

Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2023 at 1330hrs

Location: Clayton County Fire & EMS
7810 Highway 85 | Riverdale, GA 30274
Virtual Option via Teams

Executive Board

Elizabeth R. Benjamin MD, PhD – RTAC Chair – Grady Memorial
Alexis Smith MD – RTAC Vice-Chair – CHOA Scottish Rite
Erin Moorcones, RN – RTAC Secretary – Grady Memorial

RTAC Coordinator

Danielle Johnson – Wellstar Kennestone

Attendees:

Nick Adams – Cobb County Fire & EMS – EMS Division Chief
Liz Benjamin- RTAC Chair/Grady Memorial – Trauma Medical Director
Lawrence Blair - Grady Memorial – Trauma Injury Prevention & Outreach Manager
Amber Borders – CHOA SR – Trauma Advanced Practitioner
Barlynda Bryant – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar
Nadirah Burgess – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Program Manager
Zach Botkin – Clayton Co. Fire & EMS – Deputy Chief Medical Officer
David Briscoe – National EMS Newton/Rockdale – EMS Education/Clinical Coordinator
Winston Charles – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Program Manager
Rebecca Chatman – Grady Memorial – Burn Quality RN Specialist
Alicia Cochran – CHOA Egleston – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator
Michael Connor – Newton Co. Fire
Dana Davis – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar
Megan Dawson – Wellstar Kennestone – Performance Improvement Coordinator
Susanne Edwards – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator
Rich Elliott – Clayton Co. Fire & EMS – Fire Chief/Region 3 EMS Council Chair
Stephen Elmgren – Grady Memorial – EMS Liaison & ECC/MTC Communications Manager
Patrick Flaherty – Sandy Springs Fire Department – Section Chief
Libby Folse – Wellstar North Fulton – Performance Improvement Coordinator
Julie Freeman – Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator
Tracy Harris – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar
Matthew Hinkle – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Performance Improvement Coordinator
Colleen Horne – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar
Danielle Johnson – RTAC Coordinator/Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator
Crispin Kingrey – OEMST – Region 3 Training Coordinator
Russell Knick – Gwinnett County Fire & EMS – Fire Chief
Carey Lamphier – Grady Burn Center – Burn Program Manager
Marian McDaniel – Rockdale County Fire Rescue – Fire Chief
Wilmond (Antoine) Meadows - AMR
Gary Menard – City of Decatur Fire Department – Captain
Jeff Moss – Morrow Fire
Greg Nickel – GTC – Stop the Bleed Coordinator

Sarah Parker – Grady Memorial – Trauma Program Director
Barry Renz – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Medical Director
Bernard (Bernie) Restrepo – OEMST – Region 9 Training Coordinator
Rana Roberts – CHOA – Director of Trauma, Transfer Center & Transport
Roxanne (Rocky) Rothenberg – Grady Memorial – Trauma Quality RN Specialist
Kellie Rowker – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Program Manager
Stacey Shipley – Grady Memorial – Trauma Registry Supervisor
Gina Solomon – Georgia Trauma Commission – Director Georgia Quality Improvement Program
Cristina Soto-Olvera – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Registrar
Rayma Stephens – Northside Gwinnett – PI/QI Coordinator
Kyle Thomas – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Medical Director
Jamie Van Ness – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Program Director
Mark Waterman, M.D. – Clayton County Fire & EMS – Medical Director

- I. Call to order - 1237
- II. Approval of March 2023 Region 3 RTAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Michael Connor, seconded by Zach Botkin.
 - b. Approved unanimously
- III. Greetings and New Introductions
 - a. Welcome to all new members
 - b. Introduction of Tim Sweat, Interim Fire Chief and soon-to-be Director of EMS
- IV. RTAC Coordinator Update (Danielle Johnson)
 - a. Budget \$12,983
 - b. Region Website is now live. Request for posts to be sent to RTAC Coordinator email for any Injury Prevention, Education, or classes open to the public to be published.
 - c. Introduced new Stop the Bleed Coordinator with GTC
 - d. Reviewed increased Bleeding Control Kit Application Cycles and encouraged agencies to promote and apply.
 - e. Happy National Trauma Awareness Month!
- V. OEMST Update (EJ Dailey)
 - a. Data reviews coming in for ambulance offload times. Discussion of time of RN signature, education of responders on appropriate documentation to adequately capture, and expressing goal of identifying some areas of improvement to reduce in-hospital times.
 - b. Vendor for finger printing has changed and updated on website
 - c. Georgia TRAIN is a free platform for education
 - d. Next Region 3 EMS Council Meeting is Thursday, 5/11/23 at 10am at the Office of EMS with a virtual option available.
- VI. Georgia Trauma Commission Update (Gina Solomon)
 - a. Engaging UGA for the Time to Definitive Care Initiative
 - b. ACS Consultative Visit Report has been received and posted on the GTC Website
 - c. GQIP still working on ArborMetrics with goal of a November Go-Live
 - d. Next GTC meeting is Thursday, May 25th in Madison, GA
- VII. Old Business (Dr. Benjamin)
 - a. Region 3 Trauma Plan Review
 - i. Discussed groups that are expected vs. encouraged
 - ii. Proposed closer look at Mass Casualty plan region wide and ensure all entities are well-versed of the Trauma Plan

- iii. EJ Dailey proposed that GCC and workers in the field may require specialized training
 - iv. Updated National Field Triage Guidelines included, though not used universally
 - v. Creation of two subcommittees (EMS and PI)
 - vi. Request for Fire Agencies that serve as medical first responders to be included in the plan. EJ Dailey to add these agencies and submit final plan to Council for review.

- VIII. New Business (Dr. Benjamin) – two new subcommittees with desire to look at cases that come through our system where we can identify key items as areas of focus. Request to inform RTAC Coordinator if interested in joining subcommittee(s)
 - a. EMS Sub-Committee (Zach Botkin – Chair)
 - i. Propose to use data we are already collecting and meet quarterly to discuss identification of trends and how to make changes moving forward.
 - ii. Let Gina know if there is a specific metric the group would like to look at
 - iii. Discussed the need to meet prior to next region meeting
 - iv. QR Code provided to add yourself to the Georgia specific instructor list
 - b. PI Sub-Committee (Dr. Waterman volunteered to Chair)
 - i. Discussion on future of trauma care and proposed
 - 1. Improving advanced airways in the field
 - 2. Blood product usage
 - 3. Ultrasound down the road

- IX. Facility and Agency Updates –
 - a. Piedmont Henry just received their Level III Designation
 - b. RTAC 4 has been dormant but just received new Coordinator, discussed an upcoming Surge Readiness exercise in partnership with Region F

- X. Clayton County Trauma Overview Presentation (Zach Botkin)

- XI. Next Meeting to be Thursday, August 24th – time and location TBD

- XII. Adjournment – 1410