



Trauma Care Commission Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2024 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
IDOH – 8th Floor Kris Box Conference Room

Commission members in attendance in-person or virtual for all or part of the meeting: Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Chair; Jonathan Whitham (virtual); Dr. Dan Rusyniak; Dr. Erik Streib; Andy VanZee, Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein; Dr. Lewis Jacobson; Dr. Emily Fitz; Lisa Hollister; Dr. Matthew Landman (virtual); Dr. David Welsh (virtual); Dr. Scott Thomas; and Dr. Jay Woodland

Commission members not in attendance:

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1. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of August 2, 2024, minutes - Dr. Lindsay Weaver	<p>Dr. Weaver called the Trauma Care Commission (TCC) meeting to order at 10:04 am. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum.</p> <p>She asked for comments and/or changes to the minutes of the August 2, 2024, meeting. Hearing none she entertained a motion for approval. Andy VanZee made a motion for approval, it was seconded by Dr. Jay Woodland and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>	N/A	N/A
2. IDOH Updates & TCC Annual Report - Brian Busching, Director, Trauma & Injury Prevention	<p>Brian asked for approval of the TCC Annual Report. The report is required to be submitted to the Governor's Office and Legislative Council by November 30, 2024.</p> <p>Andy VanZee moved that the TCC Report be approved, it was seconded by Dr. Streib and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>There was also discussion on making the report more widely available to the public when appropriate. It will be posted to the IDOH Trauma and Injury Prevention website as well.</p> <p>Brian provided an update on the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) Program. He introduced the State Coordinator, Moses Baryoh. Moses has completed onboarding training with the CARES team, is customizing the dashboard and getting familiar with Indiana data, is auditing data entries, meeting monthly with the CARES team and participants, and has started outreach to existing participants. The next steps are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop materials to market the program • Continue outreach to existing participants • Begin recruitment of new participants in Q1 2025 <p>Dr. Welsh added that local health departments are working with their hospitals on this program across the state.</p> <p>Kraig Kinney added that CARES also covers non-traumatic injuries. Dr. Weaver stated access to this data will help implement significant changes for cardiac arrests and strokes.</p> <p>Brian provided an update on IDOH Trauma & Injury Prevention (TIP) staffing. Kimberly Huber is the Southern Region Clinical Coordinator, Yuva Ranjith Kumar Edara is</p>		

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	<p>the Trauma Data Analyst. The Northern Region Clinical Coordinator position should be filled by January of 2025.</p> <p>Lauren Milroy, Director of TIP Surveillance and Evaluation, provided an update from the Trauma Systems Epidemiology Team. The team is working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streamlined, comprehensive approach to data quality• Documented standards for data analysis• Expanded, dynamic data products (dashboards)• Leveraging additional data sources <p>Dr. Weaver spoke about the FY26 – FY 27 funding plans. Andy VanZee said the next step is to get more sustainable funding for the state trauma system during the upcoming legislative session.</p>		

