

# South Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council General Membership / Executive Council Meeting

March 25, 2008

## Minutes

1) Introduction of members present:

Dan Williams	SCRTAC EMS	Janet Volk	Reedsburg
Lynne Sears	SCRTAC/UWHC	Linda Tyler-Doudna	Richland Hospital
Laura Ahola	Divine Savior - Portage	Tina Strandlie	Stoughton
Joe Ketarkus	Meriter - Madison	Jennifer Lorenz	Beloit Memorial
Amy Franklin	Boscobel Health	Brian Cushman	Upland Hills
Theresa Weiland	St. Claire - Baraboo	Cella Janisch	Grant Regional
Russ Picard	Mercy - Janesville	Karri Ratzlaff	Mercy – Janesville
Donna Friedman	SW Health - Platteville	Karen Walhoud	Mercy – Janesville
Terri Kelm	Columbus Hospital	Tim Bjelland, MD	Mile Bluff-Mauston
Shari Ruesga	Lafayette Memorial	Chris Hammes	SCRTAC TSS
Paul Wittkamp	WI DHFS EMS	Mike Sloan, MD	Meriter - Madison
Debbie Bongard	Belleville EMS	Lisa Antoneiwicz	Deer Grove EMS

2) Approve January 2008 Minutes

- a) Motion by Sears, second by Hammes: Unanimous approval

3) Trauma Coordinators

a) Committee Report:

- i) Lynne Sears briefly reviewed the items discussed by the Trauma Coordinators at the 4 PM meeting. For minutes of this meeting, please visit [www.scrtac.org](http://www.scrtac.org) and click on the 'Meeting Minutes' tab.

4) State DHFS Updates (Sears)

- a) Given the recent long-term and short-term changes in the State of Wisconsin DHFS EMS Section, especially with respect to the State Trauma System, RTACs, and trauma in general, a meeting was held with the Chair of the DHFS and interested parties. Some of those present included EMS Section Chief Brian Litza; Larry Gilbertson, Director, Bureau of Local Health Support and EMS; and Bill Bazon, Vice-President of the Wisconsin Hospital Association. Items that were addressed:

- i) Lack of funding for Trauma
- ii) Lack of a Trauma Coordinator (Marianne Peck never replaced)
- iii) Trauma seems to be lost in the EMS Section
- iv) Appropriateness of having trauma under the EMS Section vs that of Public Health. EMS is a small part of the overall trauma care, from injury to full recovery and re-instatement into society.
- v) Current status of the EMS Section

- b) RTACs are funded for \$50,000 per year, and this amount is in state legislation, and therefore is protected each year from (most) cuts. Site Surveys are also protected by this legislation.
- c) There will likely be action in the next 4 months to hire a State Trauma Coordinator, replacing Marianne Peck (resigned last summer).
- d) Helen Pullen of the State DHFS EMS Office is our current go-to person for most trauma related questions and concerns.
- e) State EMS and Trauma Meetings are now being held every other month, with the next round being April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison. A complete list of meetings, dates, times, and agendas can be obtained at the State EMS website: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/EMS/EMSsection/Meetings.htm> , or by contacting Helen Pullen: [pullehm@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:pullehm@dhfs.state.wi.us)

5) SCRTAC Grants (Sears)

- a) Committee Report: (See minutes of the SCRTAC Trauma Coordinators Meeting at [www.scrtac.org](http://www.scrtac.org).) No new action on this topic.

