



# Trauma Care Commission Meeting Minutes

**August 2, 2024 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**IDOH – Adams Auditorium**

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

**Commission members not in attendance:** Dr. Emily Fitz

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed	Action on Follow-up Items
1. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of May 3, 2024, minutes - Dr. Lindsay Weaver	<p>Dr. Weaver called the Trauma Care Commission (TCC) meeting to order at 10:00 am. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum.</p> <p>She asked for comments and/or changes to the minutes of the May 2, 2024, meeting. Hearing none she entertained a motion for approval. Joel Thacker made a motion for approval, it was seconded by Dr. Rusyniak and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>	N/A	N/A
2. IDOH Updates & Trauma System Plan - Brian Busching, Director, Trauma & Injury Prevention and	<p>Brian provided an overview of the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) Program. The ultimate goal of CARES is to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is affected by cardiac arrest</li> <li>• When and where cardiac arrest events occur</li> <li>• Which elements of the system are functioning well and those that are not; and</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

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<p>Ann Solzak &amp; Olivia Knarr Crowe, LLP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How changes can be made to improve cardiac arrest outcomes.</li> </ul> <p>Currently there are 34 state-based registries in the U.S. The Indiana participants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indianapolis EMS</li> <li>• GMR Evansville</li> <li>• St. Joseph County EMS Council (includes 4 local Fire Departments)</li> <li>• Three Rivers Ambulance Authority</li> <li>• Parkview Health (includes 6 local EMS)</li> </ul> <p>The benefits of State participation in CARES are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help improve system of care by allowing more efficient track of patients and their outcomes</li> <li>• Ability to aggregate data for the entire state as well as identify high and low performers to target interventions that help improve outcomes</li> <li>• Measure impact of resources to show benefit for sustained quality improvement</li> <li>• Leverage statewide data to obtain funding for strategic allocation of resources</li> <li>• Ability to pull local and national data from current and previous years to educate stakeholders and benchmark performance</li> <li>• Access to tools and resources for implementing Dispatcher-Assisted CPR and tracking targeted temperature management in the hospital.</li> </ul>		

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	<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 &amp; Injury Prevention staffing. Sonya Hughes, RN has been hired as the Central Region Clinical Coordinator. She previously worked in the IDOH Children’s Special Health Care Services Division and will start work on August 5, 2024. The Northern and Southern positions have been posted and interviews are in process. These positions will extend IDOH support to the Trauma Regional Advisory Committees (TRACs).</p> <p>Ann Solzak and Olivia Knarr, Crowe, LLP, provided an overview of the State Trauma System Plan for final approval. They outlined the plan development, stakeholder outreach, system plan structure and implementation phases. They stated that this plan is fluid and will be updated going forward as necessary. Dr. Scott Thomas thanked them both for all their efforts and work on the plan. Dr. Weaver stated this is a historic event as it is the first ever state trauma system plan in Indiana. Hearing no other discussion, she entertained a motion for approval of the Plan. Dr. David Welsh made a motion to approve the plan, it was seconded by Andy VanZee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>		

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3. Subcommittee Updates	<p><b><u>Trauma System Planning Subcommittee</u></b>            Andy VanZee, and Dr. Erik Streib, Co-Chairs, reported the subcommittee met on June 19, 2024.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u> 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"> <li>• TRAC Development</li> <li>• State Trauma Plan</li> <li>• Trauma Symposium</li> <li>• Trauma System Development, Funding &amp; Future Projects</li> <li>• Future Planning Focus</li> <li>• RFA Strategies</li> </ul> <p>Andy VanZee provided information on the Trauma System Development grant. The Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC) has applied for this grant. RHICs simulation-based training for Indiana’s Rural Trauma System Project would focus on increasing 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. RHIC would</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>develop and provide on-site, regionally based simulation training events at rural hospitals to increase their readiness and competence in caring for trauma patients. Andy stated the Subcommittee is still reviewing the grant application but would like for the TCC to approve the funding request as presented so when the Subcommittee approves, it can move forward. Dr. Weaver entertained a motion to allow the Trauma Education and Outreach Subcommittee to determine whether to fund the RHIC simulation-based training for Indiana's Rural Trauma System submission. Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein made the motion, it was seconded by Dr. Lewis Jacobson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p> <p><b><u>Trauma Education &amp; Outreach Subcommittee</u></b>  Dr. Jay Woodland and Dr. Matt Landman, Co-Chairs, reported the subcommittee met on June 10 and July 24, 2024.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u> Provide education &amp; outreach to key stakeholders, coordinate with IDOH to utilize data for injury prevention programming, and conduct public awareness campaign.</p> <p>The Subcommittee meeting agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Instructor Courses</li> <li>• ATLS Provider Courses</li> <li>• Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC)</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN)</li> <li>• Disaster Management &amp; Emergency Preparedness (DMEP)</li> <li>• Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC)</li> <li>• Possible addition of Transcarotid artery revascularization (TCAR) and Pediatric Care After Resuscitation (PCAR) to the certification list</li> </ul> <p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on plans to start funding classes and certifications</li> <li>• Contact ATLS course directors and educators to get instructor classes set</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Trauma Registry Subcommittee</u></b>  Lisa Hollister, DNP, MSN, RN, Chair, reported the subcommittee met on June 26, 2024.</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 agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing critical data elements one-by-one (for trauma and non-trauma centers)</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Trauma Registry receives the data (facilities may require different training and resources)</li> <li>• Non-trauma centers may require more training to upload consistent, valid and reliable data</li> </ul> <p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue discussion on critical data variables</li> <li>• Review hospital education survey results</li> <li>• Review hospital trauma dashboards</li> <li>• Explore potential for automation/AI</li> <li>• Explore gaps/missing data and why</li> <li>• Coordinate with Performance Improvement (PI) Subcommittee on PI goals/necessary data</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Performance Improvement (PI) Subcommittee</u></b>  Dr. Eric Yazel and Dr. Scott Thomas, Co-Chairs, reported the subcommittee met July 11, 2024.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee Scope of Work:</u>  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"> <li>• Interfacility transfer pilot</li> <li>• National EMS quality alliance measures</li> <li>• IDOH data quality project</li> </ul>		

