

10-17-24 RTAB Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Dr. Pappas welcomed the group.

Roll Call

Trauma Chair – Orlando Regional/Orlando Health: Eric Alberts, Jeana Swain, Dr. Tracy Zito
Trauma Co-Chair – Halifax/Halifax Health: Rachel Hamlett
Level II Rep – Lake Monroe Hospital/HCA: Dr. Rick Ricardi
EMS Chair – Martin County (South): Chief Kammel
EMS Co-Chair – Brevard (North): Not present
EMS Central Rep – Orange (Central): Dr. Zuver
County DOH – St. Lucie County: Not present
Acute Care Hospital – Nemours: Adela Casas-Melley
Extended Care – Southern LTC: Not present
Municipal Government – City of Palm Bay: Not present
County Government – Orange: Not present

6 of the 11 voting members were present for a quorum

Ex Officio, Stakeholders:

Beverly Cook
Lina Chico
Lynne Drawdy
Mary Mayhew
Matt Meyers
Dr. Peter Pappas
John Wilgis
Dr. Scott Zenoni

Call to Order: The chairs called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

Review and Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes; there were no objections and the motion carried.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Pappas advised that recent significant events, including the hurricanes and the Baxter IV solution shortage, have highlighted the need to discuss Trauma Center and EMS resiliency. What do we do when we have natural and man-made events that disrupt the supply chain.

CFDMC/RDSTF Update: Lynne advised that overall the region fared well during Hurricane Milton. St. Lucie County was heavily impacted with a series of tornados. Dr. Rubay discussed their response to this event. He stated that the April full scale exercise was valuable in preparing for this event. Lynne will follow-up with Dr. Rubay to get a quote for the 2025 exercise. Dr. Pappas asked if he would present this as the stakeholder spotlight in December. Lynne reminded the group that the annual CFDMC conference is scheduled for December 4th; this year's theme is "A Culture of Resiliency" and will include a panel discussion on the OneBlood event.

FHA Update: Mary Mayhew stated that FHA facilitated many briefings during OneBlood, Hurricane Helen, Hurricane Milton and the IV shortage. She stated that the role of FHA is to convene stakeholders to share situational awareness and foster regional and statewide collaboration. She

advised that Hurricane Milton saw the largest number of hospital evacuations in recent history, with 21 hospitals evacuating and more than 400 healthcare facilities, including ALFs and nursing homes, evacuating. She stated that John Wilgis held roundtables across the state to do a comprehensive review of established best practices and to identify vulnerabilities. One theme was the lack of transparency in data; we need to get real-time information in the hands of hospitals, such as which hospitals are evacuating. She stated that in hurricanes, one of the challenges hospitals face is loss of infrastructure such as water and sewer. During Milton, St. Pete lost those but was able to restore them in a short period of time. Some hospitals had installed wells and FHA is trying to drill down to determine how those wells can support fire suppression. She stated that FHA received a request on Thursday to support decompression at a coastal hospital when nearby hospitals evacuated. They were able to facilitate this request and within 45 minutes had beds available from hospitals on the east coast. Another issue was access to fuel for hospital personnel. FHA identified private vendors to get fuel trucks to hospitals. She stated there is a lot more work to be done on that front. She reported that AHCA worked very well with hospitals to expedite re-openings. Other work is still needed, such as when to make decisions to evacuate, and obtaining local situational awareness and real-time data. What information and tools do we need?

Mary gave kudos to American Hospital Association for their support in the Baxter IV fluid shortage. AH sent a letter to the White House highlighting actions needed. FHA convened statewide calls and sent out a survey. The hospitals are not alarmed at the present but that could change the longer the issue persists. They are working on guidance on compounding and expanding capacity from other facilities. Only the manufacturer can request shelf life extensions. She stated that while Baxter is optimistic about how quickly they can get back to normal, others are not as optimistic. We need to continue to focus on ensuring the supply chain is available to support patient needs.

