

Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 29, 2024 at 1400
Location: Clayton County Fire & EMS | Conference Room # 3
7810 Hwy 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:

Naila Avery – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
K. Aviva Bashan – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
Liz Benjamin- RTAC Chair/Grady Memorial – Trauma Medical Director (In-Person)
Lisa Birkinbine – MAAS – (Online)
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 (In-Person)
Jaina Carnes – Wellstar North Fulton – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
Winston Charles – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
Rebecca Chatman (Online)
Ninlaksami Chinkamonthong (Online)
Alicia Cochran – CHOA (Online)
Israel Contreras (Online)
Andrea Costanzo – Grady – (Online)
EJ Dailey – OEMS&T – Region 3 EMS Director (In-Person)
Megan Dawson – Wellstar Kennestone – PI Coordinator (Online)
Riki DeLamar – National EMS (Online)
Susanne Edwards – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator (Online)
Stephen Elmgren – Grady Memorial – Burn Program Injury Prevention & Outreach Manager (Online)
Stacie Farmer – Douglas County Fire & EMS – EMS Chief (Online)
Julie Freeman – Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator (In-Person)
Rebecca Gaskins – CHOA Egleston – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
Rebecca Innes – Wellstar North Fulton – PI Coordinator (Online)
Melody Hardwick – OEMS&T – Region 3 Assistant EMS Director (In-Person)
John Harvey (Online)
Sarah Holcombe – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Clinician (Online)
Lindsay Jaeger – CHOA Egleston – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
Danielle Johnson – RTAC Coordinator/Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator
Kat Kohler – Grady – (Online)
Kennen Less (Online)
Gary Menard – Decatur Fire (Online)
Alyssa Monda – Wellstar Cobb – PI Coordinator (Online)
Mark Peters – Northside Gwinnett – EMS Liaison (Online)

Thuy Pham – Wellstar Kennestone – SICU Director (Online)
 Barry Renz – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
 Kellie Rowker – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Program Manager (Online)
 Crystal Shelnutt – GTC (In-Person)
 Alexis Smith – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Medical Director (Online)
 Gina Solomon – Georgia Trauma Commission – Director Georgia Quality Improvement Program (Online)
 Christina Soto-Olvera – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Registrar (Online)
 Rayma Stephens (Online)
 Jamie Van Ness – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Program Director (Online)
 Mark Waterman – Clayton County FEMS – Medical Director (In-Person)

- I. Call to order – 1403
- II. Approval of November 2023 Region 3 RTAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Zach Botkin, seconded by Julie Freeman.
 - b. Approved unanimously
- III. RTAC Coordinator Update (Danielle Johnson)
 - a. Education Needs Assessment is due TODAY 2/29/24. Recommended to refer to previous emails for information on how to submit your response. There are two codes, one for pre-hospital and one for hospital/trauma center agencies
- IV. Georgia Trauma Commission Update (Crystal Shellnut)
 - a. The introduction of Crystal Shellnut (Region 10 RTAC) and her new role in the Georgia Trauma Commission. Discussed what the role will mean and her hopes to be a resource to all the RTACs. With a focus on education, she will work with R3 RTAC to determine regional education needs based on the needs assessment (due 2/29/24).
 - b. Discussed the use of ultrasound across multiple regions (pilot use) and how the results will guide expanding the use across the state and how the efforts will be funded
- V. OEMST Update (EJ Dailey)
 - a. Introducing Melody Hardwick, Assistant Regional Director, Region 3, OEMS
- VI. Old Business (Dr. Benjamin)
 - a. Hospital Capabilities sheet is still being revised. With a focus on trauma resources, it will act as resource for EMS agencies to determine which capabilities each facility has (trauma center level, services, etc.)
- VII. New Business (Dr. Benjamin)
 - a. Nominations for new positions, unanimous vote as there was only one submission per position. Welcome:
 - i. Alexis Smith, RTAC Chair
 - ii. Kat Kohler, RTAC Vice-Chair, Grady Memorial
 - ii. Julie Freeman, Secretary, Wellstar Kennestone
 - b. EMS Sub-Committee (Zach Botkin – Chair)
 - i. No updates as many facilities are preparing for their ACS Verification visits.
 - c. Educational Needs Assessment
 - i. Feedback will be reported to the GTC and presented at a later date
- VIII. Facility and Agency Updates
 - a. None reported
- IX. Next Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, May 23, 2024**. Looking for agency/facility to volunteer to host for in-person participation.
- X. Adjournment – 1422