

NORTHEAST WI Regional Trauma Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Aurora Bay Care Medical Center – Green Bay, Wisconsin

RTAC members met for sub-committee meetings from 5:00pm-6:00pm

- Medical Oversight: Dr. Chris Sorrells, Chair
 - Dr. Sorrells resigned his position as chair. If anyone is interested in leading the efforts for this sub-committee please contact Dave Taylor or Dr. Steve Stroman.
- Education/Injury Prevention: Tim Nowak, Chair
 - Goal to connect EMS and hospitals. Tim presented information on EMS training requirements.
 - EMS Education power point
- Performance Improvement: Jennifer Balthazar, Chair
 - The group reviewed cases with lack of C-spine immobilization. All members present signed a waiver of confidentiality to participate in the discussion. Cases were reviewed and discussed by the participants.
 - Protocols for different agencies were discussed.

General Membership Meeting

The Executive Council (9 present for a quorum) and general membership meeting of the NEW RTAC was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Steve Stroman at 6:00pm. Attendees via conference and new guests were introduced and election of the new committee members and terms were shared.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant updates: \$12,710 in grants was approved for 14 requests in the last fiscal year. The money has been distributed for the grants and receipts for most have been received.

- Majority of grant money went toward WEMSA (Wisconsin EMS) conference attendance.
 - The group agreed that it would be a good idea to get hospitals involved as most grants are being distributed on the EMS side.
- Outstanding grants (4) – Oconto County, Oconto Fire, Lawrence and Every 15 Minutes
- It was suggested and agreed that the council will have bi-annual grant meetings independent of the Council and general membership quarterly meetings.
 - Meetings will be scheduled in February and July by Kathy Murphy.
 - Kathy will suggest 2 meeting times.
 - Guidelines for submission and grant meeting dates will be put on the website by Dave Taylor.

2011 Council and General Membership Meetings: April 20th at Bay Area Medical Center in Marinette, July 20th and October 10th at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay.

Reports:

- New State Trauma Coordinator – Marianne Peck
 - Marianne was a former coordinator and has returned.
 - There are 6 open STAC positions that should be filled within the next few weeks.
 - Ultimately the Bureau Secretary appoints the positions
 - Marianne's priority is resuming the hospital site reviews. Hospitals will be given a 3 month notification on their upcoming reviews. First reviews will hopefully take place this summer. Packets will be sent 3 months ahead of time.
 - Based on the Wisconsin Trauma legislation, the American College of Surgeons "Gold Book" is the currently used standard.
- Deliverables - the next fiscal year deliverable is a NEW RTAC Regional Trauma Plan (2011-2012)
 - Available documents from several other RTACs will be used for comparison.
 - All deliverables are on currently on track.
- WHEPP Report
 - Burn care training
 - The goal is to have hospital teams formed
 - Training was opened to paramedics. It is not open to EMTs at this time but if someone is interested send the request to Dave Taylor
 - It is on-line training (self-paced) and free
 - Must have an 80% to pass
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 - PPE 3 day course training
 - 30 participants are needed
 - If interested send your request to Dave Taylor
 - WI Trac – waiting for the report
 - OJA offered EMS \$100k for the next fiscal year
 - 20 is the goal throughout the state
 - Legislation has been proposed and should be voted on within 6 months
 - Hoping PHI restrictions are relieved so the system will be more functional
 - This is a digital system
 - H1N1 – testing issues for masks. A DVD was created with a training module
- Treasurers Report:
 - \$13k from previous year grant money left
 - \$12,710 distributed for grants
 - \$330 left
 - \$49,910 is the budget for this year
 - \$21,129 spent to date
 - \$29,111 total left in the budget

- Budgeted - \$1500 for each sub-committee and \$8800 for grants
 - It takes 2-3 months from request to receive month from the state.
- WEMSA Conference – there will be a booth staffed by both STAC and RTAC coordinators at the conference.
 - Information will be distributed regarding the Wisconsin trauma system.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Guest Speaker – Eric Burmeister, Director of Emergency Management from Marinette County (Document viewable on website, www.newrtac.org)
 - Presentation included the Last Action Review of a hostage event from November 29, 2010 involving an active shooter at Marinette High School.
 - The event timeline, law enforcement and EMS response, and follow-up from the event were discussed.
 - Opportunities for improvement were discussed, including:
 - Communication between law enforcement, EMS and the hospital system
 - Preparation at hospital
 - Utilization of dedicated phone lines for response and media
 - Personal and scene safety for EMS
 - Coverage for the rest of the city
 - Considering a tactical team to distribute intelligence information
 - Committed to changing and developing stronger policies
 - The benefit of an earlier 2009 training exercise that law enforcement had completed on a school shooting which helped prepare law enforcement
- Guest Speaker – Lisa Schram, Bay Area Medical Center Paramedics Supervisor, Marinette County EMS
 - EMS had limited information on the incident; little direct information from police intervention team.
 - For future would like to partner with law enforcement and hospital system to strengthen policies and guidelines
- The group watched the Marinette County Every 15 Minutes Video, which was funded in part by NEW RTAC funds.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm

Steven J. Stroman, MD
Chair, NEW RTAC