

Present: Deanna Opstedahl; Dr. Jeannete Viney; Dr. Jeff Sather; Dr. Szlabick; Howard Walth; Theo Stoller; Shelley Killen; Amy Eberle; Leigh LaRoque; Rhonda Gunderson; Deb Syverson; Vicky Black; Toby Jezzard; Dr. Derek Kane; Amanda Schlosser; Lori Huber; Mary Waldo

Absent: Dr Briggs; Lori Seim; Mariann Doeling; Jarad Marquardt; William Vasicek; Margo Maxon; Kelly Dollinger; Todd Porter; Brady Scribner; Joe Eliason; Jody Ward; Wade Kadrmas

Welcome and Introductions:

Review of Minutes: Updates from Vicky. Dr. Szlabick motion for approval. Second by Dr. Sather. No Discussion. Motion passes unopposed.

STC Vacancies:

- Mary: We currently have four vacancies on the Committee: SE Regional Chair, Indian Health Services, American Academy of Pediatrics, and ADHOC member. Deb has a recommendation for the American Academy of Pediatrics and Vicky has someone for the SE Regional Chair. Are there any recommendations for an ADHOC member?
- Dr. Szlabick: suggested looking for an OB/GYN or other specialty that may be helpful.
- Deb Syverson: agreed with Dr. Szlabick and suggested Orthopedics or Neuro Surgery as neither speciality is represented but both are highly important for trauma care.
- Howard Walth: two recommendations for the Indian Health Services
- Mary: will reach out to American Academy of Pediatrics and IHS of Aberdeen for approval of candidates. SE Regional Chair will need to be voted into office at the next Regional Meeting in October.

Trauma Rules Update:

- Mary: No new update. The rules remain at the AG's office. The AG's is working on a number of projects for the DEMS team and has had to prioritize them.
- Dr. Szlabick: These rules have been in process for years, this is nothing new.

Site Visits and Designations:

- Mary: The plan remains to start virtual site visits in the fall and early winter. Mary is working on a plan, likely zoom will be the platform used.
- Vicky: Expressed concern over not being in person for the site visits. Questioned if we will return to in person in the future.
- Mary: Discussed the potential for in person in the future, or even the possibility of a hybrid option. Some of our surrounding states have gone virtual with no plan to return to in person. Virtual is saving the states money and physician time.

- Dr. Szlabick: A lot of things will never return to our old normal. ACS is doing virtual with no plans for returning to inperson because it saves so much money. Also, we need to be cautious as the Delta variant is in our state and our numbers are increasing again.

Trauma Treatment Manual:

- Deb: Discussed issues with emailing the files to the work group. Will rescan into different files and then email to Mary for disbursement.
- Mary: Our goal should be to have it completed before the Trauma pre-conference in October.

Rural Trauma Team Development:

- Mary: Discussed RTTD related to the budget and how it was a vulnerable line item as only a fraction of the amount budgeted gets spent as allotted. We need to develop a plan to either increase our RTTD offerings across the state or else consider re-allocating those funds. We would hate to lose any money that has been budgeted for trauma. It may mean we get creative in offering a course and collaborate as a group; in order to do this the RTTD grant policy would need to be updated but that is any easy thing to accomplish.
- Howard Walth: Discussed challenges with providers time as it relates to ATLS and RTTD.
- Deb Syverson: Agreed with Howard. Also discussed that they have offered the course on the Minnesota side as their trauma program was newer in comparison to ND.
- Dr. Szlabick: Discussed importance of the program and that Altru has offered the class in every facility in the NE region.
- Mary: Moving forward, let's brainstorm for potential instructors to see if there is enough interest to even pursue holding courses. We will discuss at our next meeting.

EMS Protocols:

- Mary: The ND State EMS Protocols are under revision. I would like for at least one person, maybe two, who would be willing to eyeball the trauma related protocols. Howard, would be an excellent person with his background in EMS. There are only a handful of them and I could drop off a hardcopy of the protocols with the trauma sections highlighted.
- Howard: Agreed to look over the trauma portion of the protocols.

Other Business:

ESO:

- Mary: Discussed ongoing issues with ESO and working through them with the company. This is not an isolated ND issue and seems to be the theme across the states who used CDM prior to ESO purchasing the company. Some states are having serious issues and are looking for another vendor, we are not yet at that point.

Injury:

- Deb Syverson: We have seen a major increase in our motor vehicle crashes this year. Discussed collaborating with Injury Prevention for possible education or to collaborate that it is trending across the state.

- Howard: A great resource would also be Vision Zero personnel.

Upcoming Events:

- ND Statewide Trauma Conference in Minot - October 6th & 7th, 2021, pre-conference October 5th, Critical Skills Lab October 6th

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 15th at 12:00 pm (CST)

- Mary: We will plan for an in person meeting
- Vicky Black: Discussed start time, in the past the in person meetings started at 10:00AM and went into the afternoon.
- Dr. Szlabick: Agreed with earlier start time and meeting extending into the mid afternoon. Also discussed travel times for those living on the eastern part of the state.
- Mary: Discussed agenda items and there might not be enough to have meeting lasting 4 hours or more. Mary will develop an agenda and email to both Dr. Sather and Dr. Szlabick by next Wednesday. From there it will be determined if the meeting will be in person or virtually.

Motion to Adjourn: Amy Eberle

Second: Howard Walth

Meeting adjourned unopposed.