

**Region 5 EMS
Regional Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

The April 2022 meeting of the Region 5 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) was called to order at 1000 hours via Zoom hosted by the Region 5 RTAC.

Members Present		Members Absent	
Matt Astin	William Laird	Dave Borghelli	Nyssa Hattaway
Laurice Bentley	Mike Morris	Benjamin Christie	Mike Steele
W.J. Cheek	Joe Robinson	Terry Cobb	
Lynn Grant	Liana Rogers	Todd Dixon – Chair	
Tracy Johns	Kristal Smith		
Alex Jones	Jennifer Stokes		

Others Present	Representing
Michelle Archer	Office of EMS and Trauma
Jill Bracewell	DPH - South Central Health District
Jared Brown	DPH - South Central Health District
Richard Ellis	Central Georgia Technical College
Josephine Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent
Michael Johnson	Dodge County EMS
Renee Morgan	Office of EMS and Trauma
Jeremy Poole	Air Evac LifeTeam

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Kristal Smith, RTAC Secretary, opened the meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present. Lynn Grant, RTAC Vice Chair, welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

Attendees were asked to review the minutes of the January 2022, minutes.

Motion 01072022-01: I make a motion to approve the January 7, 2022 minutes.

Motion by: Mike Morris

Second by: Tracy Johns

The motion PASSED.

Agenda:

Lynn indicated that, in the interest of time, the RTAC may not get to all of the intended items and would make sure focus is given to more time-sensitive items.

Home Depot Funds and Regional Trauma System Improvement funds:

Kristal indicated that the RTACs were given a deadline to make a list of items to be purchased from Home Depot and she also felt it was appropriate to discuss dollars that remain from the Regional Trauma System Improvement Grant (RTSIG). She indicated that the RTSIG was originally submitted in 2019 with an anticipated completion date of 18 months. The intent of the grant was to purchase items for the Regional Trailers, regional training cache, and a Lactate Trial. The grant also set aside funds for regional MCI exercises. The funds weren't received as expected, and in the spring of 2020, she was advised by then Trauma System Planner that funding should be directed toward the purchase items to assist the region with COVID. It turns out that the items intended to combat COVID were purchased using another budget.

The funds were ultimately received in the Fall of 2021. However, by that point, the RTAC had been able to acquire most of the items outlined in the grant using other means. The GTC is awarded that we may not be

making the purchases initially prescribed in the grant. However, she felt it was important that the RTAC use the funds to supplement the equipment purchased for the cache and the provision of MCI education and exercises. She then reviewed the intent and components of the regional Immediate Response Trailers and cache equipment.

Kristal then explained that the region was asked to submit wish list for equipment to be purchased with Home Depot. She indicated that many of the other RTACs were using the allocated Home Depot to purchase items that we currently have. The RTAC executive committee and regional council leadership exchanged a number of ideas via email. One idea that seemed well-supported was a canopy for the trailer. Kristal has confirmed with Liz Akins that such a purchase would be allowable. Also, the GPSTC Director indicated that a canopy could be placed in the parking lot adjacent to the conference center.

However, since the idea was well-supported, and the GPSTC parking lot was to be resurfaced in the near future, Kristal indicated that with the RTAC approval, \$12,000 in RTSIG funds could be used to purchase the canopy as spending those monies were not as time-sensitive, which would allow more time to get multiple quotes and assure we are purchasing exactly what was needed. The Home Depot order could then be used to support the placement of scene lights and a generator on the trailer.

Motion 04272022-01: I make a motion that we used the Home Depot order to purchase generators and LED lights for the trailers while using RTSIG funds to purchase a canopy for the Immediate Response Trailers.

Motion by: Tracy Johns

Second by: Bill Cheek

Discussion: Bill Cheek has asked if a site has been selected. Kristal answered that the GPSTC Director approved the RTAC using the parking lot adjacent to the conference center. Laurice asked if any of these funds could be used for CAT tourniquets. Kristal indicated that Coalition funds or RTAC Support funds could be used for that purpose. Lynn called for a vote.

The motion PASSED.

Updates:

Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma Update:

Renee Morgan updated those in attendance on the status of OEMS&T designation and ACS verification visits. She indicated that several visits are coming up. She hopes that by the end of May, there may two Trauma Centers in EMS Region 4. She indicated that the system is growing.

Kristal indicated that the AFY 2022 EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant application deadline has been extended to Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Agencies can email their completed grant applications with notarized affidavit to gtcbusinessops@gtcnc.org.

The RTAC has been advised that the RTAC support funds for FY 2023 will be pretty much they same as it is this year.

Performance Improvement

Lynn Grant indicated that the PI Subcommittee met recently and had a really good case discussion. She indicated the RTAC PI focus for FY 22-23 would be management of traumatic cardiac arrest and time to definitive care.

Loop closure for the few outstanding cases we had earlier in the year were closed during the Pediatric Trauma Symposium. Several presentations were crafted to address concerns identified during the regional review process.

