

**Region 5 EMS
Regional Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 7, 2022**

The October 2022 meeting of the Region 5 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) was called to order at 1030 hours at Central Georgia Technical College.

Members Present		Members Absent	
Matt Astin	Alex Jones	Laurice Bentley	William Laird
Todd Dixon – Chair	Mike Morris	W.J. Cheek	Nyssa Hattaway
Lynn Grant	Liana Rogers	Benjamin Christie (proxy sent)	Joe Robinson (proxy sent)
Michael Johnson	Kristal Smith	Terry Cobb	Jennifer Stokes

Others Present	Representing
Bruce Allen	Community Ambulance
Rajani Adiga	Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center
Michelle Archer	Office of EMS and Trauma
Dennis Ashley	Georgia Trauma Commission, Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center
Wendy Bollinger	Piedmont Macon Medical Center
Donna Duffard	Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center
Patrick Bullis	Community Ambulance
Michael Dykes	Piedmont Macon Medical Center
Josephine Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center
Ralph Griffin	Region 5 EMS Medical Director, Piedmont Macon Medical Center
Kelly Potts	Community Ambulance
Courtney McNeal	Piedmont Macon Medical Center
Felicia Milton	Piedmont Macon Medical Center
Adam Minchie	Macon-Bibb Fire Department
Faith Rand	Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center
Richard Rhodes	Office of EMS and Trauma
Ron Smith	Macon-Bibb Fire Department
Gina Solomon	Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission
Elenora Vinson	Community Ambulance
Johnnie F. Williams	Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Todd Dixon, Chair, expressed his appreciation of the guest in attendance, particularly those who attended the Trauma System Improvement - Macon-Area Task Force and those that attended the RTAC Special Presentation. Congratulations were extended to all Trauma Save Award recipients from Community Ambulance, Piedmont Macon Medical Center, and Atrium Health Navicent Medical Center. Kristal Smith, RTAC Secretary, opened the meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Georgia Trauma System Update:

Office of EMS and Trauma – Michelle Archer and Richard Rhodes

- Michelle Archer and Richard Rhodes provided brief updates on the activities of the Office of EMS.
- The next Regional EMS Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for next week, October 12, 2022.
- Michelle reported that the Regional Disaster Plan and Mutual Aid Agreements are due to be updated.
- Richard Rhodes expressed his appreciation of RTAC PI Subcommittee for their assistance in the Regional EMS Educator Summit, held on September 16, 2022.

Georgia Trauma Commission Update – Dr. Dennis Ashley

- Dr. Ashley provided brief comments on his appreciation of attendees and Trauma Save Award recipients.
- The Next Georgia Trauma Commission will be held at the Macon Marriott on November 17, 2022.
- Kristal expressed her appreciation for Gina Solomon's attendance. She described Gina's efforts with state-wide trauma system quality improvement.

RTAC Reports:

Quarterly Report to GTCNC – Kristal Smith

- The most recent quarterly reports are included in the RTAC handouts.
- The RTAC has been extremely active and met nearly all its programmatic goals for FY 22.
- Only the RTTDC Course was canceled. Funds for that course was utilized to support rural-focused TNCC courses and scholarships.

Performance Improvement Subcommittee – Lynn Grant

- Case reviews are ongoing, and the PI Subcommittee is excited to have the opportunity to award so many Trauma Save Awards.
- The Regional EMS and Hospital Task Force will meet in November, and additional Trauma Save Awards will be awarded at that time.
- Performance Improvement Focus Areas for FY 2022-23 are management of trauma cardiac arrest (TCA), Trauma Surge Readiness, and Time to Definitive Care.

Education Committee – Michael Johnson

- The RTAC PI Subcommittee presented a panel discussion on the Educator's Role in driving Trauma System Improvement at the Regional EMS Educator Summit, held on September 16, 2022.
- The RTAC will be providing TECC workshops and STOP THE BLEED® skills training at the coming Georgia Public Safety Training Center's Active Shooter Expo.
- Several RTAC Education Webinars will soon be available in the Georgia TRAIN system.
- Additional education dates and resources are provided as handouts.

Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee –

- The Regional EMS for Children Committee and RTAC PI Subcommittee met jointly in September.
- Committees reaffirmed their commitment to work collaboratively, share resources, and share victories.
- Injury prevention, outreach, and education resources are shared with all regional trauma system partners.
- The committee will support at least two teen driving events, two bike safety events, and a CST training for FY 2023.
- The RTAC will assist with the coming Active Shooter Expo and several STOP THE BLEED® offerings.
- All recent IP and Outreach events are detailed in the most recent quarterly reports.

Old Business:

Regional Trauma Plan –

- The Regional Trauma Plan is complete and will be presented to the Regional EMS Advisory Council next week.
- The RTAC was asked to review the plan in the interim to make sure no typos or concerns remain.
- A web-based survey tool will be used by RTAC members to confirm their review, support, and allow for the submission of final comments.

Regional Trauma System Improvement Grant (RTSIG) –

- Kristal Smith indicated that the RTAC will need to vote on an alternate spending plan for the RTSIG.
- The original grant proposal was submitted and approved in October 2019, with anticipated project completion within 18 months following receipt of funds. (Funds received in November of 2021.)
- Intended use: Lactate Trial, Training, and Response Cache Equipment; and MCI Exercises
- No bandwidth currently for Lactate Trial

Regional Trauma System Improvement Grant (RTSIG - continued) –

- RTAC Performance Improvement and Education Committee Leadership met last week to discuss the development of a new spending plan as much of the purchases prescribed in the original grant were made utilizing other funding mechanisms.
- Spending plan should support performance improvement project education to MCI/Surge Readiness.
- It was determined that the best use of the funds at this time would be to support the following:
 - Priority 1 – (3-4) High-Risk Unified Commander and/or Rescue Task Force Course Offerings.
 - Priority 2 – Purchase of needed regional cache equipment.
 - Priority 3 – Support of additional MCI Exercises/TECC Classes/RTF Classes

Motion 10072022-01: I make a motion that we used RTSIG funds to support the Regional MCI and Surge Readiness Performance Improvement Projects.

Motion by: Michael Johnson

Second by: Liana Rogers

The motion PASSED.

Adjournment:

Todd expressed his appreciation for all the RTAC members and guests for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned.