

The following discussion points will be covered during the Trauma Program Leadership Forum WebEx on March 22, 2017. This document (and other supporting materials) is posted to the PTSF website in the Resources area of the PTSF website.

❖ **BOARD NEWS..... JULIET ALTENBURG**

- **New Board Membership:**
 - HAP: Ron Andro—President & CEO, West Penn Hospital
 - PSNA: Jo Ann Miller, RN—Trauma Program Manager, Lancaster General Hospital
 - PAMED/POS: Henry Boateng, MD—Orthopedic Surgeon, PennState Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
 - Senator Lisa Baker (R)—Majority Chair, Senate Health & Human Services Committee
 - Senator Judith Schwank (D)—Minority Chair, Senate Health & Human Services Committee

- **Annual Deliberation Schedule**
 - July Deliberations—July 27-28, 2017
 - Accreditation Phone Calls to CEOs: July 31, 2017 & August 1, 2017
 - PTSF Press Release: August 2, 2017
 - Certificates of Accreditation: effective September 1, 2017 (for new trauma centers)
 - September Deliberations—September 28-29, 2017
 - Accreditation Phone Calls to CEOs: October 2-3, 2017
 - PTSF Press Release: October 4, 2017
 - Certificates of Accreditation: effective November 1, 2017 (for new trauma centers)

- **Trauma System Update**
 - 14 hospitals pursuing (three level 2 accreditation; 11 level 4 accreditation) see map in Resources area of website
 - PTSF is piloting a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Trauma Recognition Program which is supported through grant funding by HRSA. The two-year pilot involves Cole Memorial Hospital and Titusville Area Hospital
 - **Requirements of "recognition" will include trauma related education of Emergency Department staff, abstraction and submission of trauma patient data to PTSF, and use of trauma registry data as part of internal trauma performance improvement efforts. The PTSF liaison for the initiative is Dave Bradley, Trauma Center Development Specialist**

PTSF STAFF DISCUSSION POINTS & NOTES

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- New Ad Hoc Trauma Systems Development Committee
 - Chairman—Fred Rogers, MD
 - The Board of Directors approved the creation of the Trauma System Development Committee. The charge of the committee is to develop an evidenced-based process for trauma system development in Pennsylvania. Furthermore, this process will take into consideration proper placement of trauma centers based on trauma center level to maximize care of injured patients. The board developed the committee based on several factors, including:
 - The American College of Surgeons Position Paper on trauma system development released in 2015 exhorting trauma lead agencies in a state to create a “needs-based” process for trauma system development: <http://bulletin.facs.org/2015/01/statement-on-trauma-center-designation-based-upon-system-need/>
 - The surge in trauma center development in Pennsylvania.
 - Recent, published research that has shown development of level 1 and 2 trauma centers in close proximity to each other has the potential to decrease volume and clinical outcomes of trauma patients.
 - The impact of decreased volume in level 1 centers on surgical residency programs and research efforts.
 - Continued areas of Pennsylvania which lack access to a trauma center within 60-minutes of the scene of injury by air or ground transport.
 - It is anticipated that the committee will meet for two years to develop recommendations which may include a proposed change in legislation. All stakeholders throughout the Commonwealth will be fully informed of the committee’s activities and any proposals. Stakeholders include organizations comprising the PTSF Board of Directors (HAP, PSNA, PAMED, PEHSC, PATNAC, PaCOT, POS, PNS, PaDOH, the legislature) and the entire hospital community.
 - The first meeting of the committee took place in February under the leadership of Dr. Fred Rogers. Listed below are members of the committee. Additional guests will be invited to attend meetings as needed.

Meg Ashton, RN, BSN, MHA, CEN, TCRN
PTSF Board Member
Director, Trauma Services
St. Mary Medical Center

Charles Barbera, MD
PTSF Board Member
Emergency Department Medical Director
Reading Hospital

The Honorable Bryan Cutler
PTSF Board Member
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

William S. Hoff, MD, FACS
PTSF Board Chairman
Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery
St. Luke’s University Health Network

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Douglas Kupas, MD, FACEP
 PTSF Board Member
 Commonwealth EMS Medical Director
 PA Department of Health

John F. McCarthy, DO, FACEP, EMT
 PTSF Board Member
 Medical Director, LVHN MedEvac
 Lehigh Valley Health Network

Andrew B. Peitzman, MD
 Distinguished Professor of Surgery
 Mark M. Ravitch Professor and Vice-Chairman,
 Department of Surgery
 UPMC Vice-President for Trauma and Surgical
 Services

Frederick B. Rogers MD, MS, FACS
 Chairman—Trauma Systems Development
 Committee
 Lancaster General Hospital

Douglas R. Trostle, MD, MBA, FACS
 PTSF Board Member
 Chairman of Surgery
 The Guthrie Clinic and Robert Packer Hospital

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 The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

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 Penn Medicine
 Professor of Surgery, Perelman School of Medicine
 University of Pennsylvania

Jami Zipf, RN, BSN
 Associate Director of Trauma
 Conemaugh Health System

❖ OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE KEVIN BURD

- 2016 Communications Survey reviewed; Communications Plan in development stage
 - “Foundation News” replaced with frequent, real-time information blasts
 - Example: “Board of Directors Update”—within one week of board meetings; highlights action items
 - Trauma Program Leadership Forum: WebEx notes, agendas, discussion points, etc. posted in Resources area of website
 - Website refresh underway—enhancements include Research Tab, Calendar and more

❖ EDUCATION UPDATE..... KEVIN BURD

- 2017 Fall Conference
 - *Save the Date!* October 30, 2017 – November 1, 2017—Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel
 - Call for Speakers & Call for Posters (April 14, 2017)
 - Registration “LIVE” on June 5, 2017 (PTSF website)

