



**MINUTES**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM**

**DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (RTAB)**

**April 16, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.**

*Minutes of the meeting are produced in summary format and are not verbatim*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deborah Kuhls, MD, University Medical Center	Lisa Rogge, RN, University Medical Center
Rodrigo Rodriguez, MD, Sunrise Hospital (Dr. Fisher's alternate)	
John Recicar, RN, MOMMC	Chris Giunchigliani, General Public
Georgi Collins, Sunrise Hospital	Sean Dort, MD, St. Rose Siena Hospital
Ashley Tolar, RN, St. Rose Siena Hospital	Danita Cohen, Public Relations/Advocacy
Yvonne Ramos, Health Education	Michael Holtz, MD, MAB Chairman
Jason Desai, (Alexis Mussi's alternate)	Amy Henley, Rehabilitation Services
Maya Holmes, Payers of Medical Benefits	Sam Scheller, Private EMS Provider
Erin Breen, Legislative/Advocacy	Frank Simone, Paramedic, Public EMS Provider
Jessica Colvin, System Finance	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Fisher, MD, Chair, Sunrise Hospital	Col Keith Berry, MD, MOMMC
Alexis Mussi, Administrator, Non-Trauma	

**SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director	Edward Wynder, SNHD, Associate General Counsel
John Hammond, EMSTS Manager	Andria Cordovez Mulet, SNHD Executive Asst
Stacy Johnson, EMSTS Regional Trauma Coordinator	Jacques Graham, SNHD Administrative Secretary
Roni Mauro, EMSTS Field Rep	Nicole Charlton, EMSTS Program Coordinator
Cassius Lockett, PhD, SNHD District Health Officer	Kristen Anderson, SNHD Senior Administrator
Xavier Gonzales, PhD, SNHD Director of Community Health	

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

John Gonzalez	John Mittelman
Bobbie Sullivan	Janice Hadlock-Burnett
Sheree Goins-Esquivel	Yasmin Conaway
Joe Hardy	Stacie Sasso

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) was called to order by Co-chair Kuhls at 1:30 pm. 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 (702) 907-7151 and entering access code 512497302#. To provide public comment over the telephone, please press \*5 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. Co-Chair Kuhls opened public comment. Co-Chair Kuhls asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items listed on the agenda.

Dr. Joe Hardy commented on item 7B (Renewal of Authorization of UMC at a Level I Trauma Center and a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center). He would like to know what the criteria is for moving from a Level II to Level III in pediatrics, as well as all around trauma centers. John Hammond will send Dr. Hardy some documentation in that regard.

Seeing no one else, public comment was closed for this portion of the meeting.

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 16, 2025 AGENDA:**

There is an amendment to Item VII-A. The RTAB Member Nominating Committee did not vote on the position of Knowledge of system financing/funding. A special meeting will be scheduled at a future date.

Co-Chair Kuhls asked for approval of the amended agenda from the April 16, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Member Rogge, seconded by Member Giunchigliani, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

Co-Chair Kuhls 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.

No edits/comments were received.

**VI. DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:**

Mr. Hammond reported that Dr. Cassius Lockett is the new District Health Officer, and a great asset to the district. He also discussed a few legislative bills that are pending, which could affect the EMS system.

**AB102** has been proposed and it could create an EMS regulatory framework for the Northern Nevada Public Health Department that is similar to our office. This does not include trauma system development at this time. Also included in this bill is the 16-year-old lower age limit for EMT certification.

**AB264** pertains to fingerprint background checks. Currently at SNHD, if a person is found guilty of a crime in which we don't certify/license for, we offer an administrative hearing and then he/she may seek judicial review. This bill removes the hearing requirement, going directly to judicial review if requested.

**AB343** is more associated with hospitals and their requirement to post their costs predominantly on their website.

**AB483** requires licensing boards such as the EMSTS in Las Vegas to process expeditiously, applications that come from certain census tracts.

**SB24** creates a new level of licensure for EMS providers as Emergency Medical Responders, which will be the new entry level position. Several rural and voluntary agencies could benefit from this due to the fact that it has a lower barrier of entry, so they can get some more people to occupy the ambulances and run calls, where volunteerism is counted upon quite deeply.

