# Delaware Trauma System Committee Meeting

Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus Dover Delaware

**December 5, 2018 12:30 – 2:30 PM**

**Members Present:** S. Carey*, L. Jones*, R. Mauch*, J. Baxley*, D. Eberly*, J. Whaley*, G. Brennan*, D. Cloney*, K. Collison, E. Alexander*, P. Woods*, E. Johnson*, M. Williams*, M. Jadali*, T. Pearson*

**Alternates/Guests Present**: D. Curtis*, C. Faedtke*, S. Synder*, M. Griffin*, J. Pirrung*, K. Zullo*, M. Pragg*, C. Campbell, K. Abbrescia, J. McCue, M. Mitchell*, C. Rogan*, R. Tatineni*, M. LeNoir*, D. Sofia*, K, Bristowe*, K. Bradley*

**Staff Present**: , M.S. Jones*, S. Murphy*, M. Cipolle*, M. Mendoza*, R. Acquah* **Excused**: L. Ebeling

*Attended Quality Meeting

| Topics | Discussion Leader | Information/Action Plan |
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| **I. Welcome, Introductions**<br>1. Minutes | M.S. Jones for Dr Murphy | The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.<br>The September meeting minutes were accepted as written. |
| **II. New Business** | | |
| 1. Presentation | M.S. Jones | *"Joint Trauma System Combat Casualty Care Conference: A Model for Inclusion, Shared Awareness and Validation"* Developed by COL JEFFREY A. BAILEY MD FACS, American Trauma Society Webinar, October 19, 2018. The American Trauma Society shared this presentation with attendees and, with Col. Bailey, gave permission for its use at this meeting. The original presentation is available online to ATS members at https://www.amtrauma.org/page/ArchivedWebinars . "Colonel Bailey serves as the Interim Director for the Defense Health Agency (DHA) Joint Trauma System and as Special Assistant to the Assistant Director, DHA Combat Support Agency. The Joint Trauma System Combat Casualty Care conference has been held weekly since 2005 and has expanded in scope to be open to all members of the trauma system team. This provides near real time feedback on trauma care outcomes and highlights the critical work registrars perform in assessing and improving outcomes. It serves as a model for inclusion, shared awareness, and validation of the contributions of all members of the trauma system team to improvement of trauma and combat casualty care outcomes."<br><br>Trauma System Committee members who served in the military shared some of their experiences related to the trauma care they provided during active duty. |
| 2. Other New Business | Dr. Murphy | May is National Trauma Awareness Month. The American Trauma Society was instrumental in having May of each year designated as National Trauma Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan and Congress in 1988. |
| **III. Unfinished Business and Reports** | | |
| **A. Unfinished Business**<br>1. Trauma System Legislation | M.S. Jones<br><br>Dr. Bradley | • Trauma System funding: there is no progress to report<br>• Stop the Bleed Funding to buy Stop the Bleed Kits for schools: Dr Bradley and colleagues would like to see Delaware follow Georgia's successful approach to obtain funding from the legislature to purchase kits and tourniquets for all Delaware schools. The project needs a lead to organize efforts and a legislative sponsor to introduce a bill. |

