

OREGON STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2007
Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
12400 SW Tonquin Road
Sherwood, Oregon 97140

Members Present:

Mary Barnum, RN; Will Bean, RN; Susan Benedict, RN; Nathan Kemalyan, MD ;Robert Read, MD (Chair); Richard Urbanski, MD (Vice-Chair); Paul LeSage, EMT-P; Brian Graunke, EMT-P; Kevin Van Syoc, EMT-P; Christine Heyen

Members Absent Excused:

Susan Leathers, RN; David Spiro, MD; Jon Jui, MD; Carla Smith, MD; Christoph Kaufmann, MD; Martin Schreiber, MD

OHD Staff Present:

Susan Werner, RN; Bob Leopold; Michelle Haun-Hood, RN; Ritu Sahni, MD

In attendance:

Bobbie O'Connell, RN; Ameen Ramzy, MD; Mark Stevens: EMT-P; Ted Raschkes, RN; Christine Lolich, RN; Mark Anderson, RN; Jonathan Chin; Nicole Vanderhayen, MD;

Prior to the meeting, Paul LeSage and Mark Stevens led a tour of the TVF&R disaster response resources for STAB members and guests. These resources were mobilized during TOPOFF 4 and are available for disaster response within Oregon.

The STAB QI Meeting was not held as there were no agenda items to address.
Dr. Read, Chair, called the STAB meeting to order at 09:50 am

Review of Minutes – Dr. Read

There was a motion, second and unanimous vote to approve the STAB meeting minutes of July 20th with the following corrections: Mary Barnum added to the excused list, and correction of spelling of Jonathan Chin, AMMRO and correction of the dates of EMSC conference.

EMS and Trauma Systems Section Report – Bob Leopold

Mr. Leopold, the new director of EMS and Trauma System Section, introduced himself to those he had not previously met. Mr. Leopold discussed his role and the issues he believes have been the most concerning to the EMS and Trauma community. His primary focus during his first month in the position is communication to stakeholders and partners. Mr. Leopold plans to distribute a

monthly EMS and Trauma newsletter to better communicate present and future issues and priorities. The draft revision for the EMT regulations (OAR 333-265-0000) has been distributed and public hearings will be held in various locations throughout the state.

Mr. Leopold presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Ritu Sahni in appreciation for his work with STAB. Dr. Sahni was recently hired as EMS/Trauma Systems Medical Director and will assist Mr. Leopold and the EMS/Trauma Systems staff in planning and implementing EMS and Trauma initiatives.

Action: For information.

ATAB Reports – as presented:

1. ATAB 1 – The meeting was held September 10, 2007. There was discussion regarding the impact of a state-wide decrease in surgical specialists. Reports were also presented regarding the proposed changes to the administrative rules as they relate to continuing education, the scheduled EMS-C conference and TOPOFF drill. SAG and TAG provided reports on their activities and an update on the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC). There was discussion regarding the number of major patients a Level I Trauma Center should be able to accept and a request was forwarded to the EMS/Trauma System to review the methodology for patient distribution.
2. ATAB 2 – The meeting was held October 18th in Lebanon. QI cases were presented and discussed. There was discussion regarding ATAB membership and a the need to update the ATAB Trauma Plan during 2008.
3. ATAB 3 – The meeting held August 9th and 10th as an educational opportunity for Trauma Coordinators and Registrars. Susan Harding provided hands-on training for Trauma One that focused on reports and data entry. There was discussion regarding patient transfer for patients requiring specialty care and trauma hospital diversion. The attendees were also given tour of Houser Fire Department/Dune Rescue, Lower Umpqua Hospital and the Air Life Flight Service.
4. ATAB 5 – The meeting was held October 17 in Grants Pass. Members voiced concerns about a motocross organization that held a three day motocross event without notifying EMS/trauma hospitals. The organization also refused to pay for a contract with EMS for standby EMS services. Numerous trauma patients arrived via private vehicle to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass, resulting in six admissions and two air transfers to Level I Trauma Centers. Patient ages ranged from seven to twenty five. ATAB 5 is researching this concern will invite Jackson and Josephine County Commissioners to the January ATAB 5 meeting. The QI Committee met in closed session to discuss case reviews and presentations.
5. ATAB 6 – The meeting was held July 17th in Hood River. ATAB 6 is working on revisions to ATAB MCI plan that outlines coordinated response to mass events. ATAB 6 is collaborating with the Region 6 Healthcare Preparedness

Board to carry out a tabletop drill that focuses on the communication plan. This will assist EMS, Hospitals, HPP and the local Health Departments understand the Communication Plan and to better understand each other's disaster response plans.

6. ATAB 7 – The meeting was held September 12 in Bend. The selective spinal stabilization protocol was discussed. The closed session QI meeting included case reviews and presentations
7. ATAB 9 – The March meeting was cancelled.

Action: For information.

State EMS Committee Report – Jon Jui, MD

Dr. Jui was not present. However, there was discussion regarding the proposed revision to the Administrative Rules (333-265) for EMTs that are currently open for comment. Public hearings will occur in December throughout the state; the proposed rules can be found on the Web page. Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m., December 11, 2007.

Dr. Sahni discussed the scope of practices changes that are occurring on a local and national basis. The Board of Medical Examiners Emergency Medical Technicians Advisory Committee will be discussing the impact of adding “fentanyl” to the scope of practice for EMT-Intermediates and the potential addition of blood glucose testing to the First Responders scope of practice.

Action: For information.

