

# Trauma Program Leadership Forum

PTSF Discussion Items and Meeting Notes

The following discussion points were covered during the in-person Trauma Program Leadership Forum on June 13, 2017. This document (and other supporting materials) are posted to the PTSF website in the "Resources" area.

## ❖ HAP FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE..... TIM OHRUM

- See "resources" area for PowerPoint Presentation.
- The Governor's current budget reflects a 15% decrease in funding for trauma centers and burn centers. See "resources" area for sample letter you can use to send to your legislator.

## ❖ BOARD NEWS..... JULIET ALTENBURG

- Annual Deliberation Schedule
  - July Deliberations—July 27-28, 2017
    - Accreditation Phone Calls to CEOs:
      - ◆ Monday, July 31, 2017 - New Applicants
      - ◆ August 1, 2017 - Accredited Trauma Centers
    - PTSF Press Release on accredited trauma centers: 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 3, 2017
    - PTSF Press Release: October 4, 2017
    - Certificates of Accreditation: effective November 1, 2017 (for new trauma centers)
- Trauma System Update
  - 13 hospitals are pursuing trauma center accreditation (1 for Level III, 3 for level II; 9 for level IV). See map in Resources area of PTSF website for names of hospitals.
- Trauma Systems Development Committee Update: Last meeting June 9, 2017
  - Various options are being considered to assure that trauma center development in PA moving into the future assures adequate case volumes to optimize delivery of quality care by physicians, provide education for residency programs, and provide robust opportunities for research. Minutes of this year's two meetings can be found in the "resources" area of the website under "Administration/Board".
- PTSF Directory trauma program staff updates
  - Please submit your trauma program staff changes including changes in contact information to existing staff to Dorothea Adams ([dadams@ptsf.org](mailto:dadams@ptsf.org)). This will assure timely updating of PTSF email groups and the PTSF trauma center directory.

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- PTSF “informal” committees
  - On occasion trauma centers reach out to us with ideas for committees. Our stance on this is that we are happy to support the effort by sending out a statewide email on behalf of the trauma center to assess interest, but PTSF will not act as an official liaison to that committee until it is formally approved by the board of directors. In order to achieve board approval, the committee must be in existence at least one year and show completion of goals that further the mission of the PTSF. A policy on this is ready for review and potential approval by the Board at their July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - The latest idea for a committee has been brought forward by Reading Hospital. See below for details:
    - Committee focus: Trauma Informatics
    - Areas of discussion:
      - Share best practices for complying with PTSF standards such as PMG tracking and consult arrival times within the EMR
      - Develop standard PTSF site survey EPIC reports to streamline medical record chart review by surveyors
      - Maintain a roster of electronic EMRs used in Pennsylvania trauma centers
      - Encourage interoperability of EMRs to facilitate transfers and knowledge sharing
      - Standardize data structures to facilitate transposition of clinical data from EMR into central database
      - Standardize data dictionary for reporting metrics and help trauma centers incorporate into their own EMRs
      - Provide a forum to facilitate sharing of EMR build items/ideas between institutions
  - If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact:

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## ❖ OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE ..... KEVIN BURD

- Website refresh—enhancements include functionality for notifications, a Calendar, Research Tab, updated Resources area 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—notifications sent by end-of-month
  - TOPIC “pre-conference”
  - Registration “LIVE” on June 15, 2017 (PTSF website)

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## ❖ SITE SURVEY/ACCREDITATION UPDATE ..... AMY KRICHTEN

- Trauma Center Diversion Reports
  - Call for reports will be 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
- 2018 updated EAFS will be available October 1, 2017