Kristal mentioned that there was a lot of detail regarding the symposium in the handouts. There were 114

attendees and over 900 contact hours were awarded. RTAC PI Subcommittee members participated in virtual panel discussions during the Peds Symposium. The sessions were recorded for future viewing. Symposium print resources (badge buddies, posters, etc) curated by members of the RTAC PI Subcommittee were mailed to symposium attendees.

Education Report (See also GTCNC Quarterly Report)

Kristal reiterated that they had a great time with the Peds Symposium. She was surprised to learn that so many attendees were “binge watching” the webinars. Every region in the state was represented in terms of attendees and nearly every region was represented in one or more of the webinars.

Course offerings -

1/24/22-1/27/22	R5 Peds Trauma Symposium (20+ Webinars) 114 Attendees/900+ Contact hours awarded
1/28/22-1/29/22	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care/CGTC, Macon 9 Attendees
1/29/22	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care LEO/CGTC, Macon 3 Attendees
2/25/22	Trauma Skills Lab/CGTC, Macon 100+ Attendees
2/25/22-2/26/22	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care/CGTC, Macon 7 Attendees
3/24/22-3/25/22	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care/CGTC, Warner Robins 18 Attendees
2/25/22	Tactical Emergency Casualty Care LEO, CGTC, Warner Robins 15 Attendees

Q Word Podcast downloads -

Resuscitative Sequence Intubation - 1666
Supraglottic Airways - 1948
Neurodivergent Trauma 1- 2340
Neurodivergent Trauma 2- 2303
Geriatric Trauma Patients - 2283
Bariatric Trauma Patients - 1726
Pediatric Trauma Patients -1889
Pregnant Trauma Patients – 1852

Kristal noted that they have worked to deliver a lot of TECC courses in conjunction with other regional offerings. Additionally, Liana and Rick have worked to offer concurrent TECC LEO courses for our law enforcement partners.

Kristal indicated that the RTAC instructional team has become so busy that they strive to co-locate course offerings so that we maximize our time, use of equipment, etc. Similarly, the trauma physicians came into the trauma skills lab offering two hours ahead of the EMS offering so that we could maximize that offering as well.

The RTAC is also hosting a child abuse prevention lunch and learn webinar at noon today and will be co-sponsoring webinars featuring Dr. John Holcomb and The Q Word Podcast for Trauma Awareness Month.

On National STOP THE BLEED® Day, the R5Trauma Instructional Team is doing hands-on skills checks at Atrium and will be participating in the virtual STB offerings. There will also be a collocated blood drive that same day.

The RTAC, Atrium Health, Healthcare Coalition H, and Fairview Park hospital will be sponsoring a Summer long STB training Blitz. EMS Agencies, Fire Departments, LE agencies, and Public Health partners will have the opportunity to “compete” for prizes. The format will be similar to the Cans for Kids Campaign.

May 6 - 10AM

9:00 AM STOP THE BLEED® Instructor Orientation

9:45 AM STOP THE BLEED® GEORGIA BLITZ Information Session

10:30 AM STOP THE BLEED® R5TRAUMA BLITZ Information Session

STOP THE BLEED® Awareness Program w/ Hands-on Skills Training

April 28 - Macon State University

May 19 - Atrium Health Navicent North

May 24 - Piedmont Macon North

May 25 - Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Two TNCC Courses Opportunities:

June 2-3, 2022 - Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center

June 28-29, 2022 - Fairview Park Hospital

Injury Prevention:

1/13/22 - 3/31/22	Bingocize Multiregional Cohort (7 Central Georgia Sites)
1/24/22	Firearm Injuries in Children and Georgia Stay Safe 59 Attendees
1/25/22	Kids in Cars: How Anatomy & Child Restraints Impact Injuries/ 38 Attendees
1/26/22	Child Abuse Prevalence, Prevention, and Response 49 Attendees
1/26/22	ATV Injuries Prevalence, Prevention, and Response 41 Attendees
1/27/22	Suicide Prevention 44 Attendees
3/25/22	Prevent Trauma: The Road Ahead (Teen Driver Event) 75 Attendees

Resources are available for Georgia Stay SAFE Week June 19th-25th, 2022

- Coloring Books
- Gun Locks
- Stickers
- Handouts

Report to GTCNC:

The Region 5 RTAC quarterly report provided to the GTCNC in February is included in the meeting documents.

Old Business:

The work to update the Regional Trauma Plan is still in progress.

New Business:

No New Business

Partner Updates:

Liana shared that the EMSC Cookout will be hosted by Piedmont Macon North on May 24.

Laurice Bentley, with the North Central Health District, encouraged the group to be vigilant regarding opioids. They are currently investigating an overdose cluster. Jennifer Stokes, South Central Health District, echoed her comments regarding the need for increased vigilance and reporting of suspected opioid overdoses. Both partners highlighted the importance of reporting suspected overdoses to the district as it is important for both community and caregiver safety.

Lynn said the next Region H meeting is slated for May 12.

Adjournment:

Lynn expressed her appreciation for all the RTAC members for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned.

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