



MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
APRIL 20, 2016 - 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sean Dort, MD, St. Rose Siena Hospital, Chair	John Fildes, MD, University Medical Center
Kim Dokken, RN, St. Rose Siena Hospital	Abby Hudema, RN, University Medical Center
Chris Fisher, MD, Sunrise Hospital	Alma Angeles, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Dineen McSwain, RN, University Medical Center	Senator Shirley Breeden, Public Representative
Sajit Pullarkat, Centennial Hills Hospital	Margaret Russitano, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Eric Dievendorf, Paramedic, AMR	Frank Simone, Paramedic North Las Vegas Fire.
Erin Breen, Transportation Research Center, UNLV	Danita Cohen, University Medical Center

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Carrison, DO, MAB Chairman

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager	Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director
Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esquire	Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Mike Bernstein, SNHD – OCDPHP	Lei Zhang, Public Health Informatics Scientist
Tony Fredrick, MD, Medical Epidemiologist	Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Maya Holmes, Culinary Union	Jason Driggars, AMR/MWA
Jennifer Renner, RN, HCA Healthcare	Alistair Chapman, MD, University Medical Center
Patricia S., University Medical Center	

CALL TO ORDER – NOTICE OF POSTING

The Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) convened in the Red Rock Trail Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District, located at 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, on April 20, 2016. Chairman Dort called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Dort noted that a quorum was present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are allowed to speak on Action items after the Board’s discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Board on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Board on behalf of the group. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted. Chairman Dort asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items listed on the Agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Dort stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the RTAB that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Approve Minutes/Regional Trauma Advisory Board Meeting: 02/24/2016

Chairman Dort asked for approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2016 meeting. *A motion was made by Member Dokken, seconded by Member Pullarkat and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written.*

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Committee Report: Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership 04/11/2016

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Discussion of Injury Prevention Emphasis Areas Resource List
3. Update on Trends in Non-Accidental Trauma
4. Analysis of Trauma Data in Nevada: Bicycle Crashes, Helmets and Implications for Public Health
5. Update on Prescription Drug Abuse
6. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Mike Bernstein stated there was an issue with the agenda items listed under the SNIPP Committee report so he will only be giving an update on items 3, 5, and 6.

Mr. Bernstein updated the Board on prescription drug abuse in Southern Nevada. He reported that SB459 which relates to controlled substances, passed in the last legislative session. It authorizes certain health care professionals to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist, and provides immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline for such prescribing for people who seek medical assistance for a person who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose. He added that he has been in contact with Jamie Ross who is the executive director of PACT (Prevention Advocacy Choices Treatment) who has done a lot of work in the area of drug abuse in Southern Nevada and they are moving forward with training doctors on procedures regarding the prescription drug monitoring program. Additionally some time later this year, Walgreens is embarking on a national program to take back unused prescription medication nationally. Certain specifications need to be in place such as they must remain open 24/7, and a pharmacist needs to be on duty. Mr. Bernstein noted that in 2008, Project Lazarus was started in Wilkes County, NC. Their public health model is based on the premise that drug overdose deaths are preventable and that all communities are ultimately responsible for their own health. By 2011 they had reduced opioid deaths by a significant number by working on this project. He expressed the fact that he has had several conversations with the Executive Director of Project Lazarus, who is willing to attend an SNHD committee meeting via teleconference to discuss how they obtained funding and organized stakeholders.

Mr. Bernstein advised the Board that he will be retiring in a couple of months so this will be his last RTAB meeting. He added that he will be staying involved in suicide prevention.

Dr. Dort thanked him for all his years of service and stated that he has done outstanding work. Dr. Fildes thanked him as well and added that he was one of the first people he met 20 years ago at the Health District. He noted that Mr. Bernstein can look back at his legacy of having saved a lot of lives.

Dineen McSwain gave an update on trends in non-accidental trauma. She reported that since January, there have been 3 abuse deaths just in her facility alone. They are discussing ways on how to educate and prevent child abuse by trying to develop outreach that is in conjunction with Prevent Child Abuse Nevada. She stated that April is National Prevent

Child Abuse Awareness Month, and there are several events planned. Go Blue Day was held on April 9th at Town Square and the next Go Blue Day is scheduled for April 30th at the Container Park. She added that they are kicking around ideas on how to keep that one month alive 12 months a year and will be discussing it in more detail at their next meeting. Within her facility, they have introduced a handbook "Take a timeout" that goes out with every pediatric patient that is released from the hospital even in maternal/child. It provides resources, information on how to take that step back if you find yourself in a situation

Mr. Bernstein announced that the next SNIPP meeting will be on July 11, 2016.

B. Committee Report: Trauma System Advocacy Committee 03/15/2016

1. Discussion of Fiscal Needs for the Southern Nevada Trauma System
2. Discussion of Committee's Position on the Pending Trauma Center Applications for Initial Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma from Centennial Hills Hospital, Mountain View Hospital, and Southern Hills Hospital

Ms. Breen stated that they are actively discussing fiscal needs for the trauma system. The Committee discussed different strategies to plan for the next legislative session including revisiting the bill and minutes from the prior legislative session and to meet with the insurance companies and well as the legislatures.

She advised the Board that they do not have a formal statement with regard to their position on the pending trauma center applications because they didn't have quorum for a vote.