## ❖ TECHNOLOGY/TRAUMA REGISTRY UPDATE ..... NATE McWILLIAMS

- 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.
- Trauma Vendor Alliance “Trauma Cloud”: The Trauma Vendor Alliance (TVA) is made up of three registry vendors, Lancet, DI and Clinical Data Management. This alliance is a cooperative to help standardize registry industry standards. In preparation for the switch to Quintiles at the ACS, the TVA has created a “cloud based” validator contained in what the TVA calls the Trauma Cloud™. A “cloud based” validator allows for faster and easier updates to the validator by a vendor as opposed to trying to update individual software one center at a time. You may have seen TVA’s Trauma Cloud™ webinar and were instructed to register for the Trauma Cloud™. Registration to the trauma cloud does not commit your center to anything; it only provides the TVA with the appropriate contact information so that they may reach out to your center to discuss accessing the Trauma Cloud™. The Trauma Cloud™ does not impact anything with the PA central site submissions or the PA Collector updates. The Vendor Validator and the Trauma Cloud™ currently only impact NTDB validation. The Foundation encourages each center to register for the Trauma Cloud™. You may register at <https://www.traumacloud.com>.

*Following the TPLF on Tuesday, the Foundation contacted the ACS for clarification regarding cost since that was a concern brought up by several trauma centers. According to the ACS, “There will not be an increase in ACS fees related to the transition to QuintilesIMS as our new technical vendor.” In addition, the ACS states, “ACS will continue to provide the NTDS data dictionary including all validation rules, as well as tools for the registry vendors to incorporate updates in their products.”*

## ❖ COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Trauma Registry Committee .....Nate McWilliams
  - The committee created three subgroups, ICD-10 list B procedures, Inclusion Criteria and Audit Filters. Each will be bringing recommendations to the full committee at the in-person committee meeting on June 20, 2017

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- Standards Committee.....Amy Krichten
  - Michelle Fontana, Committee Chairman
  - Standard changes are pending based on approval at the July PTSF Board meeting. Stay tuned!
  - The ACS is accepting comments regarding the Orange Book regulations. Supporting documentation must be submitted with suggestions:  
<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/vrc/stakeholder-comment>  
 June/July chapter revisions:
    - Chapter 9—Orthopedic Surgery
    - Chapter 10—Pediatric Surgery
    - Chapter 15—Registry
    - Chapter 19—Research
- PIPS, Outcomes & Pa-TQIP Collaborative Committees.....Terry Snavelly
  - Outcomes Committee is the “oversight committee” chaired by P. Reilly and D. Torres (vice-chairman)
  - PIPS Committee (D. Torres & S. Garrett, co-chairman):
    - ◆ PA V5 Outcomes Software (replacing POPIMS)
      - Roll-out dates are slated for October 2017 through June 2018 with the expectation that all centers will complete the installation and utilize the new software by July 1, 2018
      - Education for PA V5 Outcomes will be available at multiple venues, and in multiple formats
    - ◆ POPIMS Central Site Standardization:
      - Centers have 90 days to close and submit death records
      - T. Snavelly is following central site submission progress to identify any process or system issues with submissions. Please contact Terry with issues or concerns.
      - A report will be provided to the workgroup members for analysis and identification of themes after six to nine months of data collection.
    - ◆ PIPS Management Guidelines:
      - Draft Management Guideline reference documents were reviewed by the committee and are currently being updating with final guidelines and variance reporting tools.
      - An email will be sent out to all PA TCs when the Management Guideline Reference document is complete and posted on the PTSF website.
      - A PTSF Performance Improvement Primer was posted to the PTSF website April 20<sup>th</sup> as a basic PI reference document.

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- Pa-TQIP Collaborative (D. Torres, F. Fernandez & D. Titus are co-chairman)
  - ◆ Collaborative meeting held June 13, 2017
  - ◆ Pa-TQIP Collaborative centers will receive an invitation and instructions to join the ACS Communities website for updates, posted minutes, correspondence and information
  - ◆ Future meetings in 2017:
    - October 31, 2017: 10:15 a.m. until noon at the PTSF/PaCOT Fall Conference
    - November 11-13, 2017: TQIP Annual Scientific Meeting, Chicago Illinois (PA Collaborative meeting details/location TBD)