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SUBJECT: Statewide Trauma System Planning

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive information regarding the Statewide Trauma System.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION**State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC):**

The STAC is scheduling conference calls with three – four face-to-face meetings per year. Since the last Commission meeting, STAC has scheduled a conference call in May 2014. Multimedia options are made available for members who are unable to travel. The STAC continues to work on finalizing the State Trauma Plan in preparation for the pre-public comment period. Members have been given the chance to review the Plan and provide comments to the EMS Authority.

The STAC Project Subcommittee has completed a tool kit for Trauma Center and Trauma System assessment for the local EMS agencies. The local EMS agencies will be surveyed with help from the Subcommittee on local mechanisms in place for Trauma Center/System Assessment. The next documents under development address interfacility transfer and emergency department re-triage.

State Trauma Plan

The STAC was provided the final DRAFT of the State Trauma Plan and the EMS Authority is collating all comments with select revisions. Upon completion, the State Trauma Plan will be provided to local EMS agencies, Health and Human Services Agency, and other key trauma system participants for a pre-public comment period. Finally, a broader pre-public comment period will be held.

Local Trauma Plan Review

The EMS Authority has been working with LEMSAs to ensure a current Trauma System Status Report is on file. Trauma Plan submission is required if significant changes have occurred in the system. The current number of Trauma Centers in California is now 76. The EMS Authority website has a listing of all California Trauma Centers at www.emsa.ca.gov.

Regional Trauma Coordinating Committees (RTCC)

The RTCCs continue to schedule their own conference calls and face-to-face meetings with participation by EMS Authority staff when available. Subcommittees are formed with special projects as determined by the membership.

RTCCs provide a report on activities and issues of concern for the region at the STAC meetings. As a result, two trauma system issues are under review:

- 1) Standardization of C-spine immobilization in the field based on current practice and research. Dr. David Shatz (STAC member and North RTCC Chair) is working with EMDAC on a draft policy.
- 2) Trauma Triage to Level III Trauma Centers. Information is being compiled on Level III Trauma Centers and their capabilities above regulatory requirements. In addition, data reports will be developed to show the pattern of initial transports to and secondary transports from Level III Trauma Centers across the State.

Trauma Summit V

The fifth Trauma Summit is currently being planned for August 22, 2014. The EMS Authority is partnering with Stanford Medical Center and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and their annual trauma conference. The trauma conference is planned for August 21 – 22, 2014 at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto. A “save the date” has been sent out and a registration brochure is under development.

Stanford Medical Center is hosting a ½ day session for two new State Trauma System committees:

- 1) Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) – develop the State PIPS program including, but not limited to, standardized definitions, process for performance improvement, flow charts and data collection/analysis.
- 2) Re-triage and Interfacility transfer process – develop a standardized approach that regions may utilize for emergency re-triage and delayed Interfacility transfer between Trauma Centers or from non-trauma facilities to Trauma Centers.

Statewide trauma partners have been solicited for letters of interest with final membership determined by Dr. Robert Mackersie (STAC Chair) and the EMS Authority Director. The Commission will be kept informed as summit preparations are finalized.