Regional Trauma Advisory Committee

June 2023 Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 20th June 2023 @ 1:00 pm at Athens Technical College

 Call to Order and Welcome Attendance:

Kurt Horst, Chair	Heather Morgan, Vice Chair	Crystal Shelnutt, Coordinator
Gina Soloman	Ryan Hollingsworth	Bobby Smith
Christie Mathis	Marcus Crowe	Jennifer Carter
Don Cargile	Kevin Locke	Tim Bohannon
Alex Nichols	Zach Hall	John Sartain
Glenn Henry	Heath Williams	Huey Atkins
Chris Threlkeld	Karen Hurst	Chuck Almond
Beth Seymore	Tonya Chitwood	Kim Russman

2. Introductions

3. Updates

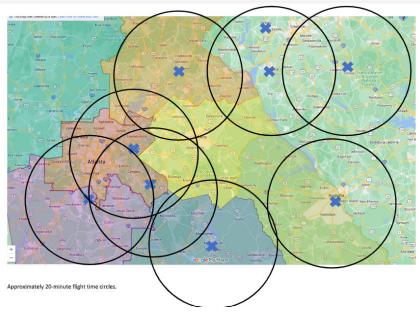
- Stop the Bleed: Crystal provides an update
 - STB: Schools, Busses, & Government Buildings: please remember the expanded STB kit availability and encourage your local government agency to apply.
 - Online Training: https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/ is still available and a great option for refreshers and initial training with in-person checkoffs.
 - GTC has identified a Georgia STB Coordinator, Greg Nichol, who will review applications and coordinate the statewide effort.
 - Call/Email Crystal to reserve equipment or request help with a course
 - Please let Crystal know if there is a desire for a Train the Trainer course.
 Athens Technical College has volunteered to host the program.
 - The application period for STB kits: The Georgia Trauma Commission has Kit Application Periods for organizations to apply and receive kits. Applications are reviewed by the Stop the Bleed Coordinator, and kits are distributed based on priority, training, supplies, and regional needs. The application

period reopens if supplies last, and applicants may be waitlisted if kits are temporarily unavailable. The next application period opens on July 1st for kit distribution through August.

- Home Depot Purchases: Crystal provides an update
 - We finally have received all of the reciprocating saws from the incredibly delayed order. The saws kits include the heavy-duty reciprocating saw, battery, charger, blade sets, and medium & larger gloves. The additional items ordered by the region, including three rolling kits for transporting STB gear, were received a few months ago.
- Trauma Skills Procedure Lab- June 2, 2023. Kevin Locke provides the update
 - 146 students participated in the training, each receiving 4 hours of CEUs.
 Stations included: Direct/Video Laryngoscopy; EZ-IO; NIO; Chest Needle
 Decompression & Anatomy; Difficult Airway Simulation; and Bleeding Control
 Wound Packing Simulation. The course received great reviews, and Barrow
 County has requested again to be the host site for next year's course.
- UGA & Region 10 RTAC Sports Medicine Conference- May 2023 Glenn Henry and Crystal Shelnutt provide the update.
 - 162 students attended the training receiving 6.5 hours of CEUs. It was an excellent conference with great participation from Athletic Trainers, EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics, Nurses, PAs, and Physicians! Presenters included Ron Courson, Dr. Jim Kyle, Glenn Henry, Dr. Kim Walpert, Dr. Chris Bostdorff, Dr. David Sailors, Julianne Schmidt, Dr. Paul Baker, Dr. Kim Tomlinson, and Len DeRamus. A number of UGA Athletic Trainers helped provide expert guidance during the skills stations. Many thanks to the RTAC injury prevention committee who managed registration and logistics throughout the day.
- Blood Pilot Project- Heather Morgan and Ryan Hollinsworth provide the update. The blood pilot committee has chosen to abandon the previous technology in favor of a new system. We were allowed to receive a demo unit and have been working to integrate it into the PAR system. With few glitches, the team is moving forward with this technology platform.

4. New Business

 Gina Soloman with the Georgia Quality Improvement Program provided an excellent presentation on the Region 10 2022 trauma data and led a really robust discussion about data collection, the various repositories for that information, and the limitations of the trauma registry. The group discussed not only what our regional statistics show but how we can implement that knowledge into training and protocols. Since that data isn't publicly available yet, it will not be provided in these minutes. Region 10 Medical Helicopters: Ryan Hollinsworth provided a brief presentation on helicopter coverage and response times in the region. He posed the question to the group on whether that coverage is adequate given the access to our Level II trauma center. He leaves the question with the group and requests feedback at the next RTAC meeting.



- Starting This Fall- Medical Time Out: Crystal Provides an update
 - The Friday Night Medical Time Out prepares medical personnel and designated individuals responsible for athlete and spectator well-being during games. It promotes awareness, preparedness, and education to enhance communication and improve outcomes in case of injuries or incidents. Following this procedure reduces chaos and confusion, ensuring professionals are adequately prepared. This simple pregame checklist will be required by the Georgia High School Association beginning this fall. The injury prevention committee will begin pushing out information and training as fall football approaches. They also have expressed interest in creating a version of this checksheet for all other levels of sports to include middle school and recreation leagues throughout the region.



- **5.** Questions: no questions from the group
- **6.** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Horst at 2 pm.