## VII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

### A. Committee Report: RTAB Member Nominating Committee:

Co-Chair Kuhls stated the RTAB Member Nominating Committee met prior to review the applications received and to make their recommendations to the RTAB. These appointees will serve a two-year term, expiring June 30, 2027.

Ms. Johnson reported the following:

- Administrator from a non-trauma center hospital system – Alexis Mussi
- Public providers of advanced emergency care – Ryan Tyler
- Private franchised providers of advanced emergency care – Sam Scheller
- Rehabilitation services – Amy Henley
- Knowledge of system financing/funding – will vote on at a future meeting.

Member Giunchigliani commented that she felt the nomination form was confusing and hoped the process would be clearer in the future.

Co-Chair Kuhls asked if there was any further discussion.

- *Member Giunchigliani made the motion to recommend Alexis Mussi as Administrator from a Non-Trauma Hospital System for the RTAB. Member Cohen seconded.* Co-chair Kuhls asked for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Alexis Mussi was declared elected as Administrator from a Non-Trauma Hospital System.

- *Member Giunchigliani made the motion to recommend Jason Perlmutter as Public providers of advanced emergency care representative for the RTAB. Member Henley seconded.* Co-chair Kuhls asked for discussion.

Ms. Johnson asked all those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed say "Nay." Nay's took the vote. Due to there being votes on both sides, a roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Charlton conducted a roll call vote. That motion does not carry.

Aye	5
Nay	12

Member Rogge made the motion to recommend Ryan Tyler as Public providers of advanced emergency care representative for the RTAB. Member Tolar seconded. Co-chair Kuhls asked for discussion.

Mrs. Charlton conducted a roll call vote.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>No</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Abstain</u>	<u>2</u>

Ryan Tyler was declared elected as Public providers of advanced emergency care representative.

- Member Simone made the motion to recommend Sam Sheller as Private franchised providers of advanced emergency care representative for the RTAB. Member Dort seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Sam Scheller was declared elected as Private franchised providers of advanced emergency care representative.

- Member Rogge made the motion to recommend Amy Henley as Representative for Rehabilitation services for the RTAB. Member Tolar seconded. Co-chair Kuhls asked for discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Amy Henley was declared elected as the representative for Rehabilitation Services.

- The position of Knowledge of system financing/funding will be decided at a future meeting.

B. Renewal of Authorization of University Medical Center as a Level I Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center

A motion was made by Member Dort with the amendment of Date of Last Renewal be changed to 2022, seconded by Member Holmes. Ms. Johnson asked for discussion.

Jessica Colvin wanted to disclose that her employer is also the hospital trustees for UMC. SNHD Counsel advised that the decision to abstain is to be made by the board members.

Motion carried unanimously to support this renewal.

## VIII. REGIONAL TRAUMA COORDINATOR REPORT

A. Update for EMS & Trauma System

Ms. Johnson notified the board of a few legislative bills that will affect trauma:

**AB326** incorporates the trauma treatment center designations currently in regulation into existing law and authorizes the designation of critical access hospitals as a Level 4 Center for the treatment of trauma. Per Mr. Hammond, it has been amended to see a trauma system study for the entire state and that it will go to the Senate next for discussion.

**SB415** has been previously discussed by the RTAB regarding Traffic Safety Cameras. This bill was scheduled for the Senate Growth and Infrastructure committee meeting. Member Breen will expand on this further during the Information Items agenda item.

Ms. Johnson stated that the OEMSTS office is working on implementation of an online/electronic process for the submission on initial and renewal trauma center applications/payments. Once this is complete, the old paper forms will be removed and the hospitals will be notified to begin using the electronic method.

Ms. Johnson lastly reminded all members that if anyone needs help with Stop the Bleed, Community Outreach, staff education, etc. please call or send an email to her directly.

