

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting Minutes

DRAFT | Subject to approval by the General Membership

Date	Friday, August 21, 2026
Time	8:30 a.m. to 9:58 a.m. Central Time
Format	Virtual meeting via Webex
Presiding	Tracie Halvorsen, Chair Frank Loyo, Coordinator

1. Call to Order, Attendance, and Opening Business

Chair Tracie Halvorsen called the meeting to order. Attendance was recorded through Webex, and quorum was confirmed.

Recorded action: The agenda was approved.

Recorded action: The June 19, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved.

Attendance

The Webex attendance report contained 44 identifiable participants and one unidentified call in connection. Repeated connections were consolidated. The host aliases shown as SCRTAC and coordinator were consolidated under Frank Loyo.

Participant	Affiliation	Participant	Affiliation
Brian Allen		Daniel Anderson	DDEMS
Katie Budack	GRHC	Karmen Bryer	
Cindy Switzer-Cacciapaglia		Melodie Cole	
Matthew Deluhery	ProHealth Care	Thomas Ellison	UW Health
Chris Else		Kelly Faymoville	SSM Health
Becky Hamilton		Angie Heiling	
Tracie Halvorsen	SSM Health	Jakob Hanschu	RF-DASH / NFMC
Ryan Holden		Heather Poker	
Caitlin Killick	SPH	Steven Kliebenstein	Potosi EMS
Morgan Koller		Rosemary C. Kubal	
Laura Kalscheur		Eric Lang	
Frank Loyo	SCRTAC Coordinator	Rob Lulling	Marquette County EMS

Participant	Affiliation	Participant	Affiliation
Carmen Luther		Aurora Lybeck	
Lane Mathson	CCP	Meghan M. McGavin	
Jodi Moyer		Ryan Newberry	UW
Kristin Pointon	DDEMS	Lauren Riesterer	
Abby Salter		Wendi Stitzer	Emplify Boscobel
Mary Tessendorf		Renee Taylor	
Rebecca Utech	SSM Health St. Mary's Madison	Bethany Vermaak	SSM Health
Dustin Weber		Jim Abitz	Southwest Health
Lisa Bennington	Mercyhealth TPC	Betty Brien	UPH-Meriter
Rishelle Eithun		Jorie	Lifestar EMS

Additional Webex entry: Call in User 1, unidentified.

2. Coordinator Report

Frank Loyo reported on the coordinator transition and work to align SCRTAC operations with Wisconsin Department of Health Services Trauma Program requirements. Priorities include clearer regional communication, consistent resource request processes, stronger outreach across the 14 county region, and improved access to SCRTAC information and equipment.

Website and communications. The SCRTAC website has been reorganized to improve usability. Members were asked to review the site, provide feedback, subscribe to SCRTAC communications, and follow SCRTAC social media. The 2026 annual plan and current bylaws will be posted. Local and regional educational opportunities may be submitted to coordinator@scrtac.org for the website calendar and social media.

Regional needs assessment. Members were asked to coordinate one organizational response to the 2026 SCRTAC Regional Needs Assessment by September 7, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Results will guide priorities related to trauma education, injury prevention, preparedness, equipment, and regional coordination.

Resources and support. Information about the 2027 Wisconsin EMS Funding Assistance Program is available on the SCRTAC website. The MCI training kit and trailer are available for regional loan through the website. Members may also submit requests for education, training materials, equipment, and Stop the Bleed needs.

Meeting technology. Webex hosting difficulties were discussed. The coordinator will bring a Microsoft 365 upgrade and future use of Microsoft Teams to the Executive Council for approval.

Frank recognized the Executive Council and Natalie Murphy for their assistance with the website transition and organizational updates.

3. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Lane Mathson reported a current SCRTAC balance of \$56,623.04 and receipt of more than \$35,000 in recent grant funding. The membership was invited to propose interventions, education, or other appropriate uses of available funds that would benefit the region.

Recorded action: The Treasurer Report was approved.

4. Executive Council Update

General Membership Meeting Schedule

The Executive Council proposed returning General Membership meetings to the third Tuesday of each even numbered month beginning in December 2026. The proposal was intended to address reduced participation associated with Friday meetings. Members voted through Slido, with 80 percent supporting the change.

Recorded action: The schedule change was approved and will take effect in December 2026.

Performance Improvement Committee Leadership

The Chair reviewed the need for an active Performance Improvement Committee under the Wisconsin trauma program and the SCRTAC bylaws. Members were encouraged to join the committee and contribute perspectives from EMS, hospitals, physicians, education, and injury prevention.

5. Committee Reports

Education Committee | Laura Kalscheur, Chair

Planning continues for the Trauma Care Across the Continuum Conference on October 27, 2026. The conference will use a hybrid format, with registration fees of \$75 for in person attendance and \$50 for virtual attendance. Continuing education will be offered, and the program will not use breakout sessions. Members were asked to watch for the registration announcement from Laura Kalscheur and Frank Loyo.

