

MINUTES

State Trauma Advisory Board

Tillamook County General Hospital
Tillamook, Oregon
July 21, 2000

Attendees:

Jerris Hedges, MD, John Hopkins, Paul LeSage, EMT-P, Bill Long, MD, Ron Sproat, MD, Richard Urbanski, MD, Kevin Van Syoc, EMT-P, Craig Warden, MD, Rhonda Wood, RN, Kerry Keeler, MD, Brian Graunke, EMT-P, Tim Herrmann, RN, Ray Jester, Shannon Burnett, RN, and Willie Maassberg, RN.

Absent:

Jon Jui, MD, Susan Leathers, RN, Cheryl Eddy, RN, Randy Chesnut, MD, Bob Read, MD, Jim Krieg, MD, and Raul Mirande, MD.

Guests:

Bobbie O'Connell, RN, Maureen Harrahill, RN.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Long, Chair, at 1526. The minutes of the April 21, 2000 meeting were approved as written.

Health Division Report

Mr. Jester reported on the following activities:

1) Database Development

The windows based Oregon Trauma Registry (OTR) project is moving along and is ready to share with the hospitals. Ms. Harrahill asked when the program will be ready for use by the hospitals. Ms. Wood questioned how the data in the present AREV version will be converted to the new database format. Mr. Jester reported that there are some problems with the data conversion. He commented that as long as the user is aware of the differences in the data variables, the information is usable. He did, however, recommend that the hospitals retain the information in the present AREV format for the time being. Dr. Long questioned the benefit of this project, since this is the fourth version of the trauma registry with a cost to institutions, and a major cost to Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Mr. Jester reported that there are still a few problems, but the database will be ready for trials in the next few weeks. He does want to avoid any further revisions down the road.

- 2) Trauma Program WEB Page
The WEB page information is out of date and there is no support from the Department of Human Services for posting or maintaining current information.
- 3) EMSC Grant
The Partnership Grant was approved. Recruitment for an EMSC coordinator is ongoing and a job description was shared with the group.

State EMS Committee Report

Mr. Jester reported that the July 28, 2000 State EMS Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2000. The requirement of an Associate degree for paramedics is a topic for discussion on the agenda.

QI Subcommittee Report

Dr. Long reported on the following activities:

- 1) OTR Data
Review of head injury data is ongoing. Dr. Chesnut plans to present the findings to a meeting of the neurosurgical society later this fall. Review of pelvic injury data did not reveal topics for further discussion. Dr. Krieg did note prolonged times for completing the interhospital transfer of patients. It was recommended that Dr. Krieg meet with Dr. Ellis and Dr. Wuest to develop some management standards for orthopedic injuries.
- 2) Practice Recommendations
 - A. Interhospital Transfer to Higher Level Care
The subcommittee reviewed the recommendations contained in the draft (4/21/00). Language was changed in sections III.B. and IV.B. to clarify the intent of the sections. This practice recommendation was approved with the changes.
 - B. Child Abuse
Dr. Warden presented a second draft of recommendations for recognizing and managing children who suffer trauma by abuse or neglect. Dr. Warden will work with OHD staff to revise and distribute the recommendations prior to the October 20, 2000 STAB meeting.
 - C. Evidence Collection
Dr. Long presented Legacy Health System's guidelines for evidence collection. These guidelines were developed with the assistance of the State Medical Examiner. These are to be reviewed and discussed at the next STAB meeting.

3) Annual OTR Reports

The subcommittee reviewed the 1999 OTR annual reports which generated questions for further data analysis.

4) Pediatric Trauma Response Criteria

Dr. Hedges presented modified age and vital sign criteria for eliciting a full trauma team response. The following criteria would result in a full trauma team response:

- <3 years of age
- 3-4 years of age with a SBP <70
- 5-11 years of age with SBP <80
- 12+ years of age with SBP <90

It was agreed that OHSU will be allowed to proceed with a pilot study using these criteria. OHD will present statewide pediatric data at the next STAB meeting.

Old Business

1) Neurotrauma Standards

Dr. Chesnut and Dr. Long continue to work on these standards.

2) OAR 333-200-0080, Exhibit 5

Dr. Long voiced concerns with the OAR hearings process involved with the most recent OAR revisions. Dr. Long questioned the STAB's role as the "experts" in terms of the Trauma System. Mr. Jester described the hearings process to the group. He commented that the oral and written testimony received by the Health Division was not supportive of the proposed amendments to the interhospital transfer criteria and requirements contained in Exhibit 5 and 333-200-0080(6). He reported that all of the testimony was considered in making the final revisions.

Copies of Exhibit 1 and OAR 333-200-0040 were shared with the committee. These revisions relate to the merging of ATAB 4 with ATAB 3, and ATAB 8 with ATAB's 5 and 7. Ms. Maassberg reported that a combined meeting of ATAB's 3 and 4 had occurred and with good results.

New Business

1) STAB Treatment Recommendations

Refer to discussion above under QI Subcommittee report.

2) Dr. Long proposed that the STAB work to develop specific management standards, (i.e., neurosurgery, orthopedics). He also supported the committee looking at preventable deaths. It was agreed that a subcommittee be composed to look at developing this process. Drs. Hedges, Long, and Sproat will lead this project.

- 3) STAB Meeting Format
OHD staff proposed that the QI subcommittee work be combined with the main STAB meeting since the majority of the work is addressed at this level and issues are either redundant or abbreviated for the remainder of the committee. It was agreed that the meeting format be changed to combine both groups. If a confidential issue or case requires discussion, the committee will then go into executive session.

Announcements

- 1) STAB Meeting
The next STAB meeting is scheduled to be held in Portland on Friday, October 20, 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1625.