❖ SITE SURVEY/ACCREDITATION UPDATE AMY KRICHTEN

- Trauma Center Diversion Reports
 - Call for reports emailed on the last Monday in June (June 26, 2017)
 - Reports are due on Friday, July 14, 2017
 - Data covers the reporting period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
 - Policy AC-127 has a title change to reflect the ACS intent to capture trauma patient diversion and not simply ED closure

❖ TECHNOLOGY/TRAUMA REGISTRY UPDATE NATE MCWILLIAMS

- May 15, 2017 is Trauma Registrars Day in Pennsylvania—*don't forget to thank your trauma registrars!*
- Data Application/Research Award: Remind your researchers that they can mark on their applications whether they want their study considered for the Research Grant. Also, we ask each of the researchers to present at the Fall Conference for the annual research award
- POPIMS: Just a reminder—submission of POPIMS data on your closed death patients is required this year
- PTOS Data Review for Trauma Center Funding: By April, trauma centers will receive PTOS data run by PTSF as part of the trauma center funding process. The data will be from 2015. Trauma Centers will be required to review the data to assure accuracy and return a signed attestation statement. PTSF forwards this data to the Pa Department of Human Services to use in providing funding to trauma centers
- The POPIMS over/under triage report is updated to match the ACS Cribari matrix formulas. This update will be provided to the trauma centers by the end of March and will also include an over/under triage listing report
- PA V5 Outcomes Software
 - Roll-out dates are slated for October 2017 through June 2018 with all centers installed by July 1, 2018
 - Education for the PA V5 Outcomes will be available at the Fall conference, as well as a web-based version

❖ COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Trauma Registry Committee.....Nate McWilliams
 - The committee is creating three subgroups to work on the following issues: ICD-10 List B procedures, Inclusion Criteria and Audit Filters

- Standards CommitteeMichelle Fontana, Committee Chairman
 - Many changes to the Standards of Accreditation are based on the ACS “living document”
 - The current list will benefit trauma centers; changes will be effective immediately
 - Revision will be complete in April; statewide notice will be distributed with the updated documents posted to the website (see attached summary)

- PIPS/OutcomesTerry Snavelly
 - First 2017 PIPS Committee meeting held on March 2nd
 - Co-Chairman: S. Garrett & D. Torres
 - Major initiative will be a comprehensive educational and communication plan for the successful roll-out of the new PA Outcomes software (replacing POPIMS). Committee members agreed that a multi-pronged approach will be required such as—recorded webinars, live and interactive webinars, in-person presentation of new software, in-person interactive hands-on sessions. A work group was created, led by S. Garrett, to work on this initiative. Stay tuned for more information related to this important work!
 - First 2017 Outcomes Committee meeting held on March 8th
 - Chairman: P. Reilly, Vice Chairman: D. Torres
 - There will be some overlap with the Outcomes Committee meetings and the upcoming PA TQIP Collaborative meetings. D. Torres and F. Fernandez are the Co-Chairman of the PA TQIP Collaborative Committee, and are exploring adding an additional Nurse Co-Chairman
 - Survey monkey deployed on March 20, 2017 to all PA Trauma Centers (TPMDs/TPMs) to request input on logistics and structure of newly forming PA State TQIP Collaborative Committee meetings
 - ◆ Future 2017 Meetings:
 - PA TQIP Collaborative on June 13th at 10:00 a.m. – Noon (followed by TPLF)
 - PA TQIP Collaborative on October 31st at 10:15 a.m. – Noon (followed by TPLF)
 - ACS-COT National TQIP Meeting, November 11-13, 2017, Chicago, Illinois

❖ PTSF Board/Legal Counsel Analysis Update..... Juliet Altenburg

- Legal Analysis on PTSF Staff and Board Member Participation in PA TQIP Collaborative
- See Memo posted in “Resources” area of website; notification was emailed to all hospital contacts on March 27, 2017

❖ Chat Room Questions

- Question: Does the POPIMS submission apply to new accredited trauma centers in September/November? If so, what time period will be required?
 - Clarification: Submission to the POPIMS Central Site begins with the date that a trauma center is accredited. Currently, submission applies to the death population.
- Question: How are the new standards going to be tracked for upcoming surveys now that it is a living breathing document?
 - Clarification: The Standards documents are updated in real-time and are posted to the website. The Standards include an appendix that tracks the changes (including the timeframe). The current revision will be posted on or before April 14, 2017. Changes to the Standards align PTSF with the ACS. The orientation with the surveyors prior to a site visit includes a lengthy discussion of PTSF Standards, how PTSF differs from the ACS and how those Standards changes will be reflected in both the eAFS and the survey day. Staff on-site during surveys are aware of the Standards and will interpret them for surveyors. In turn, they will answer any of your questions/concerns throughout the survey day. Standards that benefit trauma centers are effective immediately; Standards that elevate expectations are effective “not less than nine months from the date of approval by the Board” as per policy AC-106 Transition Period for Implementation of New or Revised Standards. All Accreditation policies are posted to the Resources section of the website.
- Question: Is TQIP region III different than the PA TQIP Collaborative?
 - Clarification: A PI Update was published on March 20, 2017. That Update was emailed to TPMDs, TPMs and PI Coordinators. It is also posted to the Resources section, PI sub-section of the website. The update highlighted that, “Many of your trauma centers received ACS correspondence and invoicing regarding participation in the COT Region III TQIP Collaborative. To clarify, this is not the PA-TQIP Collaborative, but a voluntary, ACS-COT Region III TQIP Collaborative with participation from Washington D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania trauma centers.” It is further noted that fees associated with Region III are not covered by the PA-TQIP Collaborative; Region III is an additional, elective collaborative.