

Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024 at 1400

Location: Virtual via Teams

Executive Board:

Alexis Smith, MD - RTAC Chair

Katherine Kohler, MD - RTAC Vice-Chair

Julie Freeman, RN - RTAC Secretary

RTAC Coordinator:

Danielle Johnson

Attendees:

Nick Adams – Cobb County Fire & EMS – EMS Division Chief

Aviva Bashan - Wellstar Kennestone – Surgeon, Trauma Medical Director

Liz Benjamin- Grady Memorial – Trauma Medical Director

Nadirah Burgess – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Program Manager

Winston Charles – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Program Manager

Susanne Edwards – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator

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

Danielle Johnson – RTAC Coordinator/Wellstar Kennestone – Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator

Barry Renz – Wellstar Cobb – Trauma Medical Director

Rana Roberts – CHOA – Director of Trauma, Transfer Center & Transport

Kellie Rowker – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Program Manager

Rayma Stephens – Northside Gwinnett – PI/QI Coordinator

Jamie Van Ness – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Program Director

Daniel Asman – Wellstar Kennestone – EMS Coordinator

Jason Lanyon – Wellstar North Fulton – EMS Coordinator & Injury Prevention

Andrea Costanzo – Grady Memorial – PI RN

Melody Hardwick – Region 3 EMS & Trauma – Assistant Regional Director

Shannon Masic – OEMST - Region 3 Region Training Coordinator

Adalynn Rath – Wellstar Douglas – Trauma Coordinator

Crystal Shelnutt – GTC – Regional Trauma Development

Katherine Kohler – Grady Memorial – Trauma Surgeon, R3 RTAC Co-Chair

Lexi Smith- R3 RTAC Chair

Vera Morrison

Lindsey Reidl Jaeger – CHOA – EMS/Transport Medical Director, Surgeon

David Georgia – Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services - District Chief

Luz Heaton

Steve Moyers – Grady EMS – VP, Chair Region 3 Advisory Committee

Lee Oliver – MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service -VP Ops

Naila Avery – Northside Hospital Gwinnett – MD, Trauma Medical Director

Nadine Lynch – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Program Manager
Erin Moorcones – Grady Memorial – Trauma Educator
Rebecca Gaskins – Grady – Director of Trauma
Echo Standley – CHOA – Trauma Educator
Alyssa Monda – Wellstar Cobb- PI Coordinator
Mark Peters – Northside Gwinnett – EMS Liaison
Andrew Gelmini – Forest Park Fire & EMS – EMS Coordinator
Matt Thornton – Grady EMS – Manager of QA & Compliance
Rayma Stephen – Trauma PI Coordinator
Elizabeth Atkins – GTC
Thuy Pham – Wellstar Kennestone – Surgeon, SICU Director

I. Call to order and approval of previous meeting minutes - 1403

II. Greetings and New Introductions

- A. Welcome to new all members
- B. Introduction of Alexis Smith, RTAC R3 Chair
- C. Introduction of Julie Freeman, RTAC R3 Secretary
- D. Introduction of of Kat Kohler, RTAC R3 Co-Chair

III. RTAC Coordinator Update – Danielle Johnson

- A. Overview of Coordinator objectives:
 - i. to work with the Georgia Trauma Commission and OEMST
 - ii. Plans, coordinates and oversees activities for Regional Advisory Committee (RTAC) and represented the goals and plans of the Georgia Trauma Network Commission (GTCNC)
 - iii. Performs needs based assessment
 - iv. Stop the Bleed
- B. Call for involvement – looking for active members to make a difference in our region as we should be working together to support all levels of trauma. The RTAC meetings should serve as your platform for feedback in trauma care in the region.
- C. Stop the Bleed Overview:
 - i. Last application cycle is completed and closed, with ~270 kits approved and delivered during the month. This makes 1600+ active STB kits in the state
 - ii. Next cycle to open **Monday, July 1, 2024**
 - iii. For more information, visit Georgia Trauma Commission website

III. Georgia Trauma Commission – Crystal Shellnut

- A. The introduce of Crystal Shellnut and her role in Georgia Trauma Commission
- B. No new updates at this time

IV. New Business – Alexis Smith

- A. Quarterly meeting dates to be sent out as a recurring meeting in hopes that consistent scheduling will allow members to plan ahead and attend.
 - i. Discussion of in-person vs. virtual meetings. Several votes for in-person, lunch time meetings
 - ii. Call for involvement – moving forward the hope is to highlight cases and centers across the region
- B. EMS Needs Assessment
 - i. Very small amount of response across the state
 - ii. Overwhelming response requesting pediatric trauma education
 - iii. Our goal is to change education efforts through this needs assessment – we need participation to drive education changes
 - iv. Will plan for another survey early next year in hopes of increased participation across the region and state
- C. Case Reviews
 - i. Needle Decompression Case Review – Presented by Dr. Alexis Smith
 - a. Discussion regarding education of needle decompression in the field- majority agreed additional education for assessment and intervention could be useful
 - ii. Blunt Injury Review – Presented by Dr. Alexis Smith & Danielle Johnson
 - iii. Blunt Injury Review – Presented by Dr. Kat Kohler
 - iv. Request from Shannon Masic – if there is any worthwhile online modules for education, please send to Shannon so they can be posted on website for review
- D. Blood Product Use in the Field – Chief Nick Adams and Alexis Smith
 - i. Discussion of collaborating with Northeast Georgia and/or Grady Memorial for potential blood product usage rollout in the region
- E. Upcoming Education:
 - i. MAEMS Conference: NEW Dates, January 30-31, 2025. Georgia to grant support skills training associated with conference – locations and times TBD
 - ii. Multiple local offerings – TGR at NEGA 6/28

V. Facility and Agency Updates:

- A. None reported

VI. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- A. August 22, December 5, February 27, May 22. Looking for agency/ facility to volunteer to host for in-person participation

VII. Adjournment: 1505