

## MINUTES STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

**Salem Hospital  
Salem, Oregon  
January 11, 2002**

### **Attendees:**

Randy Chesnut, MD, Jerris Hedges, MD, Tim Herrmann, RN, John Hopkins, Paul LeSage, EMT-P, Bill Long, MD, Robert Read, MD, Richard Urbanski, MD, Kevin Van Syoc, EMT-P, Rhonda Wood, RN,

### **Absent - Unexcused:**

Kerry Keeler, MD, Jim Krieg, MD, Ron Sproat, MD, Susan Leathers, RN

### **Absent - Excused:**

Brian Graunke, EMT-P, Jon Jui, MD, Raul Mirande, MD, Craig Warden, MD

### **OHD Staff:**

Susan Werner, Jonathan Chin, Fred Neis, Susan Harding

### **Guests:**

Bobbie O'Connell, Maureen Harrahill, Judy Bradshaw, Sherry McConkey, David Bliss, George Burnstein, Pamela Bessler, Will Bauscher, Debbie Bean, Jane Burke, Ann Fuller, Lesa Beth Titus, Michael Dorsen, Jeffrey Renner, Lt. Col. Randall Schultz-Rathburn, Sr. Mst. Sgt. Richard Konopka, Capt. Jeff Pettitt, Capt. Tom Sparks, Cdr. Pat Brennan, Lt. Col. William Schutz, Col. Douglas Eliason, Muriel Carey, Gayle Pierce, Dean Gubler, Mary Barnum, Lisa Wish-Anderson, Mary Ann Seth-Wish, John Wish

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Long, Chair, at 11:00.

The minutes from the October 12, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Hedges asked that correction be made to the action for ED Emergency Airway to read "proposed benchmarks". It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as amended.

### ***Health Services Report***

- < Susan Werner reported that there are currently two vacancies within the division. A mobile training unit position, and a trauma coordinator within the trauma program.
  
- < The remaining hospital designation and accreditation surveys scheduled for March, 2002 through October, 2002.

- < Even though the State is still seeking funding for a new trauma registry, the Trauma Program is proposing additional data element and/or field updates to enable better data collection and utilization.
- < Susan Werner noted that an EMSC Conference will be held again in 2002. The preliminary schedule is October 18-19, 2002 at the Chinook Winds in Lincoln City.
- < Susan Werner reported on the ambulance licensing, professional standards, mobile training unit, and EMT certification sections. (See attached report)

***ATAB Reports:*** See attached

**Discussion:** Dr. Long asked committee if there is a need to re-number the ATAB regions. There was a unanimous NO. Susan Werner noted that any change would require administrative rule change.

***State EMS Committee Report***

- < Dr. Jui was not in attendance. See attached minutes.

***STAB Reports***

- < **CQI Neurotrauma Committee**

Dr. Dorsen reported that a subcommittee was formed to establish minimum Neurotrauma Standards of Care that could be utilized by the State in association with CQI indicators. Neurosurgeons representing Levels I, II, and III were present at the meeting. The goal of the subcommittee was to provide minimum standards that were “as user friendly as possible”. These standards will be based on GCS rather than other parameters that can be difficult to identify, because GCS was the one parameter that could be consistently identified at time of admission. The draft standards were distributed and discussed. Future meetings will be scheduled. Dr. Chesnut was unable to attend the subcommittee meeting, but made some suggestions for consideration.

**Action: Dr. Dorsen will take all suggestions back to the committee, make addendums and corrections as necessary, and will resubmit to STAB.**

- < **Trauma Registry Committee/HIPAA**

Susan Werner reported that the department is meeting regularly to discuss HIPAA, and she distributed an overview on pertinent patient privacy issues and the effect that the HIPAA regulations may have on the trauma registry.

**Action: Information only. Updates as available.**

- < **Proposed Trauma Registry Data Points**

New data elements were discussed by the committee.

- Items endorsed were: Additions of end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitor, longitude/latitude, retrospective trauma designation, and FAST to the ED procedures. Additionally, “EOA airway” will be replaced with “PEAD” in the Field and ED clinical data.

- Items for future discussion will be the addition of “other” in the trauma type field, in order to enable facilities to collect other specific types of injury that do not fall into the blunt or penetrating categories (burns, suffocation, strangulation, etc).
- Items not accepted were the addition of ‘upgrade’ and ‘downgrade’ to team response.

An update disk will be sent to all hospitals next week for installation.

**Action: Dr. Long proposed that a subcommittee be formed to discuss registry-specific issues. Susan Werner will form trauma registry advisory group.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Guidelines*

#### < **Definition of Rural Trauma**

Dr. Long stated that he did send off the draft of the definition of rural trauma to the ACS, and has not had a response back at of yet.

**Action: Tabled: Agenda item**

#### < **Pelvic Fracture Practice Management**

Dr. Krieg has received word from Harborview that there has been a small adjustment made to the WA state protocol, which was being used for a guideline.

**Action: Tabled: Agenda item**

#### < **Blunt Liver/Spleen Practice Management**

Dr. Bliss stated that he did not receive any comments back on the submitted guidelines.

**Action: Tabled. Guidelines will be printed when format is established.**

#### < **Format for Guidelines**

**Discussion:** Dr. Hedges summarized the benefits of establishing a format for Management Guidelines: to build consensus amongst trauma system participants and to provide guidance for managing specific trauma conditions. The format draft was reviewed by committee. For each topic, a work group of STAB members with appropriate expertise will be established to complete the guideline. The guidelines will be reviewed the STAB, distributed to facilities, and made available on the web page.

**Action: Agenda item to determine work groups.**

#### < **Interfacility Transfer Administrative Rules Update**

**Action: Discussion of this topic was tabled for discussion during April meeting. Agenda item**

#### < **Damage Control Study**

No report

< **STAB membership**

Susan Werner reported that the process for electing STAB members will be more formal than in the past. She also indicated that the STAB bylaws are outdated and need to be reviewed and updated to current practice.

**Action: Susan Werner will determine those portions of the bylaws that are governed by administrative rule and will distribute draft prior to the next meeting. Agenda item**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Working with Federal Rescue Resources*

< Representatives from US Coast Guard, Air Reserves Coast Guard, Army National Guard, and Air Force Reserves 939<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing were present to give overview of their capabilities, what resources they have, how they interact with the prehospital care agencies, and when they should be utilized.

*Trauma Activation CPT Codes*

< Susan Werner reported that the Trauma Resource Network has been actively lobbying for CPT codes specific to trauma activation. They will be available to hospitals who are trauma designated by the State authority or verified by American College of Surgeons. The process is in final committee. If approved, these codes will be included in the CPT handbook.

Due to hour, the remaining new business was tabled for the April meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Werner, Trauma Program Manager.