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| | M. Williams | ○ The Office of EMS has bought a Stop the Bleed small kit and two tourniquets for every public and charter school in the state. Distribution plans are being developed.<br>• The term 'trauma-informed care' is being used to refer to recognition of psychological/emotional effects of traumatic incidents of many kinds. The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) in the Department of Health and Social Services is lead. They are also celebrating May as Trauma Awareness Month. Dialogue will continue to see if there is any interface between the Trauma System and this program. |
| 2. Delaware Medical Surge Plan, Trauma/Burns Update | M.S. Jones | There will be 2019 follow-up workshops to the June 2018 table top exercise. More information will follow. |
| 3. Other | M.S. Jones | Nominating Committee volunteers are still needed to identify nominees for Trauma System Committee Chairperson and Trauma System Medical Advisor. Suggestions for term definitions also need to be considered. |
| **B. Trauma System Designation Committee Report** | | |
| **1.** 2018, 2019 ACS site visits | M. Mitchell | Bayhealth Kent and Christiana had their site visits in November. Nanticoke will have theirs in May 2019, and A.I. duPont in October 2019. The Designation Committee has met and letters will be going out soon. |
| **C. Trauma System Quality Evaluation Committee Report** | | |
| 1. Trauma System Registry | M.S. Jones | In 2017 falls (**4,098**) were the leading cause of injury hospitalization in the Trauma System Registry, followed by motor vehicle crashes (1,709). There were also 235 pedestrian injuries, 233 motorcycle injuries, and 154 bicycle injuries for a total of **2331** highway injuries. |
| 2. Data - Research | | There are no data requests or research to present at this time. |
| **D. Networking Highlights** | | |
| 1. State EMS Medical Director | K. Abbrescia, K. Bristowe for R. Megargel | The new ALS standing orders went into effect on November 1, 2018.<br>BLS standing orders will go into effect on January 1, 2019. |
| 2. Office of EMS | M. Jones | The opioid program is the priority for the Office of EMS at this time. A new office within the EMS and Preparedness Section is planned to handle emerging health issues including opioids. |
| 3. Public Health Preparedness | | No report |
| 4. Office of Highway Safety | | No report |

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| 5. Injury Prevention<br>Safe Kids | J. McCue | • The Playground Safety Program for kindergarten thru second grade is very popular. 85 programs have been conducted reaching 1,530 children, another 14 programs are scheduled, and additional schools are waiting.<br>• Safe Kids New Castle County is working on an injury prevention presentation for childcare workers. The program will cover drowning prevention, bike safety, gun safety, poison prevention, medication safety, child passenger safety and child proofing/toy safety. The program should be ready by the end of March.<br>• A Child Passenger Safety Technician Course will be held on four subsequent Mondays in Cheswold beginning March 25. Contact Jen or Linda Heinold in the Office of EMS for more information. |
| Rural Health | K. Collison | A group of partners have been working on purchasing reflective vests for children in the Amish community to improve safety when they walk on the rural roads of Kent County. |
| Coalition for Injury Prevention | M.S. Jones | The Coalition will meet on January 5, 2019. The speaker will be Jim Lombardo, Sussex County paramedic, talking about the injury prevent initiatives taking place in the ALS community in Sussex County. |
| Saint Francis Healthcare | M. LeNoir | SFH has partnered with State Police Detective Adrienne Owen to tape two short videos to bring awareness to domestic violence. The videos will be placed on social media sites. |
| 6. DE Chapters American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma & American Trauma Society | M. Cipolle<br>S. Murphy<br>E. Alexander | • The Delaware Chapter of the American College of Surgeons received a small grant from the College to have a state political educational/advocacy day.<br>• The annual Region 3 Paper Competition is December 8.<br>• There was some delay with TQIP but the reports are out.<br>• There was discussion at the ACS national meeting about gun safety education.<br>• 100% of the trauma surgeons at Kent General have joined ATS. |
| 7. DEMSOC | S. Murphy | The next EMS System NHTSA survey will be in May of 2020/2021 |
| 8. Office of Rural Health | K. Collison | The Coalition for Injury Prevention Falls Prevention Team received the TSC meeting food funds to do a series of four workshops for seniors and senior caregivers on falls prevention in partnership with Easterseals. |
| 9. Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Board/TBI | M. Jones | In 2017 120 Delaware residents received 129 organ transplants. As of July 2018, 428 Delaware residents were waiting for an organ transplant. |
| 10. TSC Member Agencies | J. Baxley | • All 740 troopers have tourniquets and are trained to use them properly. In February the troopers will start training on Trauma Kits.<br>• A new Bell 429 helicopter with two patient capacity has been ordered to replace one of the two current 407's. |
| | M. Mitchell | The Trauma Symposium is scheduled for Wednesday May 1, 2019 |
| **V. Adjourn, Next Meeting** | S. Murphy | The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.<br>**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @12:30, location to be determined** |