



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (RTAB)

April 17, 2024 - 1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Fisher, MD, Chair, Sunrise Hospital
Lisa Rogge, RN, University Medical Center
Cheryl Malone, Sunrise Hospital
Ashley Tolar, RN, St. Rose Siena Hospital
Dina Bailey, Health Education
Alexis Mussi, Administrator, Non-Trauma
Stacie Sasso (alt for Maya Holmes)
Erin Breen, Legislative/Advocacy

Deborah Kuhls, MD, University Medical Center
Col Keith Berry, MD, MOMMC
Sean Dort, MD, St. Rose Siena Hospital
Danita Cohen, Public Relations/Advocacy
Jessica Colvin, System Finance
Amy Henley, Rehabilitation Services
Sam Scheller, Private EMS Provider

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Holtz, MD, MAB Chairman
John Recicar, RN, MOMMC
Maya Holmes, Payers of Medical Benefits

Frank Simone, Paramedic, Public EMS Provider
Carl Bottorf, Nellis, General Public

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director
Laura Palmer, EMS Supervisor
Stacy Johnson, EMSTS Regional Trauma Coordinator
Fermin Leguen, MD, SNHD Health Officer
Tawana Bellamy, Sr. Admin Specialist

Edward Wynder, SNHD, Associate General Counsel
John Hammond, EMS Manager
Nicole Charlton, Recording Secretary
Jacques Graham, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Todd Sklamberg, CEO Sunrise Hospital
Allison Genco, St. Rose Siena Hospital
Brenda Sanchez, University Medical Center
Brittney Roso, University Medical Center
D. Allen, State of Nevada
Daniel Purcell
Jamarvin Harvey
Jessika Dragna, University Medical Center
Julie Nash, HCA Healthcare
Kristine Perez, Sunrise Hospital

Georgi Collins, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Bobbette Bond, Culinary Health Fund
Brittany Trujillo, Sunrise Hospital
Christina Wierckz, University Medical Center
Dan Shinn, Sunrise Hospital
Emily Tibbits
Jen Bertolani, Sunrise Hospital
Jimmy Lau
Justine Goodman, University Medical Center
Liz Casiello, HCA Healthcare

Mason Van Houweling, University Medical Center
Rachel Marchetti, State of Nevada
Ryan Tyler, Clark County
Syed Saquib, UNLV
Tony Greenway, Valley Health System
Yvonne Ramos, University Medical Center
Maluisa Lampaya, University Medical Center
Nick Fiore, NV Pediatric Surgery

Paola Mena, Sunrise Hospital
Robert McClaren, University Medical Center
Shana Tello, University Medical Center
Todd Hightower, Sunrise Hospital
Yasmin Conaway, University Medical Center
Kevin Schiller, Clark County
Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Clark County

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) was called to order by Chair Fisher at 1:30pm. The Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was administered by SNHD staff member Nicole Charlton and she noted that quorum was met.

II. DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS:

Directions were read out loud as follows: Members of the public may attend and participate in the RTAB meeting over the telephone by calling (415) 655-0001 and entering access code 2556 801 8766. To provide public comment over the telephone, please press *3 during the comment period and wait to be called on.

III. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public are allowed to speak on Action items after the Board's discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Board on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Board on behalf of the group. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

Chairman Fisher opened public comment; no person requesting to make comment he moved to the next agenda item.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 17, 2024 AGENDA:

Chairman Fisher asked for approval of the agenda from the April 17, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Member Rogge, seconded by Member Tolar and passed by majority vote to approve the agenda.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Fisher stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the RTAB that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Approve Minutes/Regional Trauma Advisory Board Meeting: 1/17/2024.

Chairman Fisher asked for approval of the minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Member Mussi, seconded by Member Rogge and passed by majority vote to approve the minutes.

VI. DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Dr. Fermin Leguen

Dr. Leguen reported on the following:

- A. March 24, 2024 was World TB Day and is celebrated throughout the world. Dr. Leguen stated that the United States has one of the lowest rates of TB, but in recent years there has been an increase in the incident numbers. In 2023, Clark County had 76 active cases reported, which is an increase of more than 40% from the previous year and an increase of 10% over the past 10 years.
- SNHD also has a surveillance team, which is working with the CCSD, regarding an increase in TB cases within the school system. For the past 8-10 months, there has been an increase within CCSD, which has triggered similar investigations throughout the county. So far, SNHD has spent over \$200,000 on this investigation, which is still ongoing.

VII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Committee Report: RTAB Member Nominating Committee

Discussion/Approval of Nominations for Non-Standing RTAB Member Seats for Terms Expiring June 30, 2024

- General Public
- Health Education and Prevention Services
- Legislative Issues/Advocacy
- Payers of Medical Benefits for Victims of Trauma
- Public Relations/Media

Chairman Fraser announced those selected at the RTAB Member Nominating Committee.

