

Region III Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025 at 1200
Location: Arthur M. Blank Hospital + Microsoft Teams

Executive Board:

Alexis Smith, MD - RTAC Chair
Katherine Kohler, MD - RTAC Vice-Chair
Julie Freeman, RN - RTAC Secretary

RTAC Coordinator:

Danielle Johnson

Attendees:

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
Karen Hill- CHOA
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
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
Sarah Holcombe- Northside Gwinnett- Trauma Educator
Lindsey Reidl Jaeger – CHOA – EMS/Transport Medical Director, Surgeon
Naila Avery – Northside Hospital Gwinnett – MD, Trauma Medical Director
Nadine Lynch – Wellstar Cobb – Burn Program Manager
Echo Standley – CHOA – Trauma Educator
Mark Peters – Northside Gwinnett – EMS Liaison
Matt Thornton – Grady EMS – Manager of QA & Compliance
Eric Nix – Cobb County Fire, Medical Director
Shelby Lemon- Wellstar Cobb- Trauma PI Coordinator
Bill Briggs- Wellstar Cobb- TPM
Pamela Vanderberg- Grady Hospital- VP Trauma & Burn Services
Roger Swint – City of Morrow – Fire Chief
Lisa Birkinbine – Metro Atlanta Ambulance
Dustin Carey- Cobb Fire and Emergency Services- Fire Engineer and QA Coordinator

Jessica Williams – Wellstar Cobb – Emergency Preparedness Manager and Safety Officer
Angela Sanabria – Grady – PI RN
Doug Dickens – Douglas Fire and EMS
Dianne Potter – Trauma Registrar
Jacob Holloway – Wellstar North Fulton – Trauma Medical Director
Megan Dawson – Wellstar Kennestone – Trauma Program Manager
Grace Mills- Wellstar Kennestone- PI Coordinator
Antoine Meadows – AMR EMS
Terrance Kerney- South Fulton Fire Rescue
Israel Contreras – AMR Dekalb – Clinical Operations Chief
Kristal Smith – R5- RTAC Coordinator
Tawny Waltz
Elizabeth Williams- Woods
Emily Page
Samantha Buchanan
Laura Johnson
Alicia Cochran- CHOA
Michael Patterson
Troy Augustin
Diana Toney
Michael Bentley
Miranda Baras
Carey Lamphier
Kris Mattson- CHOA- Emergency Preparedness
Nidhi Chawala- Wellstar North Fulton – PI Coordinator
Brian Johnson – Johns Creek Fire
Tyler Randle – Johns Creek Fire
Zach Botkin – Clayton County Fire
Sam Sindelor – Georgia DPH – EMSC Program Manager
Ruth Hwu- CHOA- PEM Physician
Amber Borders – CHOA – APP
Marci Glenney-
Hillary Renner-
Adam Lane-
Amanda Battle-
Justin Sobrino- CHOA
Kim Smith- Northside Gwinnett

I. Call to order – 1201

- A. Approval of last meeting's minutes – Motion to approve by Jason Lanyon, motion seconded

II. Greetings and New Introductions

- A. Welcome to new all members
- B. Introduction of this meeting's speakers: Dr. Lindsey Jaeger, Samantha Sindelar and Dr. Justin Sobrino

III. Meeting Presentations

- A. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Transport Team – Dr. Lindsey Jaeger, EMS Medical Director and Director of Critical Care Transport
 - i. An overview of the number and types of transports. A discussion of types, ages, and referring facilities involved in CHOA patient transport
 - ii. Children's received a grant for educational outreach and the goal is to implement a rotating quarterly curriculum. Request for EMS to reach out if interested in any education opportunities
- B. Children's Healthcare, Trauma System Overview- Dr. Justin Sobrino, Trauma Medical Director
 - i. An overview of Children's Healthcare and their unique qualities of being a Pediatric Trauma System, including two ACS verified trauma centers
- C. Karen Hill, Trauma Program Manager
 - i. Arthur M. Blank Hospital- an overview of the facility and all its offerings
 - ii. Lessons learned from AMBH moving day
- D. Pediatric Readiness - Samantha Sindelar, EMSC
 - i. Overview of pediatric care at the national level
 - ii. Pediatric populations in Georgia
 - a. 120/159 of the counties in Georgia are rural
 - b. Pediatric readiness is important as it is directly linked to improved pediatric mortality outcomes

III. Georgia Trauma Commission – Crystall Shellnut

- A. No new updates at this time

IV. New Business – Alexis Smith

- A. EMS Needs Assessment
 - i. We had one of the largest responses across the state – thank you to those that participated.
 - ii. Overwhelming response requesting pediatric trauma education and also burn and trauma skills. The goal will be to offer a one day education program, encompassing pediatric skills, burn care and adult trauma skills, and rotate through the region.
- B. Trauma Plan
 - i. Revisions due every 2 years – Danielle, Lexi, and Kat have revisions in process. This round of revisions will be minimal due to all the work that was done at the last round.

- ii. Call to TMPs- each center should connect with Danielle to ensure each center's information is up to date

C. Upcoming Education:

- i. Kristal Smith- upcoming Central Georgia EMS Pediatric Trauma Symposium – March 6- Virtual Symposium, March 7- Pediatric Simulation Day
- ii. Wellstar Trauma Network- upcoming Trauma Symposium, April 28, 2025
- iii. Northside Gwinnett- Symposium- May 9, 2025
- iv. MAEMS Conference: February 5-6, 2025

V. Facility and Agency Updates:

- A. None reported

VI. Next Meeting : **May 22, 2025** – MCI Drill

VII. Adjournment: 1328