

Region 1 RTCC executive committee conference call notes
November 24, 2008

Present:

Larry Karsteadt	Joanne Chapman
Cheryl Wraa	Jan Gritsch with Brian Schmidt
Bonnie Sinz	Karen Crain
Jonathan Jones	Cheri White
Richard Ferraro	Richard Todd
Ken Stiver	Rita Nicklas
Rachael Hanks-Saphore	Judy Cline
Nathaniel Knight	Christy Frecceri
Pam Mather	

Larry called the meeting to order:

Agenda approved with the addition of:
use of fund money (\$10,000)

Purpose of the committee was reviewed:

- Gap analysis
- Triage criteria standardization
- Look at quality of care issues
- Transfer of patients throughout the region

Bonnie Sinz reported that:

- Marin County has joined the Bay Area region
- Solano County may want to be a part of our region and the Bay Area region
- San Joaquin County has not appointed anyone for the committee

Cheryl Wraa reported that:

Several groups wanted to be part of our listserve. I expressed that the listserve was for communication of the committee. We will post minutes on the State website and others can communicate their comments to us through them. The group agreed with this decision.

Jonathan Jones gave an update on activity by the other regions.

Larry opened discussion on our ability to communicate effectively:

The committee discussed their experiences with webinar meetings. Video conferencing is more expensive. Average cost was ~\$1000.00 to \$1500.00 per year. Equipment for conference calls was discussed. Cheryl suggested that if we need to buy equipment that we consolidate and have the group members attend at the LEMSA office. Karen Crain agreed. Larry will check into the cost of the

“spider phones”. Cheryl will check with UCDMC telemedicine to see where equipment is around the region to see if it could be of use.

Goals for the committee that were set at the trauma summit were reviewed:

Goal #1: Standardize trauma triage criteria across the region

ACS has new recommendations. Rachael Hanks-Saphore (chair) volunteered to collect the trauma triage criteria from each of the LEMSAs and place it on a spread sheet for comparison. Karen Crain, Cheri White, Jan Gritsch, and Rick Ferraro volunteered to assist with the project. Criteria to Rachael by December 15th . Spreadsheet will be developed and sent to project members by January 9th.

Goal #2: Develop guidelines for appropriate patient destination – guidelines for regional approach to airmedical transport.

There is a document from the State that gives broad guidelines for helicopter utilization. Project members to review appropriateness of airmedical transport and transfer to develop regional guidelines. This will tie in with the gap analysis. Members to include: Dave Magnino or his representative, Vickie Pinette (chair), Cheryl Wraa, Dr. Rudnick (?), Rita Nicklas, rep from California AAMS, and Judy Cline. Vickie will set deadline dates.

Goal #3: Develop guidelines for transfer to definitive care and repatriation –

Members will identify issues with transfer to definitive care and repatriation within the region and develop guidelines. This will tie in with the gap analysis. Larry Karsteadt (chair), Joe Galante (?), Cheri White, Joanne Chapman, Rita Nicklas or representative, Rick Ferraro, Nathaniel Knight (?) – will communicate by email within the next 2 weeks and then meet by conference call by January 15th.

Jonathan Jones

State Trauma Advisory Committee requesting a representative from each region to attend the TAC meeting. This committee does not pay for travel. They meet 3-4 times a year across the state. Larry nominated Cheryl Wraa. The committee agreed and Cheryl Accepted.

Larry Karsteadt

Available funding \$10,000.

Part of funding will be used to purchase equipment for conference calls. Each LEMSA will let Cheryl know if they need phone (polycom) equipment by December 15th. Jonathan will check into cost and funding from State.

We should meet face to face in April or May. (help with travel)
State system summit on June 26th. May meet the day before on June 25th or set up a meeting in a central location in the region ie: Chico

Gap Analysis

Look at air resources and identify gaps

Look at trauma centers and identify gaps

Joanne Chapman, Larry Karsteadt, Christy Frecceri (chair) volunteered to assist with the project. Members to develop an email list of questions to identify potential gaps in trauma care in the region. This may produce maps that show current gaps. Committee will try to identify why the gaps exist and what barriers there are to closing them. This should also include specialty care such as neurosurgery, ENT, etc. Jonathan will send Joanne and Larry the set of questions other regions used for their gap analysis.

Cheryl will send out a meeting wizard for a conference call in January.

Cheryl will send out a list of current RTCC members with email addresses and a list of the hospitals in each LEMSA across the State.