John Wilgis stated that FHA will share information on individual assistance and public assistance for the hurricane. Lynne thanked FHA on behalf of the Coalition and the region's hospitals for their leadership during these recent events. Mary stated that the goal is to have a finger on the pulse of these events and speak with one unified voice. We also need to learn from these situations to improve resiliency. Cyber-attacks are a national security concern, and our dependency on China and India for pharmaceuticals is also a concern. Dr. Ricardi stated that this past week they were low on platelets and were told that there was an issue. Mary stated that they had not heard this. She stated that we will continue to raise the concern that 80% of the nation's blood supply comes from one supplier, and requiring hospitals to contract with one vendor. This practice is being re-evaluated. Dr. Pappas thanked Mary and John for the presentation.

Committee Updates

System Support Committee: Lina reported on the committee's meeting this morning, including an update on the statewide Stop the Bleed project for high-risk organizations. She stated that all are doing a great job in injury prevention programs such as Stop the Bleed, falls prevention, helmet safety, and safe driving. They will continue to work on increasing membership in the committee and attendance.

Preparedness Committee: Eric reported on the December 14th meeting. A workgroup to develop trauma/burn training is being convened. The group received an update on Pulsara implementation in the region. Pulsara has a full-time representative, Forrest Whitaker, assigned to the region and Pulsara will be used to track patients during the Electric Daisy Carnival. The group is holding off on the statewide MCI coordination plan until Pulsara is more widely used. ASPR has designated this plan as a priority. The Preparedness Committee drafted a letter for the Trauma Advisory Board on

the OneBlood event. The group discussed the 2025 full scale medical surge exercise. A request regarding participation and bed counts has gone out to hospitals and the first planning meeting is scheduled for December 6th. The group also discussed the need to better prepare the free standing emergency departments for MCIs. There is a workgroup focused on this. y looked at the 15 till 50 exercise but the FSEDs minimal staffing. The next Preparedness Committee meeting is December 2nd.

Clinical Leadership Committee: Dr. Zuver stated they discussed the whole blood project in Orange County, and EMS and trauma resiliency. Dr. Pappas stated that the group agreed that if EMS or law enforcement applies a tourniquet, this is a trauma alert.

New Business: The group reviewed the draft letter from the Coalition and the Trauma Advisory Board and its committees to FDOH and FHA regarding input on the OneBlood event. Jeana Swain agreed and stated that there is a need for transparency. Jeana suggested that we include Gene Buerkle. A motion was made and seconded to approve and send the letter with that revision.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 3 at 11 am (virtual only).

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.

10-14-24 RTAB Clinical Leadership Committee

Attendees: Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. LeeAnne Lee, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Heather Ouelette, Dr. Peter Pappas, Dr. Rick Ricardi, Dr. David Rubay, Dr. Ayanna Walker, Dr. Scott Zenoni, Dr. Tracy Zito, Dr. Christian Zuver

Call to Order: Dr. McPherson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dr. McPherson asked for approval of the August minutes. There were no objections and the minutes were approved

CFDMC Update: Lynne announced the registration for the annual Coalition conference on December 3 & 4 has gone out and she encouraged the group to register. Dr. Pappas asked for status on the Coalition's response to Hurricane Milton. Lynne advised that the Coalition's response role is providing situational awareness to members and supporting resource coordination. She stated that the Coalition sent out information such as the executive orders and curfew letters and posted information and resources on the website. For resource coordination, we contacted every hospital post storm to determine unmet needs and monitored all mission requests from our region. Our region fared well overall. There were a couple of hospitals that evacuated, had generator failures, some flooding, etc. but most are back to normal operations. She stated that St. Lucie County was the most impacted, having significant damage from a series of tornados. The Coalition is continuing to monitor mission requests and there are no current unmet needs.

New Business:

Hurricane Milton Updates: Dr. David Rubay said they were prepared for the hurricane and were accepting transfers from Okeechobee County when the tornados hit St. Lucie County; neighborhood/retirement community of mobile homes hit directly by 14 tornados. They immediately started their emergency protocols and were able to receive and provide care for the victims. He stated that the response was similar to the MCI drill in April and all staff knew their roles. Lynne asked if the full scale exercise was valuable to this response and he emphasized that it was. Lynne will reach out to Dr. Rubay for a quote to use in the 2025 exercise. Dr. Pappas asked Dr. Rubay to speak on the response as the stakeholder spotlight at the December 3rd Executive Committee meeting. Dr. McPherson stated that Cape Canaveral evacuated and there was great coordination with EMS. The hospital was hit by a tornado after the evacuation; there was minimal damage. Dr. Pappas advised that the Coalition is participating in FHA and state calls on the hurricane response. Lynne advised that both calls have ended and the state is focusing now on the Tampa/Sarasota response.

