

OREGON STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 27, 2006
Portland State Office Building, Portland, Oregon

Members Present:

Mary Barnum, RN; Will Bean, RN; Susan Benedict, RN; Brian Graunke, EMT-P; Christine Heyen; John Hopkins, Jon Jui, MD; Christoph Kaufmann, MD; Nathan Kemalyan, MD; Susan Leathers, RN (teleconference); Paul LeSage, EMT-P; Robert Read, MD (Vice Chair); Ritu Sahni, MD; Martin Schreiber, MD; Richard Urbanski, MD (teleconference).

OHD Staff Present:

Jeanne Arana, Susan Werner, Raelene Jarvis (recorder).

Absent:

Merlin Curry, EMT-P; Dilantha Ellegala, MD; Andrea Halliday, MD; Daniel Hamre, MD; Kerry Keeler, MD; William Long, MD; Carla Smith, MD; Kevin Van Syoc, EMT-P.

In attendance:

Cyndi Halaas; Maureen Harrahill, RN; Bobbie O'Connell, RN; Ameen Ramzy, MD; Mark Anderson, RN; Tim Stumm, Ted Raschkes, RN; Britton Frome, MD; Steve Madey, MD; John Browne, MD; Shaun Baird, EMT-P.

Dr. Reed, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:25 am.

Review of Minutes – Dr. Read

A motion was made to approve the STAB minutes as distributed. The motion seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Health Services Report – Susan Werner

- 1. New Members:*** Susan Benedict, RN; Dilantha Ellegala, MD; Andrea Halliday, MD; Christoph Kaufmann, MD. Those present introduced themselves.
- 2. John Hopkins:*** Announced his retirement and resignation from STAB.
- 3. OAR revisions:*** Further meetings to discuss updates and changes will be held in April/May.
- 4. Oregon Trauma Registry:*** Lancet Technologies has signed the contract to provide Trauma One as the new web-based Oregon Trauma Registry. Data will reside on the DHS server; OHSU will have their own server and will upload patients on a regular basis. All existing data will be converted to the new registry format. Education for the users will be forthcoming this summer.

A meeting with the company's program managers is scheduled for February 12th.

ACTION: There was a motion to thank the State for finalizing the Trauma Registry contract. The motion was seconded and vote was unanimous.

ATAB Reports:

1. ATAB 1 – The last meeting was January 9th. The trauma plan is being updated. There was consensus that two Level I trauma hospitals are needed. Prehospital and hospital communication issues were discussed. Dr. Dunn presented an update on POLST forms, and it was recommended that he attend STAB.
2. ATAB 2 – The last meeting was January 19th. ATAB 2 is completing a study on interfacility transfers by air and ground.
3. ATAB 3 – No report.
4. ATAB 5 – The last meeting was January 20. There was discussion regarding the use of pelvic slings and advanced directives vs. POLST form.
5. ATAB 6 – Last meeting was January 17. Discussions on autolaunch, which is not yet implemented, but the preparatory work is complete. HRSA drills are scheduled for Feb 14-16. Case review of trauma deaths and deaths in the field. Performing trauma education in the schools.
6. ATAB 7 – The last meeting was in November. The next meeting is next week. A letter was sent from the ATAB to the regional hospitals recommending use of the FAST exam, which many hospitals do not have. Topics for future discussion and implementation include appropriate hospital response to field activations (mandatory vs. discretionary) and adding autolaunch to the ATAB plan.
7. ATAB 9 – The last meeting was November 21st. Patient cases were reviewed and education regarding the collection of forensic evidence was provided.

ACTION: For information only.

State EMS Committee Report – Jon Jui, MD

- Board of Medical Examiners and DHS are developing positive relationships.
- The NTSA evaluation is scheduled for March 13 for the “State of EMS” review. The last review was 12 years ago.
- EMS Medical Director meeting was held in Bend.
- An EMS task force will meet to discuss the state's EMS all hazards response plan.
- EMS Statutes and Administrative Rules are being reviewed.
- ATABs will be recommending EMTs for SEMSC membership, as the membership is updated and positions refilled. Physicians will be nominated by the Board of Medical Examiners.
- A surgeon representative from STAB was accepted to join SEMSC.

