

HB 142 Review of Advisory Councils

Regional Trauma Care Advisory Committees

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Statutory Authority: 50-6-411, MCA

Purpose

- Reduce the incidence of trauma injuries in Montana and promote and advance excellence in the care of injured patients

General Information

- Consist of Western, Central, and Eastern RTACs, which are organized along geographic medical referral patterns

Membership:

- Designated trauma facility appoints members
- Statutorily required to appoint one representative to an RTAC for a 4-year term
- Members include representatives from both designated and nondesignated hospitals
- Facilities identify appropriate trauma program staff to participate, including trauma coordinators/registrars, physicians, and EMS responders
- Serve 4-year terms, may be removed for cause, and may be reappointed
- Formal appointments are problematic; members are retained for as long as they remain active in their positions
- Receive no compensation for services or reimbursement for expenses

Duties and Activities:

- Meet four times per year
- Establish standards, policies, procedures, and protocols for regional trauma care system
- Conduct regional quality care improvement and make recommendations to regional trauma care facilities based upon reports provided by DPHHS
- Advise the Trauma Care Committee regarding Montana's trauma care system
- Establish trauma care education and prevention programs and advise health care facilities and providers about trauma care
- Perform other duties required by DPHHS and conduct other activities to ensure quality trauma care

Budget Information

There are not any budgeted costs for conducting RTAC meetings other than staff travel to the meetings. Hospitals cover the costs for their staff to participate. The "hosting" hospital sites (Missoula, Great Falls, and Billings) provide meeting rooms, refreshments, and meals, as well as Telemed for those who are not able to attend in person.

EMS and trauma staff attend each RTAC meeting. However, due to workload and/or weather, only two to four of the meetings for each RTAC are attended in person. Motor pool and travel expenses for staff are approximately \$35 for Great Falls; \$50 for Missoula, and \$90 for Billings.

Annual costs for staff to attend all RTAC meetings are approximately \$350 to \$700, depending on the number of meetings attended.

Recent Activities

- Reviewing clinical care trauma cases, performance improvement, and peers at each meeting
- Continuing education for identified clinical and regional trauma topics
- Identifying regional trauma issues
- Reviewing 2011 air medical activation guidelines
- Reviewing 2012 trauma field decision/team activation criteria
- Reviewing anticoagulation reversal procedures and transfusion procedures
- Reviewing local and regional performance improvement activities
- Reviewing regional trauma registry data and performance improvement indicators

Regional Trauma Care Advisory Committees Membership

WRTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
John Bleicher, RN	Missoula	Trauma Coordinator, St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2001
J. Bradley Pickhardt, MD, FACS	Missoula	Medical Director, St. Patrick Hospital	2001
Michelle Schaefer	Missoula	Trauma Registrar, St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2002
Jon Gildea, DO, TMD	Missoula	Community Medical Center	2010
Traci Jasnicki, RN, TC	Missoula	Community Medical Center	2011
Frank Raiser, MD	Butte	Chair, TMD, St. James Healthcare	2008
Sue Ankeny, RN, TC	Butte	St. James Healthcare	2010
Chris Bogers, RN, DON, TC	Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge Medical Center	2012
Kathy Kirkley, RN, TC	Dillon	Barrett Hospital	2004
Joy Fortin, RN, TC	Kalispell	Kalispell Regnl. Med. Center	2011
Jen Lamkin	Kalispell	Trauma Registrar, Kalispell Regnl. Med. Center	2011
Judy Smith, FNP, TC	Whitefish	North Valley Hospital	2010
Ron Handlos, PA-C, TMD	Philipsburg	Granite Co. Med. Center	2009
Brian Spuhler, RN, TC	Philipsburg	Granite Co. Med. Center	2011
Nerissa Kovacevich, RN, TC	Plains	Clark Fork Valley Hospital	2010
Susan Woods, RN, TC	Polson	St. Joseph Hospital	2004
Leah Emerson, RN, DON	Ronan	St. Luke Community Hospital	2004
Ted Woirhaye, RN, TC	Sheridan	Ruby Valley Hospital	2009
Roberta Malek, RN, TC	Superior	Mineral Community Hospital	2009
Tim Donovan, MD	Missoula	St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2009
Megan Hamilton, RN, REMT-P	Missoula	St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2010

