

**Minnesota Metropolitan Regional Trauma Advisory  
Committee MMRTAC  
May 25, 2023**

**Attendance**

Chris Ballard, Tammi Gallagher, Jon Gipson, Corrie Sybrant, John McCormick-Dean, Rachelle Damle, Charlie Lick, Uroghupatei Iyegha, Laura Anderson, Lisa Pearson, Laura Plasencia, Kim Killian, John Kregles, Heidi Altamiano, Robin Talley, Nancy Nyberg, David Larson, Melanie Smalley, Heidi Altamirano, Rachel Payne

**Others Present**

Greg Hayes

**1. Call to order**

Dr. Gipson, Chair called meeting to order. 7:04.

Recognize Dr Larson for his successful career and serving the EMS field.  
Dr Gipson recognized the anniversary of the George Floyd murder and what that meant to our field and the positive outcomes.

**2. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

There was an approval by Charlie Lick and a Second was by Dr. Gipson

**3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

**4. Old Business**

**a. STAC Update**

MMRTAC is updated from the March meeting. Chris provided an update for the next meeting. A Legislative update on the impact to MDH and a additional position of a Designation Coordinator. There will be continued discussion on the challenges faced by the healthcare system. The focus is on Rural hospital Administrators to help raise awareness on the trauma system and improve relationships. STAC will have some open positions. Chris suggested that individuals in this group think about filling an open position. Chris discussed the MN field triage guidelines to provide an update. The group is looking at making some updates to the current plan. STAC will be reviewing the Level 4 criteria as well as an updated list of patients for admission. Dr. Gipson asked for input from the hospitals in the room on the Level 4 criteria.

North Memorial/ Maple Grove uses a Green, Yellow, Red type of system for trauma patients.

Region's update is similar to the criteria as North Memorial to keep the doors

open to trauma.

Hennepin Healthcare is refusing more than they would like.

UMMC reporting the same issues with bed availability and working to spread out the patient load.

Childrens has been open and able to manage the surges.

Discussion of a telehealth concept for trauma. Concept not utilized but is an idea.

Chris Ballard discussed that there is a need to look at Level 3 Trauma centers to help with the patient volume issue. Discussion regarding the challenges that Surgeons at the lower-level hospitals are resistant to Trauma patients based off of specialty and skills. Recommendation would be a "State of the State" regarding Trauma services from MDH.

**Dr. Gipson is looking for a workgroup to discuss and identify decision criteria to look at load leveling within the system related to trauma. The goal will be to refresh/ create criteria for Trauma transfers.**

EMS Medical Directors meeting in September which might be a good opportunity to discuss this issue.

Issues were raised to MDH on trauma education for Nurses. The ER nurses have the training however the floor Nurses need the specialty training.

**b. Minnesota State Fair update**

Update given on the event. Looking for ideas for giveaways. Give away TQ's, stop the bleed kits, stickers, etc. Greg will investigate items.

**5. New Business**

**a. Dr. David Larson Retirement- Replacement Nomination for Dr. Greg Peterson to represent the Emergency Physicians.**

**b. STAC Trauma Triage Guidelines**

Discussion on the National Triage guideline. Chirs Ballard said that the STAC guidelines will be updated which will look different than the National Guidelines. Discussion on the challenges. Dr. Gipson suggested the Triage guidelines should include.

**c. EMS Update**

Update given on the EMS Plans as it relates to East and West MRCC developing a common procedure for notifications. No deadline yet for implementation. Issues discussed with the information from EMS to the Hospital through MRCC. The group was discussing more information than

currently being relayed.

Discussion on the challenges of responding to an act of violence and the coordination of disciplines. Based on the Uvalde report the struggles of a true Unified Command exist nationally and locally. The ask was to

**d. Stop the Bleed (STB) in Schools**

A few classes throughout the metro in the schools as well as public safety agencies. Community groups and church groups

**e. 2023 Goals**

**i. Continue Pediatric and Geriatric resources workgroups**

Update given on a resource document that identifies what nationally being done and resources. The hope is at the next MMRTAC meeting to have a draft review.

**f. Web Site**

Update given on the website and the

**Dr Gipson made a motion to update the web site. Greg will work on updates.**

**g. EMS to ED Handoff- MIST format- not discussed – hold for next meeting**

Update given by Dr McCormick find the old information on the patient hand off. Discussion on IMSIT AMBO

**6. Updates**

**a. Local Updates – Hospitals, System, EMS**

No Updates given.

Meet Adjourned 8:45am

**Next meeting:** August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment at 9:00 a.m.**