C. Renewal of Authorization of St. Rose Dominican-Siena Campus as a Level III Trauma Center

St. Rose Dominican-Siena Campus submitted an application requesting to continue to operate as a Level III trauma center. John Hammond informed the Board the St. Rose Dominican-Siena Campus has met all the requirements for renewal of authorization and the SNHD Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System staff recommends approval of its application. Kim Dokken requested the Board's approval.

Chairman Dort asked for a motion to approve the renewal of authorization of St. Rose Dominican-Siena Campus as a Level III Trauma Center. Motion made by Member Fildes, seconded by Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

D. Trauma Field Triage Criteria Data Report

Mr. Hammond referred the Board to view the various TFTC reports for the fourth quarter of 2015 that were available in their member packets. He reported there were a total of 1,515 transports; 1439 adult; and 76 pediatric. For the special considerations population there were 233 adult and 2 pediatric transports. For mechanism there were 909 adult and 70 pediatric transports. For Anatomical there were 145 adult and 1 pediatric transports. For physiological there were 152 adult and 3 pediatric transports. The total out of area transports is hovering around 4%, which is adequate according to the standards of the RTAB. He added that each individual hospital also has their dispositions listed in the reports included in the handouts.

E. Nominations for Standing Members and Non-standing RTAB Member Seats for Terms Expiring June 20, 2016

Chairman Dort suggested having a meeting at a later date to give them time to review the applications. Mr. Hammond agreed and stated he would send out a query to the Standing Members about a date and time.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Report from Emergency Medical Services Representative

Eric Dievendorf stated there were no items to report.

B. Report from General Public Representative

Senator Shirley Breeden stated there were no items to report.

C. Report from Non-Trauma Center Hospital Representative

Sajit Pullarkat stated there were no items to report.

D. Report from Rehabilitation Representative

Margaret Russitano stated there were no items to report.

E. Report from Health Education & Prevention Services Representative

Dineen McSwain reported that the following events are planned for the upcoming month:

April 30 – Kickoff for bike safety month in May

May 14 – Pedestrian and Bike Safety event at the Boulevard Mall

May 21 – Bike safety event at Frias Elementary School including a walk/run starting at 6:00am

May 21 – Bike event at Craig Ranch Park in North Las Vegas where they will be giving out free helmets.

Mr. Bernstein reported that at the last SNIPP meeting there was a presentation on firearm injury in Clark County. It was put together by Monica Adams, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the CDC as well as Ying Zhang, Senior Scientist in the Office of Epidemiology and Lei Zhang, Public Health Informatics Scientist. Mr. Bernstein stated that more than 30,000 people are killed by firearms each year in the U.S. It's the leading cause of death among 10 to 24 year olds; firearm suicide is the leading cause of death for people aged 35 and above. They looked at two different studies to determine the prevalence of firearm mortality in Clark County, and also the means, i.e. suicide, homicide, accidental, gender, age, race, ethnicity and geography. They also looked at how the firearm mortality rates in Clark County compare to other large municipalities in the U.S., and to the U.S. as a whole. Clark County has a higher rate of firearm suicide than the ten largest counties in the U.S. The age adjusted firearm suicide rate is 9.1 per 100,000 people.

Mr. Bernstein summarized the presentation as follows:

- Firearm mortality is a prominent public health problem in Clark County. It is influenced by our substantial suicide rates compared to many other metropolitan areas.
- Clark County has a higher rate of firearm suicide and a lower rate of firearm homicide than the nation. Firearm homicide rate is 3.7 per 100,000 in US and CC is 354 per 100,000 so it is slight lower than national average.
- It is difficult to make comparisons on firearm suicide by legal intervention because there are just a few, and it is unintentional; they only have raw numbers for this category.
- Firearm mortality varies by demographic group. It is most common among males, non-Hispanic whites, and older adults. Among homicide it's most common among non-Hispanic blacks.

Chair Bernstein noted the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention, along with the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention, has embarked on a Reduction of Lethal Means Project to encourage people to lock up their firearms. They have made a lot of progress in working with the firearm shops, ranges, and gun shows in town to increase firearm safety awareness. He added that over 90% of gun owners that attend gun shows are receptive to safe storage. As a result, many of the managers of these businesses have gone through Applied Suicide

Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), as well as having their employees trained in safeTALK, which teaches you to recognize persons with suicide ideations and to connect them to suicide intervention resources.

F. Report from Legislative/Advocacy Representative

Erin Breen reported the following:

Question 1 on the November ballot will be in the State of Nevada to close the loophole for background checks and require that every person buying a firearm online or in a gun show undergo the same background check as you would if you walked into a firearms store.

The primary seat belt bill will once again be introduced by NDOT.

The booster seat law will again be introduced to make our law a model law and require children under the age of 13 to be in the back seat of the vehicle and to raise the booster seat age and weight.

She advised that they are going to introduce a bike helmet law to include scooter riders.

They are going to try and enhance Shirley's law for cell phone usage while you are driving because a \$50 ticket is not working. She stated that they would like to add banning cell phone usage entirely to the graduated drivers licensing bill.

G. Report from Public Relations/Media Representative

Danita Cohen reported that they have 2 billboard campaigns running on digital billboards on the I-15 and the 215. The first one says "Don't text and drive or you will end up with us" at the UMC Trauma Center. The second campaign is to please pull over for EMS and that board says "Pull over life is passing you by".

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically include on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Dort asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dort adjourned the meeting at 03:05p.m.