

**CONNECTICUTY TRAUMA COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Connecticut Hospital Association
Wallingford, CT**

February 20, 2014

PRESENT: Lenworth Jacobs, MD, Chairman; Ray Barishansky, Brian Cournoyer, Kevin Dwyer, Kelly Hansen, Jean Jacobson, Richard Kamin, Kathleen LaVorgna, Florence Leishman, William Marshall, Gillian Mosier, Linda Roney, Heidi Sandrowski, Subramani Seetharama, Jennifer Tabak, Pina Violano, Jim Santacroce, Kevin Manzolillo, Brian Wallace

Dr. Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and approved.

Dr. Jacobs has spoken with Commissioner Jewel Mullen and had a good discussion with her relative to the activities of the Trauma Committee and specifically the recent focus on the State of Connecticut being prepared for either an active shooter or an intentional mass casualty event. The Commissioner was aware of the various threats and wanted to be sure that everyone in the Trauma Committee, the EMS Advisory Committee, and other associated committees were sharing information with each other and were working collaboratively and moving in concert to the same goals. It was outlined to the Commissioner that the minutes of the Trauma Committee meetings were shared broadly across the various emergency medical groups as well as the public safety arena including the State Police and fire services. Both the prehospital based and hospital based emergency medical and public safety groups were well informed of the activities of the Trauma Committee.

The recent meeting held in Washington, DC on “Improving Survival from Active Shooter and Intentional Mass Casualty Events” was discussed. It was noted that there was strong top level representation from the Department of Human Services, FEMA, the Fire Administration, the Department of Defense, the FBI, the Secret Service, Major City Police Association, the emergency medical service community, and the 17th Surgeon General of the U.S. It was outlined that there are substantial threats and have been a significant number of active shooters in public places such as malls. It was clearly outlined that malls and hospitals are soft targets that are very difficult to defend against. This was further brought to light by the emergency department shooting event which occurred in Baystate Hospital in Springfield two days prior to this meeting. The results of the meeting was that there was a call to action which would be from the top down with the appropriate agencies sending signals to their subordinate groups as well as from the bottom up with the public being informed on how best to increase survival from these events. There have been public based teaching sessions provided by the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the Prehospital Trauma Life Support group that are designed to educate citizen responders relative to hemorrhage control such as tourniquets and hemostatic dressings and their effective use.

Dr. Richard Kamin then gave a presentation on the training that he has provided for multiple police departments which include the police combat life savers, train the trainers, and the use of tourniquets, and hemostatic dressings. He mentioned that over 300 officers have been trained and that state and local physicians as well as law enforcement and fire and EMS personnel have received this training.

Dr. Lenworth Jacobs then gave a presentation on survivability from these events and demonstrated the use of tourniquets and hemostatic dressings to the group. He also demonstrated a bleeding control bag which is installed at public sites in Hartford Hospital beside the automatic external defibrillators. The group inspected the equipment in the bleeding control bag and practiced placing tourniquets on each other. This represented an educational opportunity for all who attended the meeting.

Gillian Mosier gave a presentation on ICD-coding and this presentation will be distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Ray Barishansky gave a report from the Office of Emergency Medical Services and distributed the directive relative to the use of tourniquets for EMS personnel within the State of Connecticut.

Pina Violano then presented her work on injury prevention and child abuse. There was discussion on the importance of this work and the need for it to be an ongoing priority.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting of the CT Trauma Committee will be on Thursday, April 18, 2014 at the Connecticut Hospital Association in Wallingford.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Leishman