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3. Subcommittee Updates	<p>Trauma System Planning Subcommittee Andy VanZee, and Dr. Erik Streib, Co-Chairs, reported the subcommittee met on September 18, 2024.</p> <p>Subcommittee Scope of Work: To promote effective coordination of care (right time/right place), including appropriate hospital triage (with EMS) and timely transfer of critical patients, maintain trauma center designations. Ensure commission reporting is completed and funding is allocated.</p> <p>The Subcommittee meeting agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAC Development (by-laws & focus) • State Trauma Plan (reviewed draft of TCC Annual Report and provided feedback, how to best implement) • Trauma Symposium (December 4 & 5, 2024) • RFA Strategies (Trauma System Development, Quality Improvement, Trauma & Non-Trauma Center Engagement and Injury Prevention Programming) • Trauma System Development, Funding & Future Projects: <p>Injury Prevention & Quality Improvement Project - IU Riley: Store it Safe, Firearm Safety (Statewide) applied for this grant. This program aims to provide clinicians with the education and training on how to talk to patients about the importance of safe firearm storage,</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>as well as providing resources such as firearm lock boxes that can be used to keep families safe. The program improves quality of care by enhancing pediatric clinician intervention with families about safe firearm storage. This project was reviewed by the evaluation team members and subcommittees and is before the TCC for funding approval. Andy VanZee moved that this project be approved, it was seconded by Dr. Lewis Jacobson and passed by a majority roll call vote. Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein, Dr. Erik Streib, Dr. Emily Fitz and Dr. Matt Landman abstained from this vote.</p> <p>Injury Prevention Project – Parkview Hospital: Better Future Clinic, Child Abuse/Maltreatment (Northern Region) applied for this grant. This project aims to provide services and personnel for a child maltreatment medical follow-up visit by a healthcare professional to provide a foster care medical bridge for children suspected of child abuse or neglect. This project was reviewed by the evaluation team members and subcommittees and is before the TCC for funding approval. Dr. Lewis Jacobson moved that this project be approved, it was seconded by Dr. David Welsh and passed by a majority roll call vote. Lisa Hollister abstained from this vote.</p> <p>Andy VanZee reported there is \$2.2 million available for projects in 2025.</p>		

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	<p>He also provided an overview of Whitespace (gap areas) and Level III expansions in process, i.e. Kokomo, Seymour and New Albany. Dr. David Welsh suggested Decatur County hospitals should be considered. After much discussion, the TCC agreed that the Trauma System Planning Committee is authorized to proceed with these projects without prior TCC approval.</p> <p><u>Education & Outreach Subcommittee</u></p> <p>Dr. Jay Woodland and Dr. Matt Landman, Co-Chairs, reported on the subcommittee's work to date.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u> Provide education & outreach to key stakeholders, coordinate with IDOH to utilize data for injury prevention programming, and conduct public awareness campaign.</p> <p>Dr. Jay Woodland provided an update on trainings. There have been 172 student trainings representing 18 hospitals for courses including: ATCN, ATLS, TNCC, RTTDC, ATLS Recert, TNCC Instructor and ENPC for a total of \$40,673.87 in reimbursements. There were 151 seats purchased for TCAR/PCAR for a total of \$43,790. The subcommittee is waiting on a cost scenario for Cadaver Training and the estimated cost is \$16,000.</p>		

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	<p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage more engagement with rural hospitals and their local trauma centers with training opportunities • Rural trauma mobile simulation training (RHIC) – curriculum is in development with trainings to start in early 2025 • Plan to purchase more TCAR/PCAR seats <p><u>Registry Subcommittee</u></p> <p>Lisa Hollister, DNP, MSN, RN, Chair, reported the subcommittee met on September 4 and November 20, 2024. Lisa reported that Summer Blakemore, CSTR, MA, Trauma Data Quality Coordinator at Elkhart General and Missy Smith, BNS, RN, TCRN, Trauma PI Coordinator at St. Vincent will Co-Chair this Subcommittee in the future.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u> Review and maintain data elements of the Indiana Trauma Registry, oversee registry outreach and training for data optimization, and ensure data is valid, accurate and reliable (quality data).</p> <p>The Subcommittee meeting agendas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing critical data elements one-by-one (for trauma and non-trauma centers) • How the Trauma Registry receives the data (facilities may require different training and resources) 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-trauma centers may require more training to upload consistent, valid and reliable data Discussed training – statewide data collectors need extra training EMS run sheet issue Trauma dashboards piloted Quarterly reports to be sent to each hospital before the end of 2024 Routine educational webinars <p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet in January 2025 Review Strategy 5 of State Trauma System Plan Discuss rehab data opportunities <p>Performance Improvement (PI) Subcommittee</p> <p>Dr. Eric Yazel and Dr. Scott Thomas, Co-Chairs, reported the subcommittee met on September 12, 2024.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u></p> <p>In coordination with other subcommittees to identify quality measures, disseminate best practices, provide hospital and system-wide reports of quality measures, and develop a statewide PI plan.</p> <p>The Subcommittee meeting agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAPID pilot update – structure, coverage area, etc. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital dashboard – able to pilot with a few facilities, awaiting feedback • Georgia TQIP collaborative discussion • Communication between EMS, Trauma Centers, Non-trauma Centers and Post Acute Care (LTC) • Data elements sheet <p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet on January 9, 2025 • EMS run sheets • Review PI data elements • Post acute care data points <p><u>Disaster Preparedness & Military Integration Subcommittee</u></p> <p>Dr. David Welsh, Co-Chair, reported on the subcommittee's work to date.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u> Assess capabilities to partner and coordinate with military and disaster preparedness stakeholders statewide, and plan and implement opportunities associated with preparedness and disaster planning including coordination of response with TRACs.</p>		

