Delaware Trauma System Committee Meeting

Delaware Fire School, Dover Delaware

June 20, 2019 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Members Present: L. Jones, M. Mitchell*, M. LeNoir*, E. Alexander*, S. Elwell*, J. Giraldo*, D. Jones*, J. Baxley, D. Cloney*, K. Bradley*, C. Rogan*, K. Boyer, S. Carey*, M. Williams*, R. Mauch*, J. Whaley*

Alternates/Guests Present: D. Curtis*, S. Snyder*, S. Sixta, M. Arford*, B. Waninger, N. Tyndall*, L. Ebeling*, T. Pearson*, D. Matwiejewicz*, P. Woods*, J. McCue, K. Starr-Leach*, M. Baratelle*, J. Hammond*, D. Sofia*, R. Tatineni

Staff Present: M.S. Jones*, S. Murphy, M. Cipolle, M. Mendoza*, R. Acquah* **Excused**: J. Brennan, S. Bundek, K. Collison, T. Cooper, C. Faedtke, R. Megargel, J. Pirrung, M. Jadali*, D. Eberly, K. Abbrescia, J. Cox **Phone:** no phone available

*Attended Quality Meeting

Topics	Discussion Leader	Information/Action Plan
I. Welcome Introductions	M.S. Jones	The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. Introductions were made.
Minutes	M.S. Jones	The December meeting minutes were accepted with revisions to New Business, International Trauma Data Exchange (ITDX).
II. New Business		
A. Presentation - Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Trauma Program, Germany	P. Woods	Pam provided an overview of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Trauma Program where she worked as Trauma Program Manager for two years. Landstuhl, with about 300 beds, is the largest US hospital and only ACS-verified Trauma Center outside of the physical states. She spoke about some of the challenges that she experienced while serving at the facility and described the types of patients they received, the processes of care and patient distribution, and advances made in patient management and data collection while she was there.
B. Other New Business	J. Baxley	Showed new trauma kits that were distributed to every DSP officer (740 total). He also spoke about how the bags would be displayed in the vehicles, what each contains, and the training being provided to the troopers on them.
	S. Elwell	The ACS has again revised physician CME requirements. Whether and how Delaware regulations for surgeon CME's need to match the American College of Surgeons' requirements is now an issue. Before the next meeting, M.S. Jones and S. Elwell will put together information and send out for members to look over and the issue will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.
IV. Unfinished Business and Reports		
A. Unfinished Business		
1. Trauma System Legislation: Stop the Bleed at Legislative Hall, May 14	M.S. Jones	• Representatives from all hospitals, OEMS, and some prehospital agencies worked with Lt. Gov. Hall-Long and staff to plan and hold a second annual Stop the Bleed educational awareness program at Legislative Hall for legislators and staff. The Delaware Chapter, American College of Surgeons, COT provided grant funds to purchase 100 Stop the Bleed shirts and two large Stop the Bleed Kits. Dr. Cipolle and Dr. Murphy presented a kit to the House and the other to the Senate. A Governor's Proclamation naming May 23th as Delaware Stop the Bleed Day, following the National Stop the Bleed Day, and a House Joint Resolution urging Delawareans

		to learn emergency Stop the Bleed actions were presented to the team by the Lt Governor.
	M. Cipolle	• Four firearm bills were introduced to the General Assembly this session. The safe storage bill (House Bill 63) was passed and signed by the Governor. This bill expanded the responsibility of firearm owners so that if a child, person with mental illness, or a felon accesses an improperly stored firearm, the owner will be held responsible for their acts. • The other three bills (HB 68 prohibiting manufacture, sale, offer to sell, transfer, purchase, receipt, possession, or transport of assault weapons in Delaware; HB 69 creating a handgun qualified purchaser card application process; and HB 70 Large Capacity Magazine Prohibition Act) did not get out of committee.
	M.S. Jones	• House Bill 240 would establish the Delaware Gun Shop Project to focus on the role gun shops can play in suicide prevention. If passed, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health would develop materials on suicide prevention to be posted conspicuously and be available for distribution at Delaware gun shops. In 2009, New Hampshire was the first state to develop a statewide "Gun Shop Project," and at least 21 other states now have similar campaigns.
2. Delaware Medical Surge Planning, Trauma/Burns Update	M.S. Jones	• A summary of the Trauma/Burn Surge workshops that took place in March and April was sent out to TSC members. The scenario for both sessions was an event that caused injuries to 200 people. The March half day session focused on management of burn patients and descriptions of hospital internal disaster processes. The April workshop focused on interfacility transport resources and emergency dispatch. Going forward, areas identified for further work will be addressed by work groups for burn management and interfacility transport resources. Volunteers for the work groups are needed. • This year the Medical Surge will focus on pediatrics. The first meeting for this topic is scheduled for July.
3. Other	M.S. Jones	Volunteers for the Nominating Committee have stepped up and will be meeting. Volunteers and nominations to fill the TSC Chair and Trauma System Medical Advisor positions have been requested via an email to all TSC members/attendees. The Medical Advisor must be a physician.
B. Trauma System Designation Committee Report		
1. 2019 site visits	M. Mitchell	Nanticoke staff report that they think their visit went well. The A. I. duPont visit will be in October 2019.
C. Trauma System Quality Evaluation Committee Report		
1. Trauma System Registry	M.S. Jones	M.S. Jones shared Delaware Trauma System Registry data. Falls are the leading cause of injury hospitalizations for all ages. The number of patients cared for by the Trauma System continues to increase each year. Despite this, mortality rates for all patients, and also for the subgroups of teens/children and seniors, have each decreased significantly over time. Delaware children ages 0-4 years had the highest rate of pediatric injury hospitalizations over the timeframe presented of 2010 through 2018. In 2018 the 1-2 year old range had the most pediatric admissions. The majority of admissions had lower Injury Severity Scores (mild and moderate injuries) and the under 1 year old group had the highest percentage of critical injuries.
1. Research	M.S. Jones	There is no Delaware research to share at this time but an article in the Journal of Emergency Medicine "Should Age Over 70 be a Trauma Team Activation Criterion?" described research conducted by a group in Los Angeles who found that the majority of injured patients in this age group had significant injuries. The recommendation

