

Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 22, 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
Nadirah Burgess – Northside Gwinnett – Trauma Program Manager
Susanne Edwards – CHOA Scottish Rite – Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinator
Stephen Elmgren – Grady Memorial – EMS Liaison & ECC/MTC Communications Manager
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
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
Adalynn Rath – Wellstar Douglas – Trauma Coordinator
Crystal Shelnutt – GTC – Regional Trauma Development
Lexi Smith- R3 RTAC Chair
Lindsey Reidl Jaeger – CHOA – EMS/Transport Medical Director, Surgeon
Nadine Lynch – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Program Manager
Rebecca Gaskins – Grady – Director of Trauma
Echo Standley – CHOA – Trauma Educator
Alyssa Monda – Wellstar Cobb- PI Coordinator
Mark Peters – Northside Gwinnett – EMS Liaison
Matt Thornton – Grady EMS – Manager of QA & Compliance
Kristal Smith- R5 RTAC Coordinator, Atrium Health Navicent
Dianne Potter, Registrar, CHOA Eggleston & Scottish Rite
Eric Nix, Wellstar Kennestone, Cobb Co. Fire
Pamela Vanderberg, VP Trauma/Burn Services, Grady
Ruth Hwu- Pediatric Emergency Physician, CHOA
Mark Waterman, MD, Clayton County Fire & EMS

Chris Elliott- AirLife Georgia, City of Forsyth Fire Department
Lawrence Blair- IP & Outreach Manager, Grady
Kendra Mosley-
Antoine Meadows, AMR
Alicia Cochran
Megan Dawson, Wellstar Kennestone, PI Coordinator
Zach Botkin, Clayton County Fire & EMS
Justin Sobrino
Travis L. Perry, Medical Director, JMS Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Sarah Parker, Special Project Manager, Grady Trauma
Karen Hill, Trauma Manager, Eggleston CHOA
Andrew Costanzo, PI RN, Grady Trauma
Adam Lane, Gwinette Fire, Battalion Chief
Dana Davis
Sarah Holcombe, Northside Gwinnett, Trauma Clinician
Kim Smith, Northside Gwinnett
John Harvey, R3 Council, Trauma Surgeon
Troy Augestin, Dekalb Fire, EMS Chief
Keosh Harris, Dekalb Fire
Danielle Jenkins, Dekalb Fire
Deanna Smith, Northside Gwinnett, Trauma IP & Outreach
Gina Solomon, GTC, GQIP Director
Scott Dodson, Grady EMS, Manager of QA & Compliance
Steve Moyers, Grady EMS, VP
Joel Turner, Newton County Fire, DC Operations
Jeff Allen, Newton County Fire, EMS Chief
Lekshmi Kumar, Grady EMS, Medical Director
Angela Sanabria
Courtney Lowry
Katherine Kohler, Grady, RTAC R3 Co-Chair
Colleen Horne
Christina Soto-Olvera
Elizabeth Benjamin, Grady
Tim Georgia, Smyrna Fire
Teri Craig, Grady

I. Call to order - 1202

II. Greetings and New Introductions

III. RTAC Coordinator Update – Danielle Johnson - 1204

A. Stop the Bleed Update:

- i. Application status: July application period closed- over 1,000 kits supplied, ongoing efforts to provide these trainings across the state across the region

- ii. Clayton & Dekalb are the only two counties in the state that are not fully trained in Stop the Bleed. Thank you to all who have volunteered to expand training in these areas
- B. EMS Educational Needs Assessment:
 - i. Last year there was very little participation. We are hoping to increase this year's participation through partnering with the EMS Council Subcommittee. The deadline to complete/receive these assessments will be March 5, 2025, when we will submit our findings.
- C. Quarterly Reports
 - i. Trauma Centers and Agencies to report out education efforts so that we can highlight education across the region (classes, community events, grand rounds) which can be updated to the R3 RTAC website. The requests were sent to leaders at each trauma center and Fire/EMS agency.

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. Old Business – Alexis Smith

- A. Blood Product Use in the Field
 - i. This is one of our big efforts in our region- to get blood products in the field
 - ii. Thank you to Grady's Matthew Thorton & Dr. Kumar for presenting their successful rollout of blood products in the field
 - iii. Gina Solomon, Georgia Trauma Commission, reports this is an ongoing discussion amongst the Commission and is looking forward to further discussion at the upcoming GQIP meeting

V. New Business

- A. Our goal is to increase collaboration and engagement across the Trauma Centers and prehospital agencies
- B. Hoping to host an educational/social gathering for our last quarterly meeting in May
- C. Upcoming Education:
 - i. Region 1 Peds RTAC Learning Day, September 24
 - ii. Region 4 RTAC Trauma Symposium, October 23
 - iii. Northeast Georgia Symposium, October 4
 - iv. Grady Trauma Symposium, October 25
 - v. Metro Atlanta EMS Conference, January 30-31, 2025
 - a. Trauma Skills Lab to be included

VI. Facility & Agency Updates:

- A. CHOA Move coming up at the end of September. EMS Meet & Greet happening on Friday, August 23, 2024
- B. Many education opportunities coming up across the state

VII. Facility & Agency Highlights:

- A. Northside Gwinnett Hospital, presented by Nadirah Burgess, Trauma Program Manager
- B. Next Month's Facility Highlights: Wellstar North Fulton, Wellstar Cobb Burn

VIII. Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- A. December 5, 2024 at Wellstar North Fulton Hospital – Time & Location TBD

IX. Approval of last meeting minutes

X: Adjournment: 1310