

# Northeast WI Regional Trauma Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Aurora BayCare – Green Bay, Wisconsin

### General Membership Meeting

The Executive Council (7 present for a quorum) and general membership meeting of the NEW RTAC was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Steve Stroman.

### Meeting Notes

#### Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda

- Sue motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, Tim seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote. Spelling error reported by Dave Seebart.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved

#### Old Business

- Status of funding grants
  - Bellevue Fire Dept. requested \$981.28. Suggestion from Sue Kanack for get used equipment from other agencies. Suggestion to create an equipment list on website for free or for sale equipment by Dave Taylor. Request put on hold to talk to Bellevue Fire Dept.
  - Reminder to use proper forms to submit requests
    - Directions are on the RTAC website – [www.newrtac.org](http://www.newrtac.org)

#### Reports

- STAC Meeting – Dave Taylor
  - No STAC meeting due to summer months.
  - Some funding changes
    - RTAC budget will stay the change for the next fiscal year.
  - State Trauma Update
    - Trauma registry is working and there is ability to pull some good data.
    - The Burden of Injury – data relative to Wisconsin injuries
      - Dave Taylor has a copy of the book and can provide information specific to your county.
    - Trauma State Protocol
      - Encompasses all information needed for trauma care
      - CDC had their own version and now there is some talk of changing it back to protocol based
        - Likely there will be training with the changes
      - Trauma Basics still being created by RTAC Coordinators
        - PowerPoint presentation with an overview of information
        - A good program that Dave Taylor presented to the agencies
        - Suggestion to create a new presentation based on our RTAC region's needs
  - RTAC participation has been increasing.
    - Door County is present tonight
      - New EMS Director, Eric Christenson
  - Next STAC meeting is Aug 7-8<sup>th</sup>.

- WHEPP Report – Dave Seebart

#### WISCOM Project

A great deal of detail still needs to be put into this project but the basics are:

- The WISCOM system has not been available statewide (98%) coverage until now.
- Leadership plans to supply VHF radio equipment to all hospital that is compatible to the WISCOM transmission system.
- This new radio capability is not meant to replace existing VHF systems currently use between hospital and supporting EMS units.
- It is intended as a dependable backup to the EMS system and a valuable resource for cross state communication of patients during transfers.
- It may also help with some UHF narrow band issues as well as 700 and 800 MHz radio issues.
- This VHF radio use on the WISCOM system will also be a valuable resource during implementation of the Disaster Coordinating Hospital organization.
- There will be capability for secure (encrypted) radio channels to meet HIPPA concerns and capability to transmit data to meet electronic records concerns.

#### Patient Tracking

- A patient tracking element is an important feature being looked for. WHEPP has become the state recognized leader and facilitator for coordinating all state agencies in the development of a usable statewide patient tracking system. Dave Taylor has been seated on the State Executive committee that will add in the state direction for pt tracking.
- ABLIS training – free online burn training for hospitals and has been expanded to paramedics and independent services. Focused toward physician and nurses initially.
  - If interested in signing up for the training, contact Dave Taylor

#### Next Meeting:

- July 25th 2012, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 pm (Brown County Ag Extension Service Center, Room 161)
- Possible Agenda Items: Cellcom Marathon Heat Exhaustion Incident Communication discussion

- Treasurers Report – Dave Taylor (Tom Bergmann is absent)

- Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)
  - State provides a budget of \$49,911

New Business

- Discussion
  - To hold training for Site Review education for hospital staff.
  - LSB immobilization education for EMS
- SMART Triage demo
  - Triage tag system
    - Suggestion to use funding of \$4000.00 for Train the Trainer using Colin Smart on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 by Dave Taylor.
      - Pat Trinko made a motion and Bonnie seconded the motion to fund class.
        - The motion was unanimously passed
- Next meeting will be on Nov 17, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Taylor, RTAC Coordinator