Program topics include farm safety, facial trauma, burn injury education, and a Stop the Bleed train the trainer session led by Dan Williams. Members may submit questions or specific educational needs related to prosthetics or burn injuries to Frank Loyo, Tracie Halvorsen, Carmen Luther, or Laura Kalscheur in advance of the December presentation by Angela Gibson, MD.

Injury Prevention Committee | Rishelle Eithun, Chair

Rishelle Eithun reported that 36 of 49 organizations had received requested bike helmets and gun locks. Organizations with unresolved requests were asked to contact her. The committee continues work related to fall prevention, agricultural safety, and child passenger safety. September observances include Falls Prevention Awareness Month and Child Passenger Safety Week.

Members interested in child passenger safety certification courses planned for November, or the hybrid course planned for March and April, should contact Rishelle Eithun for details.

6. Performance Improvement Committee Chair Election

The nomination of Thomas Ellison of UW Health was presented. The Chair invited additional nominations from the General Membership before the vote. Thomas Ellison was elected Performance Improvement Committee Chair for a one year term.

Recorded action: Thomas Ellison was elected Performance Improvement Committee Chair.

Initial areas of interest include injury mechanisms, EMS response metrics, and pediatric computed tomography utilization. Members were encouraged to participate so that the committee can develop meaningful regional performance improvement projects.

7. Featured Education: Farm Safety and Agricultural Emergencies

Jakob Hanschu, MA, Lead Research Specialist with the National Farm Medicine Center, presented on the distinctive risks of agricultural emergencies and the importance of prevention, preplanning, specialized responder education, and coordination across the full continuum of care.

The presentation addressed complex machinery incidents, confined spaces, hazardous chemicals, an aging farm population, youth injury risk, and the low frequency but high consequence nature of agricultural rescue. Case examples illustrated challenges in field rescue, communication during transitions of care, rehabilitation, mental health, return to work, and awareness of opioid related risks among agricultural workers.

Hanschu reviewed the Rural Firefighters Delivering Agricultural Safety and Health program, known as RF-DASH. Its five modules address agricultural emergency fundamentals, farm preplanning with a custom mapping tool, hazard analysis, farm specific first aid, and community outreach. The train the trainer program has reached more than 500 fire and EMS personnel in multiple countries.

The farm emergency information poster provides 911 guidance and space for location and GPS information to support faster dispatch and response. Hanschu emphasized that preparedness messages are most effective when delivered through trusted local relationships, including farmers, families, and rural emergency responders.

Jakob Hanschu will provide the presentation and farm emergency information poster to the coordinator for posting on the SCRTAC website.

8. Member and Partner Announcements

Members were encouraged to share local and regional educational opportunities, update organizational contact information, submit resource requests, and offer suggestions for improving the SCRTAC website. Members with ideas for education or interventions that may merit regional funding should contact Tracie Halvorsen for discussion.

Members were reminded that the MCI training kit and trailer may be reserved through the website and that a Stop the Bleed train the trainer course will be offered during the October 27 conference.

9. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

10. Next Meeting

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2026, in a hybrid format. The in person location will be announced. The meeting notice and agenda will be posted in accordance with applicable Wisconsin Department of Health Services requirements.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. With no objection, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

12. Action Items and Follow Up

The following items were identified for follow up. Dates shown are those stated or reasonably tied to the related meeting or event.

Follow Up	Responsible	Target
Seek Executive Council approval for the Microsoft 365 upgrade and future use of Microsoft Teams.	Frank Loyo	Executive Council follow up
Continue website updates and post the 2026 annual plan and SCRTAC bylaws.	Frank Loyo	Ongoing
Complete one coordinated Regional Needs Assessment response per organization.	Member organizations	September 7, 2026, 11:59 p.m.
Send educational opportunities and contact updates to coordinator@scrtac.org.	All members	Ongoing
Provide feedback and suggestions on website usability and content.	All members	Ongoing
Submit prosthetics or burn injury questions for the December presentation.	Interested members	Before the December program
Join and participate in the Performance Improvement Committee.	Interested members	Ongoing
Contact Rishelle Eithun about child passenger safety certification courses.	Interested members	Before course registration
Contact Rishelle Eithun regarding unresolved helmet or gun lock distribution requests.	Affected organizations	As soon as possible
Share proposals for education or interventions that could appropriately use regional funds.	All members	Ongoing
Send the presentation and farm emergency information poster to the coordinator for website posting.	Jakob Hanschu	After the meeting
Announce registration for the October 27 Trauma Care Across the Continuum Conference.	Laura Kalscheur and Frank Loyo	When registration opens