Jessica Suess, MD	Missoula	Community Medical Center	2010
Don Whalen, EMT-P	Missoula	Missoula Emergency Services	2004
William Torres, JR	Hamilton	EMS Medical Director	2011
Reece Roat, EMT	Frenchtown/ Kalispell	Frenchtown/Kalispell ALERT	2010
Larry Peterman	Missoula	Life Flight	2004
Linda Chambers	Kalispell	ALERT Flight	2012
Lynette Sharp	Missoula	Care Flight	2011
Angela Coleman	Superior	Ambulance	2004

CRTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
Chad Engan, MD, FACS	Great Falls	Chair, TMD, Benefis Healthcare	2007
Lauri Jackson, FNP	Great Falls	Trauma Coordinator, Benefis Healthcare	2006
Marie Haynes	Great Falls	Trauma Registrar, Benefis Healthcare	2008
Pat Alduenda, PA-C	Helena	St. Peter's Hospital	2012
Krissy Lowery, RN, TC	Helena	St. Peter's Hospital	2008
Julia Drishinski, RN, DON, TC	Shelby	Marias Medical Center	2010
Laura Erickson, RN, TC	Conrad	Pondera Medical Center	2008
Jean Hannon, RN, TC	Havre	N. MT Healthcare	2011
Julie Peterson, RN	Choteau	Teton Med. Center	2008
Dirk Johnson	Great Falls	Great Falls EMS	2010
Leigh Keiter, RN, TC	White Sulphur Springs	Mtn. View Med. Center	2011
Kayla Johnson, RN, TC	Chester	Liberty Co. Hospital	2010
Tim Sinton, PA-C	Choteau	n/a	2004
Scott Schandelson, RN	Great Falls	Mercy Flight	2004
Jolene Wetherwax, EMT	Browning	Blackfeet EMS	2008

ERTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
Billy Oley, MD, TMD, Chair	Red Lodge	Beartooth Billings Clinic	2007
Dennis Maier, MD, FACS	Billings	Trauma Med. Director, St. Vincent Healthcare	2001
Mike Wilcox, MD, FACS	Billings	St. Vincent Healthcare	2011
Robert Hurd, MD, FACS, TMD	Billings	Billings Clinic	2001
Brad Vongergen, RN, TC	Billings	Billings Clinic	2005
Andrew Goss, RN	Billings	Trauma Outreach, Billings Clinic	2010
Sally Hageman, RN, TC	Billings	St. Vincent Healthcare	2010- 2012

Chuck Bratsky, RN	Billings	Trauma Outreach, St. Vincent Healthcare	2012
Kim Winters, RN, TC	Big Timber	Pioneer Medical Center	2010
Sam Miller, RN, TC	Bozeman	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital	2009
Jose Ortiz, MD, TMD	Colstrip	Colstrip Clinic	2007
Julie Crockett, RN, TC	Colstrip	Colstrip Clinic	2011
Denise Donahue, RN, TC	Columbus	Stillwater Community Hospital	2010
Teresia Moore, EMT, TC	Culbertson	Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center	2009
Mindy Price, RN, TC	Forsyth	Rosebud Healthcare Center	2010
Elaine Schuchard, RN, TC	Glasgow	Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital	2001
Ashley Quanbeck, MD, TMD	Hardin	Big Horn County Memorial Hospital	2011
Lorna Theriault, RN, TC	Harlowton	Wheatland Memorial Hospital	2007
Kiera Pattison, RN, TC	Livingston	Livingston Memorial Hospital	2011
Heather Wicks, RN	Livingston	Livingston Memorial Hospital	2011
Lisa Fawcett, RN, TC	Plentywood	Sheridan Memorial Hospital	2008
Chris Mehl, EMT	Plentywood	EMS Director, Sheridan Memorial Hospital	2008
Chris Benton, RN, TC	Red Lodge	Beartooth Billings Clinic	2007
Lois Leibrand, RN, TC	Scobey	Daniels Memorial Hospital	2007
Kay Hatter, RN, TC	Sidney	Sidney Healthcare Center	2009
Tracy Strand, RN, TC	Wolf Point	Trinity Hospital	2008
Pam Tumbaugh, RN, TC	Poplar	Poplar Community Hospital	2003
Nonette Brown, RN	Poplar/Wolf Point	n/a	2005
Delilah Duffy, RN, TC	Lewistown	Central Montana Hospital	2009

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