 2024 and implemented in September 2024. There was discussion in support of the DSHS monthly meetings with rural III and IV trauma centers. The level I 7 II centers are seeking information as to changes in the process for designation. Terri indicated that DSHS is working on application forms for the transition.

4. Open Discussion

- Brittany Ray reported that Toyota has partnered with the Texas ENA and GETAC to provide a grant for 2 persons from each RAC to receive training on

the Pediatric Readiness Project. The grant included all expenses for travel, registration, etc. for each participant.

- CTMF has had turnover in 1 registrar position. AN offer is pending to an applicant. Hailey Leach RN is a full-time ED RN and is working PRN in the Trauma Program as the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator. CTMF has completed the readiness survey and is making progress on their action plan. It was requested that Hailey be considered for 1 of the 2 RAC persons to participate in the grant from Toyota mentioned above.

5. Announcements: Next meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 1000.

Adjournment 1056

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