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	<p>The Subcommittee meeting agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back on night-time mass casualty event • Members to bring two goals to next meeting • Derek Sebold, IDOH, to provide level engagement for Health Care Coalitions at health system/hospital level. <p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to build out solutions to fill gaps identified by the Subcommittee 		
4. Trauma System Development Grantees Highlights	<p>Preventing Older Adult Falls in Indiana – IU Health</p> <p>Teresa Williams, RN, BSN, IU Health-Arnett and Lindsay Hill, RN, IU Health-Bloomington, Injury Prevention Coordinators, presented an update. The implementation phase of this project started in July, 2024. The primary goal is to reduce older adult falls in Indiana by becoming more connected to community resources, providing meaningful training to providers, and decreasing costs to the community. To improve outreach a provider toolkit and fall prevention brochure is being distributed throughout the community. Resources such as Tai Chi classes and Area Agency on Aging referrals are being offered to the community. To break down barriers financial assistance for home equipment is being offered. Collaboration with Habitat for Humanity is helping build ramps free of charge. They are receiving</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>referrals from churches for those who need help. They are working on data tracking to evaluate the program.</p> <p>Rural Trauma Simulation Program – Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC)</p> <p>Dr. Tim Pohlman and Brandi Sharp, RN, BSN presented an update. The goals are to increase the confidence and competence of healthcare professionals and the quality of care for the state's small rural and critical access hospitals related to adult and pediatric trauma utilizing simulation-based methodologies. Develop and provide on-site, regionally based simulation training events at rural hospitals to increase their readiness and competence in caring for trauma patients. The curriculum has been developed by Dr. Pohlman. Subject matter experts have been employed. Simulation scenarios are in the planning process. There will be a five to six hour didactic and then hands on training. The first event will be held in January 2025. There will be 14 events offered throughout the state. There are 10 potential hospitals in process currently. There will be pre-test, post-test and post-event surveys to evaluate the project.</p>		
5. IDHS Update - Kraig Kinney, State EMS Director & Dr. Eric Yazel, State	Mr. Kraig Kinney provided information on the Indiana EMS 2025 Report that was issued on November 15, 2024. The goal is to create a white paper with findings and recommendations to stabilize and improve EMS that can be used by IDHS, the EMS Commission, the	N/A	N/A

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EMS Medical Director	<p>Governor's Office and the Indiana Legislature. He reported there were 19 findings and 28 recommendations. He also reported on the Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation System trainings. 57 EMS organizations are enrolled and operational, with an additional 16 EMS organization enrollments in progress. There is a wait list for enrollment for Year 2 of the program.</p>		
6. Final Business, Open Floor & Adjournment	<p>Dr. Lindsay Weaver reminded everyone about the 2024 Indiana Statewide Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium on December 4 & 5, 2024 at the Forum Events Center in Fishers.</p> <p>The next TCC meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2025. The remaining TCC dates in 2025 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2 • August 1 • November 7 <p>Dr. Lindsay Weaver asked for any further business to come before the Commission. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.</p>	N/A	N/A