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Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes November 27th, 2023 at 1100hrs
Location: Vinings Health Park- 4441 Atlanta Road, Smyrna
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 FEMS (Online)
Naila Avery – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
K. Aviva Bashan – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Surgeon/SICU Director (In-Person)
Liz Benjamin- RTAC Chair/Grady Memorial – Trauma Medical Director (In-Person)
Lawrence Blair – Grady Memorial – Injury Prevention Manager (Online)
Nadirah Burgess – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
Zach Botkin – Clayton Co. Fire & EMS – Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Online)
Winston Charles – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
Alicia Cochran – CHOA (Online)
EJ Dailey – OEMS&T – Region 3 EMS Director (Online)
Dana Davis – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Registrar (Online)
Megan Dawson – Wellstar Kennestone – Performance Improvement Coordinator (Online)
Susanne Edwards – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator (Online)
Stephen Elmgren – Grady Memorial – EMS Liaison & ECC/MTC Communications Manager (Online)
Stacie Farmer – Douglas County Fire & EMS – EMS Chief (Online)
Libby Folse – Wellstar North Fulton – Performance Improvement Coordinator (Online)
Julie Freeman – Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator (In-Person)
Rebecca Gaskins – CHOA Egleston – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
Andrew Gelmini – Forest Park Fire (Online)
Luz Heaton – Georgia State Defense Force (Online)
Sarah Holcombe – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Clinician (Online)
Lindsay Jaeger – CHOA Egleston – Trauma Medical Director (In-Person)
Mike Jernigan – Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service (Online)
Danielle Johnson – RTAC Coordinator/Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator (In-Person)
Laura Johnson – Grady Memorial (Online)
Carey Lamphier – Grady Burn Center – Burn Program Manager (Online)
Jason Lanyon – Wellstar North Fulton – EMS Coordinator/Injury Prevention (In-Person)
Wendall Scott Lewis – OEMS&T – Regional Training Coordinator (In-Person)
Courtney Lowry – Grady Memorial (Online)
Nadine Lynch – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Program Manager (Online)
Erin Moorcones – Grady Memorial – Nurse Coordinator (Online)
Brooks Moore – Grady Memorial (Online)
Eric Nix – Cobb County FEMS/Wellstar Kennestone – Medical Director/Associate EM Director (In-Person)
Deval Patel – Wellstar Cobb – EM Director (In-Person)
Mark Peters – Northside Gwinnett – EMS Liaison (Online)

Barry Renz – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
Kellie Rowker – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Program Manager (In-Person)
Mark Shirley – OEMS&T – Region 3 Safety & Compliance Specialist (Online)
Alexis Smith – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Medical Director (In-Person)
Gina Solomon – Georgia Trauma Commission – Director Georgia Quality Improvement Program (Online)
Christina Soto-Olvera – Wellstar Cobb (Online)
Bernard Tarplin – Decatur Fire (Online)
Kyle Thomas – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
Matthew Thornton – Grady Memorial (Online)
Pam Vanderberg – Grady Memorial – VP of Trauma (Online)
Jamie Van Ness – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Program Director (In-Person)
David Weih – Wellstar Cobb – Executive Director of Nursing (Online)

- I. Call to Order 1138- Dr. Elizabeth Benjamin
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion- Jason Lanyon
 - b. Second- Zach Botkin
- III. RTAC Coordinator Update- Danielle Johnson
 - a. STB
 - i. Training request Emory Nursing Center (40 people)- please contact Danielle is you can assist 12/15/23
 - ii. 499 STB kits have been approved in our region through the GTC Bleeding Control Kit Application process and delivered. There are still two pending requests for South Fulton Fire Rescue and Clayton County Emergency Management
 - b. Education and IP efforts
 - i. Please submit efforts to Danielle to ensure accurate reporting to the state for the Region as well as being able to promote on the RTAC website to highlight efforts
- IV. EMS Council Update- EJ Dailey
 - a. Council Appointment Changes- several new appointee's and they will be finalized by the next EMS Council meeting according to bylaws.
 - i. Hoping to engage partner from Piedmont to sit on the Council to represent for Stroke
 - b. Transport Licenses
 - i. Jan 1st, 2024 transport fees on ambulances will be eliminate, and charge to add additional ambulances will be eliminated
 - ii. Fees for re-inspections of ambulances will be increasing.
 - c. EMS recruitment efforts- Zach Botkin
 - i. A video was produced to enhance recruitment efforts in EMS across the state that is available on the GEMSA website/
- V. Georgia Trauma Commission Update- Gina Solomon
 - a. EMS equipment Grant- Large amount of agencies submitted equipment grants and processing of invoices will continue through the end of the month.
 - i. Working on a new methodology for ambulance counts to standardize and ensure accurate voting by EMS Committee
 - b. Rural Trauma System Update-
 - i. Rural Stakeholders meeting was held after the Georgia Trauma Commission meeting which engaged rural and urban hospital partners. Large amount of participation and discussion, hoping to be able to get support to provide feedback.
 - c. Performance Based Payment
 - i. Commissioner approved FY2025 Budget so the requirements can be published early since meeting attendance is calculated on calendar year.

- d. 2024 legislative sessions starts Jan 8th, 2024 and GTC will continue to be involved and advocate
 - e. System manager Position- Several candidates to interview 12/7/23 with the hope of the position starting 2/7/24. This position will be valuable liaison between Regions and the GTC.
- VI. Sub-Committee Reports
- a. EMS Sub- Committee- Zach Botkin
 - i. Focus on appropriate patient destination and utilizing the state data collection to support educating agencies in the region
 - b. Education Sub-Committee- Elizabeth Benjamin/Danielle Johnson
 - i. Patient destination- educating centers on what should/should not be transferred to decrease unnecessary over utilization of resources.
 - ii. Large discussion on Developing resource guide on trauma center capabilities with specialty services to provide to EMS and referring hospitals to ensure a seamless transfer process and not overwhelm one resource.
- VII. Old Business- Dr. Benjamin
- a. Grant Funded ABLIS course- leftover FY funds were utilized to provide 2 ABLIS courses
 - i. First course completed and sold out in 15 minutes. Charge was \$15.00. Second Course is scheduled for 12/18/23 and registration to go live next week.
 - ii. We will have some leftover funds and will need to start thinking what we should use those for in the Region
 - b. Survey Results- (Education and PI) Highest reported things the RTAC would like at meetings are : Orientation to TC capabilities. Sharing and collaboration, Field triage with appropriate destination
- VIII. New Business- Dr. Benjamin
- a. Educational Assessment
 - b. Region 3 Council Nominations (Vice Chair & Secretary)- Please submit nominations (yourself or others) for these two positions that will be elected at our next meeting.
 - c. Presentation: Field Triage and Trauma Center Capabilities
 - i. Discussion Panel - Dr. Eric Nix (Cobb County Fire Medical Director), Dr Patel (Wellstar Cobb), Dr. Bashan (Wellstar Kennestone), Jamie Van Ness (Wellstar Kennestone)
 - d. Presentation Dr. Alexis Smith (CHOA)- Atlanto-occipital dislocation presentation.
- IX. Facility and Agency Updates
- a. Grady Trauma Grand Rounds – 12/5/23
 - b. Metro Atlanta EMS Conference- 4/25-4/26/24
 - c. Wellstar Trauma Symposium 4/30/24 Truist Stadium – registration is live
 - d. Please submit any educational opportunities to Danielle Johnson so she can promote in the region and state.

Next Meeting February 29th, 2024
 Adjourn- 158pm