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	<p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mock dashboard of PI data</li> <li>• Data points needed to populate that dashboard</li> <li>• Evaluate EMS run sheets and ability to obtain that data</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Disaster Preparedness &amp; Military Integration Subcommittee</u></b></p> <p>Joel Thacker and Dr. David Welsh, Co-Chairs, reported the subcommittee met on July 26, 2024.</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> <p>The Subcommittee meeting agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indiana National Guard provided an overview of Mission Readiness/Activation</li> <li>• Concept of “right sizing care” and “load leveling”</li> <li>• Members attended an exercise on August 1, 2024, at Camp Atterbury</li> </ul> <p><u>Subcommittee Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to build out solutions to fill gaps identified by the Subcommittee</li> </ul>		



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4. Trauma System Development Grantees Highlights	<p><b><u>LI Verification Highlight:</u></b>  Lisa Hollister, DNP, MSN, RN, stated Parkview Health is in the process of verification from a Level II to Level I Trauma Center. This process includes increasing trauma research resources and personnel, trauma surgeon research medical director begins in August 2024 and two trauma research positions will be added.</p> <p><b><u>Indiana Trauma Network (ITN) Registry Training and Education:</u></b>  Jennifer Konger, MHA, BSN, provided an update on registry training and education on-line vs on-site. A survey was sent to trauma and non-trauma centers asking about education needed and these results will be available soon. There is an AIS-15 coding on-line course possible for Indiana only available in November and December 2024. She asked for volunteers to take on a registry course chapter and develop objectives to present to the TCC in November.</p> <p><b><u>Trauma System Development:</u></b>  Andy VanZee and Madeline Wilson, MSN, RN, CLSSBB, Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) reminded the TCC members that the Indiana Statewide Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium is scheduled for December 4 and 5, 2024 in Fishers.</p>	N/A	N/A

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5. Future Planning - Dr. Lindsay Weaver	Dr. Weaver and the TCC members discussed potential requests for the upcoming legislative session.	N/A	N/A
6. Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children Update - Dr. Lindsey Haut, Margo Knefelkamp & Erin Montgomery	<p>Dr. Lindsey Haut, Margo Knefelkamp and Erin Montgomery provided an update on Indiana EMS for Children (EMSC). EMSC is a federal program to improve outcomes for children across pre-hospital and hospital settings and reduce pediatric morbidity and mortality as a result of serious injury and illness.</p> <p>Indiana Emergency Department (ED) Pediatric Facility Recognition:</p> <p>Pediatric Advanced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent</li> <li>• Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health (reverification in October 2024)</li> </ul> <p>Pediatric Ready:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hendricks Regional Health</li> </ul> <p>Indiana ED Pediatric Facility Recognition in the Process:</p> <p>Pediatric Advanced (November 2024):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deaconess Gateway</li> <li>• Deaconess Midtown</li> <li>• Ascension St. Vincent-Evansville</li> </ul> <p>Pediatric Ready:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reid Health (September 2024)</li> </ul>		

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7. IDHS Update - Kraig Kinney, State EMS Director & Dr. Eric Yazel, State EMS Medical Director	Mr. Kinney reported that 89 counties have completed the survey mandated by HEA 1302. He provided an overview of the Training Institution Equipment Grants totaling \$1,339,763.04. IDHS is providing on-line paramedic and EMT education courses. He reported on the EMS funded projects with the Bowen Center for Workforce initiatives and EMT student electronic testing preparation packages for all EMS students. He also reported on upcoming EMS funding projects for ACADIS funding and Instructor development.	N/A	N/A
8. Adjournment	Dr. Weaver asked for any further business to come before the Commission. Hearing none, she entertained a motion to adjourn. Andy VanZee made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Dr. Jacobson and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.	N/A	N/A