Discussion: Ms. Arana shared that the state's public health preparedness office is coordinating the medical annex portion of the state trauma plan, evaluating the existing authority and what needs to be contained in the ideal response plan. It is

currently an internal planning process. Ms. Arana is now a voting member of the state's Interoperability Council, a new governor's task force.

There was discussion regarding STAB's role in trauma disaster preparedness, including assisting with preparation, reviewing plans, giving technical assistance, and helping the ATABs coordinate their planning. Clarifying STAB's identity will help determine the desired directions for the committee, and lead to an appropriate choice of projects.

ACTIONS: Ms. Arana will present the state public health's expectations of this committee at the January meeting. Ms. Arana will schedule a meeting for Dr. Jui and the STAB chairman to talk with Dr. Susan Allen and Dr. Grant Higginson.

ATAB chairs are to report at the next STAB on their coordination of efforts with the HRSA Preparedness coordinators.

Air Medical Transport Committee – Dr. Ameen Ramzy

The group is working on a map of air medical resources. A new helicopter service will be based in the Corvallis area.

OLD BUSINESS

Burn Inclusion Criteria – Dr. Nathan Kamalyan

Burn injuries will be formally added to the Trauma Registry.

ACTION: Ms. Jarvis and Ms. Werner will meet with Dr. Kamalyan and Burn Center staff and will draft trauma registry inclusion criteria.

Use of Midlevel Practitioners – Susan Werner

ACTION: Ms. Werner will write a letter to follow up last meeting's discussion.

Warfarin Protocol – Dr. Ritu Sahni

ACTION: Dr. Sahni will review the guideline with Tom DeLoughery and will report back to the committee.

Guidelines for Use of a Tourniquet – Dr. Robert Read

A handout distributed with draft guideline. In the military, the focus is on a hemorrhage control protocol.

ACTION: Dr. Schreiber will update and return the draft. The committee will review and provide comments to Dr. Schreiber.

Guidelines for use of a Pelvic Sling – Dr. Ameen Ramzy

No report.

Discussion: Pelvic slings are already in use by prehospital. Use of a pelvic sling for interfacility transfers is recommended.

ACTION: Dr. Ramzy will draft a guideline and report back to STAB.

Air Medical Transportation of Non-Life Threatening but Time Sensitive Trauma – Susan Werner

Handout distributed as final draft. Discussion concluded that, with minor modifications, the handout is in final form.

ACTION: Ms. Werner will draft the final changes. Dr. Ramzy will present the guideline to the state's Air Medical Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Hand Call – Drs. Madey and Dr. Frome, OHSU

Dr. Steve Madey, a Portland orthopedist who specializes in hand surgery, presented a guideline for seeking tertiary referral for patients with severe injuries to the hand that are time-sensitive in nature. Dr. Madey stated that he and his partner, Dr. Britton Frome provide emergency hand surgery for this patient population. OHSU also provides orthopedists trained in hand surgery.

Discussion: It was noted that this guideline is permissive in nature, and it provides an option for physicians who are seeking definitive care for a patient with a severe hand injury. Drs. Madey and Frome are willing to take emergency hand call, and will respond to these types of patients within the parameters of the diagram. It was determined, however, that it is appropriate for the local orthopedist or general surgeon to examine the patient and to contact the physician of choice. Further discussion is necessary regarding whether these patients should be entered in the trauma system, and/or reported to the Trauma Registry.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to circulate an updated version of the draft Hand Trauma Resource Guideline to the ATABs for feedback. Written comments can be forwarded to Susan Werner. Review at April STAB meeting.

Meeting Schedule: Proposed Changes – Dr. Ameen Ramzy

Proposal to change STAB meetings to the 3rd Friday of the month each quarter:

Thursday, April 21, 2006 Portland State Office Building

Friday, July 21, 2006 Portland State Office Building

Friday, October 20, 2006 Portland State Office Building

ACTION: A motion was made to change the STAB meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Election of Officers – Susan Werner

Nominations were accepted for the position of Chair and Vice Chair for a 2-year term.

Nominations for Chair: Dr. Robert Read

Nominations for Vice-Chair: Mary Barnum; Dr. Rick Urbanski

Mary Barnum declined the nomination.

ACTION: The nominations were accepted. Dr. Read was elected with a unanimous vote. Dr. Urbanski was elected with a unanimous vote.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Recorder: Raelene Jarvis, RN, Trauma Coordinator, DHS