Association of Air Medical Responders of Oregon (AAMRO) – Ameen Ramzy, MD

AAMRO has met quarterly and is focusing on education and safety issues. The focus of the last meeting was landing zone safety.

Action: For information.

OLD BUSINESS

OAR Revision Schedule –Michelle Haun-Hood RN

The trauma Oregon Administrative Rules adhoc subcommittee met on May 25th. The focus of the initial meetings is Exhibit 4 – Hospital standards and requirements for trauma center designation. Initial conversations suggested that Oregon's standards should incorporate the rural perspective found in Chapter 13 of the 2006 Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient. Draft standards

were circulated for comment. DHS Trauma staff provided a template that included the existing language from the American College of Surgeon's resource document. A meeting has been scheduled in November, and additional meetings will occur every two months. Several issues were discussed, including the addition of "Level V" category for trauma hospitals, educational requirements for physicians and nursing staff, use of midlevel providers for initial trauma resuscitation in rural hospitals, and pediatric designation criteria. Joint ACS verification and Oregon designation will be discussed at the next meeting. Additional detail regarding existing joint survey processes occurring in other states will be described.

Action: The schedule of meetings of the OAR adhoc Subcommittee will be distributed. DHS Trauma staff will investigate the process of simultaneous designation reviews.

QI Filter/Data Committee –Michelle Haun-Hood

The current recommended STAB quality indicators were distributed electronically for comment. The trauma coordinator subcommittee will review the current quality indicators, evaluate new indicators, and recommend a calendar and reports to STAB. Identification of a core group of indicators could result in benchmarks that could be used at the hospital, regional and state levels to identify optimal care and to identify opportunities for improvement.

Action: Meeting scheduled for November 9th, notice to be sent out to Trauma Coordinators and Directors.

Legislative Update Prep for SB 162 – Susan Werner

1. SB 162 –SB 162, a legislative initiative to change/improve the EMS and Trauma Systems, was tabled during the 2007 legislative session and may be reconsidered during the February 2008 session. A workgroup will be convened to address items that do not have general consensus before the legislation is reconsidered. Senator Boone provided excellent support during the session.
2. Health Care Reform bill 329 that would provide universal health care for Oregonians had strong support for the initial phase and may include components that can benefit trauma and EMS.

Action: Work group will convene as requested.

Open STAB Positions- Susie Werner

There are a number of STAB positions that are unfilled.
Hospital Administrator

Anesthesiologist
Emergency Physician- Level 1
Trauma Surgeon- Level 3-4
Neurosurgeon- Level 1

Handouts for each position are available and are posted on the WEB site
<http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/trauma/index.shtml#stab>

Preference will be given to rural applicants for the Hospital Administrator and Trauma Surgeon positions.

Action: Susan Werner will forward the applicants for appointment in January.

Trauma Registry Update

Susan Werner gave an update on the Trauma One registry. The vendor is programming the edit check process and, when this is complete, current records in the registry can be completed. It is anticipated that this step will be completed by the end of the year. After the edit check process is completed, hospitals will be provided a reasonable timeframe to update their records and will be monitored for compliance with data submission requirements. Until such time that the edit check process is completed and the data conversion from AREV is completed, regional or state system requests will be limited by the data that is available.

Action: For information.

NEW BUSINESS

After Action Report TopOff 4- Dr. Jon Jui

Dr. Jui was not present at the meeting but several STAB members and guests provided an overview of the TOPOFF 4 drill. TOPOFF 4 began Monday, Oct. 15; Portland, Guam and Phoenix, AZ were the target sites for the drill. TOPOFF, an abbreviation for "Top Officials and the drill involved more than 15,000 participants from the public (federal, state, territorial, and local governments) and the private sector. The exercise scenario involved an explosion of a radiological dispersal device or "dirty bomb. The exercise tested the local, regional, statewide and federal ability to provide coordinated medical and radiological response and to take measures to protect the public. The simulation resulted in 66 people dead at the scene and the triage of hundreds of others to metro-area community resource centers and hospitals. The focii included disaster coordination, communication and response at local, state and federal levels. The

prehospital providers and hospitals participated for approximately 36 hours during the 3-day event.

An official after-action report is not available. However, STAB members felt it would be appropriate to invite Michael Harryman, the Director of Emergency Preparedness to the STAB to discuss the after action plans and the plan's relationship to the trauma system.

Christine Heyen introduced Rebecca Shaw from the Department of Justice who participated in the exercise relative to the criminal event and victim's advocate role. Ms. Shaw gave an overview of issues including the potential number of victims, evaluation of mental issues and the resources available for support of victims and funding.

There was further discussion regarding the radiation disaster plan and the burn surge plan.

Action: Invite Michael Harryman to the next STAB meeting for a presentation on the action plan for TOPOFF 4.

Election of officers for 2008/Chairperson role:

Nomination for the chairperson role included nomination of Dr. Chris Kaufmann by Mary Barnum, seconded by Brian Graunke and nomination of Dr. Robert Read by Christine Heyen and seconded by Will Bean. Dr. Urbanski was nominated for reappointment as Vice Chair by Mary Barnum.

Action: Susan Werner will ask Dr. Kaufman if he is willing to be nominated. She will facilitate a vote by e-mail.

MEETING SCHEDULE for 2008

January 18, 2008- Portland State Office Building

April 18, 2008

July 18, 2008

October 17, 2008

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Recorder: Michelle Haun-Hood RN MA CCRN, DHS Trauma Coordinator