

Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24th, 2023 at 1500hrs
Location: 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

- I. Call to order - 1501
- II. Approval of May 2023 Region 3 RTAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Zach Botkin, seconded by Gary Menard.
 - b. Approved unanimously
- III. Greetings and New Introductions
- IV. RTAC Coordinator Update (Danielle Johnson)
 - a. Region Website went live in April. Request for posts to be sent to RTAC Coordinator email for any Injury Prevention, Education, or classes open to the public to be published.
 - b. Reviewed Bleeding Control Kit Application Cycles and encouraged agencies to promote and apply. The May 1-31st applications are still under review and awaiting response from STB Coordinator (contact information provided)
 - c. October 1-31, 2023: GTC has confirmed another EMS Trauma Equipment Grant. Counts for each agency's in-service 911-zoned trucks to be updated to OEMST. Please see email for further information or reach out to RTAC Coordinator for any questions.
 - d. At the end of last fiscal year, we sent out proposal requests for utilization of leftover Region 3 expense funding (total of \$4,142.00). The funds were granted to Carey Lamphier to proposed to offer ABLs courses at a discount for first-responders in our region. The first course to be offered is August 31st at Grady. It was first-come, first-serve and we were happy to see it fill up within 24 hours. Another course will be offered in September with date TBD.
- V. Georgia Trauma Commission Update (Liz Atkins)
 - a. More information to come on grant funded ambulance education; count of EMS to determine money distributed (per ambulance amount information is available on website)
 - b. GQIP Meeting feedback was excellent, good opportunities resulted from peer review session
 - c. GTC currently undergoing review of new FY Budget
 - d. November meeting may include a rural health meeting after
 - May 2 in Cordele, Pilot
 - In addition to the ACS findings, the GTC is working on establishing a dashboard for trauma findings; to look at system wide deficiencies, step by step review of care. This data will be regionalized with the goal of it being pushed out to each center to gauge performance
- VI. OEMST Update (Danielle Johnson)
 - a. Townhall meetings across the state for each region, hosted by GEMSA and OEMST, to provide an opportunity to discuss multiple concerns/topics. Currently the Region 3 date is scheduled for October 6th, 9a-12p with location TBD. Two locations mentioned on RSVP site and there is talk of another meeting to be schedule due to size of region. Will await further update from EJ Dailey.
- VII. Old Business (Dr. Benjamin)
 - a. Region 3 Trauma Plan Review
 - i. The trauma plan is now complete. Thank you to all that provided feedback.
 - ii. It has been added to the RTAC website
 - iii. It should be updated every three years

- VIII. New Business (Dr. Benjamin)
 - a. EMS Sub-Committee (Zach Botkin – Chair)
 - i. First subcommittee meeting was in June, great conversations
 - ii. Decision was made to combine the PI and EMS sub-committees
 - iii. Reviewed some metrics that we can improve and build upon, looking forward to the dashboard mentioned by the GTC in order to gain some data for use
 - iv. Hope to have another meeting prior to the next R3 RTAC meeting
 - b. Request for Education Sub-Committee formation
 - i. Anyone interested please reach out to Chair
 - c. Educational Needs Assessment
 - i. This is a deliverable that the region will need to complete this fiscal year. More information to come at the next meeting.
- IX. Facility and Agency Updates
 - a. None reported
- X. Mentimeter utilization to enhance attendee engagement to gauge regional needs and provide future direction for RTAC meetings
 - a. Results
 - i. How frequently should we meet in person?
 - 1. (3) 1x/yr, (7) 2x/yr, (2) 3x/yr, (4) always!/done with virtual
 - ii. Do you want in person for the next meeting?
 - 1. (1) In-person option, (2) Virtual only
 - iii. What additions would you like to the quarterly meeting?
 - 1. (2) PI, (3) Education, (0) updates, (1) other
 - iv. Examples of additions you'd like to see
 - 1. Burn education and outreach
 - 2. Dispatch to discharge approach
 - 3. Looking forward to new tools in field – US in trauma in the field
 - 4. Whole Blood usage in the field
 - 5. Knowing who our leaders are and how to reach them – a directory
 - 6. Quick update from each trauma center
 - 7. Orientation to each other's capabilities
 - 8. Orientation to new roles
 - 9. Sharing and Collaboration
 - 10. Discussion on completion and upload of EMA run sheets
 - 11. Highlight regional collaborations
- XI. Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 30th. This is a travel day for annual TQIP meeting – new date TBD
- XII. Adjournment – 1543

Attendees:

Rosemary Allen – Puckett EMS – Training Manager
Liz Atkins – Georgia Trauma Commission – Executive Director
Trent Baker – Clayton Co. Fire & EMS – R3 EMS Council Education/Training Subcommittee Chair
Gary Beasley III – Cobb County FEMS - Captain
Liz Benjamin- RTAC Chair/Grady Memorial – Trauma Medical Director
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
Andrea Costanzo
Dana Davis – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar
Megan Dawson – Wellstar Kennestone – Performance Improvement Coordinator
Susanne Edwards – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator
Stephen Elmgren – Grady Memorial – EMS Liaison & ECC/MTC Communications Manager
Stacie Farmer – Douglas County Fire & EMS – EMS Chief
Libby Folse – Wellstar North Fulton – Performance Improvement Coordinator
Julie Freeman – Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator
Tracy Harris – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar
Luz Heaton
Matthew Hinkle – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Performance Improvement Coordinator
Sarah Holcombe – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Clinician
Ruth Hwu –
Danielle Johnson – RTAC Coordinator/Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator
Carey Lamphier – Grady Burn Center – Burn Program Manager
Adam Lane – Gwinnett County Fire & EMS
Jason Lanyon – Wellstar North Fulton – EMS Coordinator/Injury Prevention
Wendall Scott Lewis – OEMS&T – Regional Training Coordinator
Jake Lonas – Puckett EMS
Nadine Lynch – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Program Manager
Gary Menard – City of Decatur Fire Department – Captain
Erin Moorcones – Grady Memorial – Nurse Coordinator
Brooks Moore – Grady Memorial
Jeff Moss – Morrow Fire
Mark Peters – Northside Gwinnett – EMS Liaison
Barry Renz – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Medical Director
Roxanne (Rocky) Rothenberg – Grady Memorial – Trauma Quality RN Specialist
Kellie Rowker – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Program Manager
Gina Solomon – Georgia Trauma Commission – Director Georgia Quality Improvement Program
Rayma Stephens – Northside Gwinnett – PI/QI Coordinator
M. Scott Stephens – Cobb County Fire Department – QI
Bryant Tate – Wellstar Douglas – Safety Officer
Matthew Thornton – Grady Memorial
Christina Ucci – Wellstar Kennestone – Performance Improvement Coordinator
Jamie Van Ness – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Program Director
Carla Ward – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma/Burn Registrar
Mark Waterman, M.D. – Clayton County Fire & EMS – Medical Director