



Trauma Care Commission Meeting Minutes

**January 4, 2024 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
IDOH – Adams Auditorium**

Commission members in attendance in-person or virtual for all or part of the meeting: Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Joel Thacker, Dr. Dan Rusyniak, Dr. Erik Streib, Dr. Lewis Jacobson (virtual), Dr. Emily Fitz, Lisa Hollister, Dr. Matthew Landman, Dr. David Welsh, Dr. Scott Thomas, and Dr. Jay Woodland (virtual)

Commission members not in attendance: Andy VanZee and Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed	Action on Follow-up Items
1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions Dr. Lindsay Weaver Chair	<p>Dr. Weaver called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum. She then asked Commission members attending in-person and virtually to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Dr. Weaver asked for comments and/or changes to the minutes from the November 3, 2023, meeting. Hearing none she entertained a motion for approval. Dr. David Welsh made a motion for approval, it was seconded by Dr. Matthew Landman and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>	N/A	N/A
2. Review of RFA Scoring Rubric Dr. Lindsay Weaver Chair	<p>Dr. Weaver asked for comments and feedback on the 2024-2025 Trauma System Development RFA Scoring Sheet. Dr. Erik Streib asked if there would be an opportunity for feedback and Brian Busching assured him there would be. Dr. Welsh inquired about the use of</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>the funds and Brian Busching stated that the Trauma and Injury Prevention Division has much flexibility for funding projects. There is \$2.5 million for projects in 2024 and \$5 million for projects in 2025.</p> <p>Dr. Weaver entertained a motion to approve the RFA Scoring Rubric. Dr. Erik Streib made a motion for approval, it was seconded by Dr. Emily Fitz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>		
<p>3. Subcommittee Update/Next Steps and IDOH Updates Brian Busching, Director of IDOH Trauma and Injury Prevention</p>	<p>Brian reviewed each Subcommittee's Scope and Chairs/Co-Chairs:</p> <p><u>Trauma Education & Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jay Woodland, Co-Chair • Dr. Matthew Landman, Co-Chair <p><u>Trauma Registry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Hollister, Chair <p><u>Trauma Performance Improvement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Eric Yazel, Chair <p><u>Trauma System Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy VanZee, Chair <p><u>Trauma Disaster Preparedness and Military Integration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Thacker, Co-Chair • Dr. David Welsh, Co-Chair 	N/A	N/A

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	<p>The Chair/Co-Chair responsibilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists and supports IDOH with leadership of the subcommittee; • Ensures subcommittee regularly meets; • Assists with planning and deployment of activities to reach subcommittee goals; and • Reports updates and activities to the Trauma Care Commission at quarterly meetings. <p>The next step is to work with IDOH to schedule first subcommittee meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Weaver entertained a motion to approve the Chairs/Co-Chairs and their responsibilities. Dr. David Welsh made a motion for approval, it was seconded by Dr. Dan Rusyniak and passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>		
<p>4. Trauma System Plan Update Ann Solzak and Olivia Knarr Crowe, LLP</p>	<p>Ann Solzak, Crowe, LLP provided an overview of the Trauma System Plan. She covered the timeline and stakeholder outreach plans. The TCC members suggested others to be added to the outreach plan to cover the scope of different practice groups, i.e. nursing, specialty surgeons, rural and urban EMS, emergency medicine, non-trauma centers, trauma networks, Indiana Commission on Trauma members, Indiana Chapter of American College of Surgeons members, and appropriate legislators.</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>Olivia Knarr, Crowe, LLP provided an overview of the Best Practice Report. Best practices were based on the American College of Surgeons (ACS) consultant report and ACS essential trauma system elements. The following states were included in the Best Practice Report: Washington State, Michigan, Texas, Georgia and Virginia. These states were chosen because of their recent trauma system planning, population demographics and geographical similarities. The key takeaways below address gaps identified in Indiana's ACS consultant report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • Emergency Medical Services • Definitive Care Facilities • Trauma System Registry • Confidentiality & Discoverability <p>Crowe, LLP identified key areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement fair processes across all elements; • Reduce injury related morbidity and mortality; • Address vulnerable populations including elderly, children, and rural areas; • Include all major components of trauma care, such as pre-hospital, acute care, post-acute and injury prevention. <p>Dr. Erik Streib inquired about rules vs. legislation. Director Joel Thacker stated that rule promulgation is a very timely process in Indiana. Dr. Weaver stated that</p>		

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	<p>Level 4 Trauma Centers should be considered in the future. Dr. Scott Thomas stated that Michigan has a designation for Level 4 Trauma Centers.</p> <p>Ann Solzak, Crowe LLP, asked the TCC members for additional guiding principles not currently included in the Best Practice Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Analysis • Interfacility transport • LHD disaster preparedness partnering with trauma centers and Community Health Centers • Quality data from all contributing hospitals • Confidentiality • Education 		
<p>5. Department of Homeland Security-EMS Update Kraig Kinney, State Director and Counsel for EMS and Dr. Eric Yazel, State EMS Medical Director</p>	<p>Mr. Kinney provided an overview of the EMS Commission discussion topics and dates/locations of future meetings. Mr. Kinney and Dr. Yazel provided updates on EMS Readiness Grants for Education and Equipment. Upcoming funding projects include EMS on-line education courses, Bowen Center continued funding for workforce initiatives, RAPID interfacility transfer pilot, and EMT student electronic testing preparation package for all EMS students, ACADIS and instructor development.</p> <p>Mr. Kinney and Dr. Yazel also provided an update on the total solar eclipse that will take place on April 8 from 1:45 to 4:30 pm. This event will draw huge crowds</p>	N/A	N/A

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	therefore medical transport to facilities and access to care will be impacted because of the traffic congestion. Dr. Weaver stated that the IDOH is working with LHDs on plans for this day.		
6. Final Business – Open Floor Discussion	Dr. Erik Streib inquired about the on-line EMS training vs. in-person training. Kraig Kinney responded that it was a traditional classroom before COVID-19, then it was determined that a hybrid approach would allow for easier access to training. Clinicals are still in-person only.	NA	NA
7. Adjournment	<p>Dr. Weaver asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. Merry Addison talked passionately about the importance of military integration.</p> <p>Hearing no further business to come before the Commission, Dr. Weaver entertained a motion to adjourn. Dr. Welsh made the motion, it was seconded by Director Joel Thacker and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.</p>	N/A	N/A