- **Carl Bottorf** was nominated as the General Public representative, but recently moved out of the country, therefore he declined his nomination. No action taken on this position.
- **Yvonne Ramos** was selected as the representative for Health Education and Prevention Services by the RTAB Nominating Committee.
 - Member Rogge made a motion to name Yvonne Ramos as the Representative for Health Education and Prevention Services of the RTAB. Member Breen seconded the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Erin Breen** was selected as the representative for Legislative Issues/Advocacy by the RTAB Nominating Committee.
 - Member Scheller made a motion to name Erin Breen as the Representative for Legislative Issues/Advocacy of the RTAB. Member Rogge seconded the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Maya Holmes** was selected as the representative of Payers of Medical Benefits for Victims of Trauma by the RTAB Nominating Committee.
 - Member Scheller made a motion to name Maya Holmes as the Representative for Payers of Medical Benefits of the RTAB. Chairman

Fisher seconded the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Danita Cohen** was selected as the representative of Public Relations/Media by the RTAB Nominating Committee
 - Member Mussi made a motion to name Danita Cohen as the Representative for Public Relations/Media of the RTAB. Member Scheller seconded the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion/Recommendation for Approval of Authorization of Sunrise Hospital as a Level I Trauma Center

SNHD Staff Member Stacy Johnson presented staff's report on an application from Sunrise Hospital to raise its designation level from a Level II Trauma Center to a Level I Trauma Center. Ms. Johnson reported that Sunrise Hospital has satisfied all requirements for authorization and is in good standing with SNHD. Mrs. Johnson also gave an Impact Report to the committee including that staff expect the increase in level is not expected to have an impact on Clark County's trauma system. Ms. Johnson concluded her presentation and offered to answer any questions.

Board members engaged in colloquy regarding the application and report by staff. Several members expressed a desire for additional information/data regarding the potential impact on the county trauma system before making a recommendation to the Board of Health on the application. After much discussion, Danita Cohen made a motion to recommend to the Board of Health to table this application and send it back to staff for consideration by the RTAB Committee with additional data as requested by RTAB. Member Mussi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Sunrise Hospital PowerPoint Presentation to the committee:

After further discussion, Jessica Colvin made a motion to delay Sunrise Hospital's PowerPoint presentation until all requested data is available to the RTAB committee. Member Sasso seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion did not pass. A representative from Sunrise Hospital presented their data.

Todd Sklamberg presented the PowerPoint to the committee. When asked the reason for the application, Mr. Sklamberg stated that Sunrise Hospital has been serving the community as a Level 1 Trauma Center for at least 12 years. There is a vast need for additional physicians in our community and Sunrise Hospital currently has 28 emergency medicine and ER residents completing their training and the goal is for many of these physicians to remain in the community. Recruiting for the community to a Level I Trauma Center is also critical and this would be another tool for the community to ensure we have the highest level of care.

Creation of RTAB Subcommittee:

Member Kuhls made a motion to recommend creating a subcommittee to define the data that to collect and analyze to assess the impact of a level change on the trauma system. Member Dort seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Trauma Field Triage Criteria Data Report for 4th Quarter 2023

Mrs. Johnson presented the TFTC data reports in the board's packet and reported on the trauma transport data for 4th Qtr 2023.

Mrs. Johnson asked the board for any questions or comments. None received.

D. Discussion of transport times between facilities within Southern Nevada.

Chairman Fisher tabled this agenda item until the next meeting.

E. Discussion of possible support statement for Legislative issues regarding Traffic Safety.

Chairman Fisher tabled this agenda item until the next meeting.

VIII. REGIONAL TRAUMA COORDINATOR REPORT

Ms. Johnson stated there was no report at this time.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Report from Public Provider of Advanced Emergency Care

Frank Simone was absent from the call, therefore there were no items to report.

B. Report from Private Provider of Advanced Emergency Care

Sam Scheller stated that on April 3, 2024, a Mass Casualty Incident drill was conducted at Mountain View Hospital, and it was successful.

C. Report from General Public Representative

Carl Bottorf was absent from the call, therefore there were no items to report.

D. Report from Non-Trauma Center Hospital Representative

Alexis Mussi stated there were no items to report.

E. Report from Rehabilitation Representative

Amy Henley stated there appears to be a slight uptick in Covid positive cases.

F. Report from Health Education & Injury Prevention Services Representative

Dina Bailey stated there were no items to report.

G. Report from Legislative/Advocacy Representative

Erin Breen stated there were no items to report.

H. Report from Public Relations/Media Representative

Danita Cohen stated there were no items to report.

I. Report from Payer of Medical Benefits

Stacie Sasso stated there were no items to report.

J. Report from System Finance/Funding

Jessica Colvin was absent from the call at this time, therefore there were no items to report.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically include on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Fisher asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Bobbette Bond provided public comment addressing the application submitted by Sunrise Hospital. Ms. Bond stated her position that the trauma system is working effectively today and that a change in level is not needed. She supported RTAB's action to recommend further data gathering and consideration.

No other persons appearing for public comment, Chairman Fisher moved to adjournment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.