6) SCRTAC EMS (Williams)

- a) Trauma Education Program update
  - i) Dan Williams, Chris Hammes, Chris Carbon, and Matt Hurtienne are putting together the 2008 SCRTAC Trauma educational Program. The 1<sup>st</sup> presentation will be April 24<sup>th</sup> in Reedsburg, for the Sauk County EMS Assn. Williams asks each member/agency to consider hosting a Trauma Educational Program over the next one year. Contact Williams for more info.
- b) Portage Divine Savior EMS presentation report
  - i) Williams presented a Thoracic Trauma Lecture to the Divine Savior (Portage) EMS, and included a Pig lab, where students could use real pig airways and lungs to produce realistic chest injuries and to allow for practice in using their advanced trauma management skills, such as thoracentesis, surgical airways, and more. All involved enjoyed the exercise. This is a session that could be brought to your agency if requested. Contact Williams for additional info.
- c) Dispatch MCI Training (April 29, 9AM, Madison)
  - i) Williams and the SCRTAC are hosting a pilot session of the State DHFS EMS Section's Mass Casualty Incident Dispatch training. Paul Wittkamp will be the primary presenter. Williams handed-out invitation Flyers, and asks that all in attendance take them back to their communities and deliver them to the appropriate individual(s) at their local/county EMS dispatch agency.
- d) Hazardous conditions and patient transfers. This was not discussed at this meeting, but was discussed at the Trauma Coordinators meeting. See minutes of the SCRTAC Trauma Coordinators Meeting at [www.scrtac.org](http://www.scrtac.org). No new action on this topic.

7) Objective #3 (due June 30, 2008)(Sears)

- a) Description: Williams showed an overhead projection of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final State RTAC requirement, due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This item was introduced at the January 2008 meeting, but was tabled until the March meeting. The Objective is shown below:

**Objective Three:**

By June 30, 2008, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) Division of Public Health (DPH) will receive an expanded Regional Trauma Plan from the (insert name) Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC).

**Contract Deliverable:** The Regional Trauma Plan will be a continuation of the introductory regional plan given to DHFS June 2007. The plan shall include:

- A. identification of the populations and the action plan addressed in the 2007 introductory plan,
- B. evaluation of the results of the action plan,
- C. two issues identified in the 2007 regional plan,
- D. a summary of the issues, and,
- E. the action and evaluation taken to address the two issues.

**Context:** The regional trauma plan is the foundation for the maturation of the regional trauma system. The written plan will assist the RTAC in planning, implementing and evaluating the regional trauma system. The expansion of the introductory regional trauma plan will lay the foundation for further regional work and developed over time will serve to strengthen the regional structure and assure success.

**Input Activities:**

The (insert name) RTAC will receive input from all trauma care participants in the region on the development of the plan. The RTAC Coordinator will collaborate with the Executive Council to assure the following activities are met:

- A. The RTAC Coordinator will be responsible to assure the written regional trauma plan is given to the State Trauma Coordinator at DHFS on the date the plan is due.
- B. The RTAC Coordinator will collaborate with the RTAC on the regional trauma plan.

Examples of potential trauma system issues to be considered are:

- Communications,
- Access to the system,
- Involvement of dispatch,

- Medical Oversight,
- Diversion and Bypass issues, or
- Educate administrators and/or physicians of trauma care facilities and/or EMS agencies on the trauma care system.

b) Assignments

- i) Lynne Sears will be making future requests and/or assignments to SCRTAC members and agencies to help accomplish this 3<sup>rd</sup> RTAC Objective. The goal is to have more of a team approach to these objectives, rather than one or two people completing them. We hope to have more involvement from all of our members in these projects.

8) Website Updates ([www.scrtac.org](http://www.scrtac.org))

- a) Minutes: Can be read and downloaded by clicking on the 'Meeting Minutes' tab.
- b) Upcoming meetings, trainings, etc: Will be posted. Agendas will be posted under the Meeting Minutes tab as well.
- c) Hospital resources: Look for new hospital resources added to the website.
- d) Discussion revolved around the possibility of having a blog or list serve for our membership. Williams is going to look into this and report at the next meeting.

9) New Business: None

10) Next Meeting: May 27, 2008 Meriter Hospital-Bolz Auditorium, 5 PM

11) Adjourn

- a) Motion by Hammes, second by Sears: Unanimous.