		was that age over 69 should be a standalone activation criterion.
D. Networking Highlights		
1. State EMS Medical Director	R. Megargel	Nothing to report at this time.
2. Office of Public Health Preparedness	M.S. Jones for B. MacDonald	• There is a full scale exercise on Receiving, Staging and Storing the Strategic National Stockpile September 26-28 at the Delaware Tech Dover and Stanton campuses. • The Public Health Preparedness Symposium is on November 14 at Delaware Tech Dover campus. • The Homeland Security and Preparedness Symposium was May 13-14 where Beth participated on an Access and Functional Needs Planning panel.
3. Office of EMS	M.S. Jones	The new Office of Health Crisis Response is currently hiring staff.
4. Office of Highway Safety	M.S Jones for R. Klepner	• There have been 41 vehicle fatalities statewide this year, as compared to 44 at this same time last year. Motorcycle and pedestrian fatalities are both slightly higher this year. • The legislative focus right now is proposed marijuana legislation. • A bill that applies three updates to the Ignition Interlock Law just passed both chambers and is waiting to be signed by the Governor: http://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/9157
5. Injury Prevention	K. Boyer	• Christiana Care's Trauma Survivors Network is up and running. This program is a chapter of the national ATS Trauma Survivors Network program and offers support and resources for trauma patients and families. • Christiana's Stop the Bleed program is working to train more instructors so they can reach and educate more people. The class ratio is one instructor to every ten students. • Christiana and Nemours/ A. I. duPont Hospitals are currently conducting a Violence Prevention elementary school program. The pilot program that was conducted this spring went very well.
Safe Kids	J. McCue J. Whaley	• Jen has conducted 156 programs, checked 121 car seats, is creating a water safety blog, writing an article for the News Journal on dangers of leaving children in cars, and next week will begin conducting Safety Towns. • Safe Kids DE New Castle County will be teaming with Caesar Rodney High School to create safety videos. • Safe Kids Sussex County conducted their annual Safe Kids Day at Lowes in Lewes on June 8th. One of the big attractions was their hot car display.
Coalition for Injury Prevention	M.S. Jones	The next meeting of the Coalition for Injury Prevention is August 6 at the Office of Emergency Medical Services. The speaker will be Paul Eichler from the Fire Sprinkler Coalition.
Falls Prevention Team	D. Curtis	This team will soon be planning for the 2019 Fall Prevent Awareness Day in September.
6. DE Chapters American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma & American Trauma Society	S. Murphy/M. Cipolle M. Baratelle	• The DE ACS Chapter continues to work on increasing their membership. Their new Executive Director is Sandy DelCoglin. Delaware was one of three states recognized at the Leadership and Advocacy Summit to highlight their activities for the year. • The American Trauma Society of Delaware is offering two Injury Prevention Grants of $500 each.
7. DEMSOC	S. Murphy	• DEMSOC reporting included updates on activities done in response to past NHTSA EMS System

	M. Williams	reviews. The next review will be in 2020 or 2021. They are mandated by law to be done every 5 years. • Megan reviewed bills on various aspects of the opioid epidemic that are being considered by the legislature.
8. DPH Office of Rural Health	M. S. Jones for K. Collison	Delaware has received the State Rural Health federal grant again and expects to be able to continue to support the Trauma System with injury prevention and TSC meeting networking lunches.
9. Brain Injury Association	M. Williams	A bill that will allow the Brain injury Association and Governmental Committees to access data specific to brain injuries through the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) has been introduced. This topic was explored years ago in terms of use of Trauma Registry data but the BIAD wanted data that the Trauma System Registry does not collect including patient names and all ED visits so the idea did not go forward.
8. Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Board	J. Hammond	OTDAB provided funds for a Department of Education high school student video contest on the importance of organ donor designation. The winners received college scholarships.
10. TSC Member Agencies	M.S. Jones	• J. Cox is retiring from Sussex EMS and will be working fulltime for LifeNet. • Delaware State Police received their three year Air Medical Service recertification. • LifeNet's recertification must be completed by August 1.
V. Adjournment	S. Murphy	The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.
Next Meeting		Wednesday, September 04, 2019 @12:30, Fire School