B. Trauma Field Triage Criteria (TFTC) Data Reports for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024

Ms. Johnson referred the Board to the data in their packets. Co-chair Kuhls asked her if we have seen any dramatic changes. She stated that she is in the beginning stages of reviewing the data for the 2024 annual report and has noted a few five-year trends that TMAC will be reviewing prior to the final publish. We are also waiting for the Nevada State Annual Report.

C. Report from MAB Meeting

Mr. Hammond stated that the last MAB meeting was cancelled due to an MCI drill. Although per Dr. Young, at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, they did elect Troy Tuke as the new Vice-Chair. They also expanded the administration of Tylenol to the EMT & AEMT scopes. Paramedic internship & Restraint protocol was tabled. Satirical emergencies pediatric pain management was up for review, but was tabled as well. Dr. Young encouraged the board to log in to the next MAB meeting.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / DISCUSSION ONLY**

A. Report from Public Provider of Advanced Emergency Care

Frank Simone stated there were no items to report.

B. Report from Private Provider of Advanced Emergency Care

Sam Scheller stated that private and public franchise providers participated in a Mass Casualty Incident drill that was hosted by MountainView Hospital earlier this month. Ms. Johnson added that it was one of their biggest drills and was very successful.

C. Report from General Public Representative

Chris Giuncigliani stated 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 that the rehab facilities are not experiencing a huge need for more beds currently, but they are looking into ways to possibly expand pediatric beds in the valley.

F. Report from Health Education & Injury Prevention Services Representative

Yvonne Ramos reported the following upcoming events:

- All the trauma centers continue to offer Stop the Bleed classes. National Stop the Bleed Day will be on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and there will be a large public class offering at the UNLV main campus at 4pm.
- The annual Save a Life Win a MacBook will be awarded on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be a traveling art show as well. If interested, reach out to Erin Breen.
- On May 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a large pedestrian conference taking place. If interested, reach out to Erin Breen.
- On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise had their Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Carnival. It was very well attended with over 700 kids. There were several booths focused on trauma prevention at this event.
- UMC's Healthy Living Institute hosted a spring wellness event recently and they provided health resources, child passenger safety, pedestrian safety, and other injury prevention resources. Several community partners attended, including LVMPD who gave out approx. 200 firearm locks.
- Nevada Outdoor School, in partnership with the Nevada Dept of Wildlife, was at the Clark County Fair Moapa Valley April 10-12<sup>th</sup>. They provided off-highway vehicle education and gave out free ATV helmets to the youth.

G. Report from Legislative/Advocacy Representative

Member Breen reported the following:

- She confirmed that SB415 (Traffic Safety Camera bill) is no longer on the table.
- There is another bill that is limited to "move over" during a traffic crash and drivers who don't move over when they are able to, thereby putting the emergency responders lives in jeopardy.
- Another bill is to allow cameras on school bus stop arms to ticket people who pass the flashing red stop sign on the side of the bus when it is outstretched.
- Another Senate bill also coming out of Growth and Infrastructure from the interim committee, which is a combination of both the Assembly and Senate over the time of year when session is not in. That committee created the bills on Safety cameras and changes to DUI laws.
- There is a bill to make one way driving a misdemeanor.
- There is a road rage bill that is still active.
- There are three different bills that are looking at raising the penalties for DUI. One raises the penalty for DUI to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder and one of them strengthens the time spent behind bars back to 8-2 years in the state of Nevada.
- There is a bill to upgrade a law that was passed in the last session, to try to help law enforcement with street racing, as well as racing that happens in large groups. Law Enforcement would be able to ticket and tow those drivers.
- Final bill is that a driver is not allowed to park within 20 feet of a painted crosswalk, so that another driver's vision isn't blocked. This bill has changed from 20 feet to 15 feet and adds intersections that don't have marked crosswalks (implied crosswalks).

H. Report from Public Relations/Media Representative

Danita Cohen stated there were no items to report.

I. Report from Payer of Medical Benefits

Maya Holmes stated there were no items to report.

J. Report from System Finance/Funding

Jessica Colvin stated 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. Chair Fisher asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Seeing no one, he closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Kuhls adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.