



Project: Indiana State Trauma Care Committee (ISTCC)

Date: May 20, 2022

Attendance: Committee members present: Lindsay Weaver, MD, FACEP, Chair; (proxy for Dr. Kristina Box, MD, FACOG, Chair); Kraig Kinney, Vice Chair (proxy for Stephen Cox, Vice Chair); David Welsh, MD; Peter Hammer, MD, FACS; Jay Woodland, MD; Darmesh Patel, MD; Lewis Jacobson, MD, FACS; Erik Streib, MD, FACS; Ryan Williams, RN, BSN, EMT-P; Jennifer Konger, (proxy for Lisa Hollister, RN); Kelly Blanton, BSN, RN, CNRN; Scott Thomas, MD; Sarah Hoepfner (proxy for Raymond Cava, MD); Elizabeth Weinstein, MD; Angela Martin, MD; Matthew Landman, MD; Mark Lynch, MD; Justin Koenig, DO; and Andy VanZee

Committee members not present: Kristina Box, MD, FACOG (Chair); Stephen Cox (Vice Chair); Ruban Nirmalan, MD; Joseph Baer, MD; Joanne Leibe, DO; Benjamin McCurdy, MD; Rong Yang, MD; Dave Van Ryn, MD; Christine Toevs, MD ; Michael McGee, MD; Reuben Rutland, MD; Doug Randell; John Francis, MD; Eric Woo, MD; and Jason Kennard, MD; Raymond Cava, MD; Chris Hartman, MD; Roxanna Lefort, MD; and Tony Murray

IDOH Staff Present: Brian Busching, Ramzi Nimry and Trinh Dinh

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed	Action on Follow-up Items
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions – Brian Busching, Director, Trauma and Injury Prevention</p>	<p>Brian Busching called the ISTCC meeting to order at 9:00 am. He asked for everyone in the room to introduce themselves.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from the March 18, 2022, meeting – Lindsay Weaver, MD, FACEP, Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Weaver asked for any changes or corrections to the March 18, 2022, minutes. Hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2022, meeting of the Indiana State Trauma Care Committee. Dr. Lewis Jacobson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, it was seconded by Dr. Erik Streib and approved unanimously by consensus.</p>	<p>Minutes approved as submitted by consensus.</p>	<p>N/A</p>



3. IDOH Updates – Lindsay Weaver, MD, FACEP	Dr. Weaver report there were interviews done with four non-trauma hospitals, Indiana Rural Health Association and the Indiana Hospital Association to explore what issues they are having locally with transfer and transport. After “unknown”, “EMS Issue” was the number one reason hospitals listed as the cause for delay. 50% of the EMS issue were due to the shortage of available ground transportation. Findings were: 1) decreased number of available ambulances, 2) must choose 911 availability over transport, 3) air ambulances for critical transport but risk of bad weather, 4) workforce shortages, 5) decreased availability of training opportunities, and 6) data entry cumbersome and does not allow to get to the true root cause of the delay.	N/A	N/A
4. Performance Improvement (PI) Subcommittee Update – Peter Hammer, MD	Dr. Peter Hammer reported the PI Subcommittee met on May 17, 2022. He provided an update on each of the 2022 PI Subcommittee goals to decrease ED LoS for critical patients at non-trauma centers; increase trauma registry quiz participation; collect hospital level variables; continue EMS run sheet collection; and work with district leadership for PI process development. He listed the hospitals that did not report for Quarter 4 of 2021. The Subcommittee will meet on July 12, September 13, and November 15.	N/A	N/A
5. American College of Surgeons (ACS) Update – Scott Thomas, MD	Dr. Thomas reported that the ACS Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2022 Standards were released in March 2022 with implementation scheduled for September 2022. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the ACS COT have collaborated on criteria for the national guidelines for the field triage of injured patients. He reported on the transport recommendations. There was discussion on when to request an ACS consultation for the state.	N/A	N/A

<p>6. IDHS/EMS Update – Kraig Kinney, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)</p>	<p>Kraig Kinney provided an update on Emergency Medical Services within the IDHS. The EMS Commission sets the policy and provides oversight functions and the IDHS is the administrative agency that handles EMS operations and implements EMS Commission directives. EMS is a section of the Division of Fire and Building Safety that falls under the direction of the State Fire Marshal. Dr. Eric Yazel is the new State EMS Medical Director and continues to serve as the Clark County Health Officer</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>7. Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children Update – Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein</p>	<p>Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein provided an update on Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children. Per the ACS COT Orange Book 2023 in all trauma centers, the emergency department must evaluate its pediatric readiness and have a plan to address any deficiencies. The National Pediatric Readiness Project (NRPR) is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that all US emergency departments have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children. 99% of Indiana hospitals completed the 2021 NRPR assessment. Results can be obtained by contacting the local State Partnership Manager which can be found on the NRPR website.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8. Legislative Update – Blaire Viehweg, Deputy Director, Legislative and External Affairs</p>	<p>Blaire provided an update on SEA 247 – Report on 911 and regionalized trauma systems. The Indiana General Assembly is looking to improve regionalized trauma response across Indiana through collaboration between all parties. SEA 247 requires the IDHS, Department of Health, Integrated Public Safety Commission and Statewide 911 Board to collaborate and make recommendations before October 31, 2022. Recommendations must address improving emergency medical response through increase interoperability of the 911 system and effectiveness of regionalized trauma systems and the systems’ impact on patient care.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>



9. Group Discussion	<p>Dr. David Welsh provided an update on the Governor’s Public Health Commission which is addressing gaps in the delivery of public health services, i.e., better data, workforce issues, funding and trauma care system and jurisdictional barriers.</p> <p>There was discussion on QI improvements throughout the states trauma system, regional trauma councils, regional trauma coordination, district layouts, in-the-process opportunities, data collection and reporting, dashboards, etc.</p>		
10. Next Meeting and Adjournment – Dr. Lindsay Weaver	The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2022. Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Weaver adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.	N/A	N/A