Baxter IV Event: Lynne stated that we have heard that the Daytona plant is expected to open this week. She will continue to share updates from FHA and HHS.

EMS and Trauma Center Resilience: Dr. Pappas asked for discussion on sharing issues and best practices, such as transportation pathways, mitigation, staff deployment, etc. Dr. Zito stated this is a good topic. She stated that in areas with blizzards, they had to use the military to help with transport. She stated that the major road in front of their hospital flooded and they had multiple ways to get information on access to patients and the community. Do others have this capability? Dr. McPherson stated that in Brevard, EMS had flyers they passed out on what to avoid post storm. He stated they also had treat and release protocols for minor injuries to avoid unnecessary transport. Dr. Zuver stated they staffed up a couple of days before the storm and checked for known flood areas.

They use emergency management to send out alerts. He stated they have protocol for alternate treatment sites, and different parts of the county have different needs. They use fire rescue and other resources to support high risk populations. Dr. McPherson stated that EMS helps staff the special needs shelters.

Addition to Trauma Criteria: Dr. Zuver asked if anyone has looked at tourniquet placement as a trauma criteria. Dr. Walker said Dr. Zito put this in place in Osceola. Dr. Zito agreed this is an appropriate trauma alert criteria, and Dr. Pappas stated that he would advocate for this becoming part of our trauma alert criteria.

Old Business

Whole Blood in the Field: Dr. Zuver said he is modifying the protocols and reviewing data and will have preliminary reports soon. Dr. Pappas asked about field opportunities with transfusions. Dr. Zuver said he is amazed at how fast they can go from making the decision to utilizing blood. He said the process is straight forward and there is not a lot of pre-hospital waste. He is impressed with the mechanics of storing. Dr. Pappas said he is excited to see the data from Orange County and he is hoping others will follow. Dr. Zuver said they are working with Lee County and will help anyone interested.

OneBlood Event: Dr. Zito suggested that the group encourage DOH to look at redundancy and having more than a single blood supplier. Lynne stated that the Trauma Preparedness Committee has drafted a letter regarding the event for presentation at Thursday's Executive Committee meeting. We can add to this letter or send a separate letter. Dr. Zito suggested that we add it to this letter. Lynne will draft and send to Dr. Zito for review and presentation on Thursday. Dr. Ricardi stated that he heard Tampa General Hospital was low on platelets. Lynne stated that this has not come up on the FHA or state calls but she will follow-up.

Next Meeting/Adjournment: The next Clinical Leadership Committee meeting is December 2nd. Dr. Zuver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

10-14-24 RTAB Preparedness Committee Meeting

Participants: Eric Alberts, Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Kim Foley, Julie Frey, Rachel Hamlett, Dr. Dustin Huynh, Matt Meyers, Heather Ouelette, Michelle Rud, Joe Stern, Jeana Swain, Dr. Tracy Zito

Trauma/Burn Training: Lynne thanked Michelle, Jeana, Rachel and Heather for volunteering to be on this workgroup. Jeana advised she will also cover the Warden Burn Center on the initial call. Lynne will send out a doodle poll to schedule a meeting.

Pulsara Update & Strategies: Lynne advised that Pulsara has placed a representative, Forrest Winslow, in Central Florida over the next few months to get hospitals and EMS agencies live on Pulsara. Lynne shared an update from Pulsara (see attached) and we will provide monthly updates on implementation. She stated that after a slow start, we are now seeing movement.

Statewide MCI Coordination Plan: Lynne advised that we have received new guidance from ASPR on a state requirement for a patient movement plan. She shared this with the group and will send it to Dr. Zito. She asked if we want to hold until we are better established with Pulsara or move forward with this now? Dr. Zito asked what percentage are live on Pulsara; currently 0%. Lynne stated that they will use Pulsara during the Electric Daisy Carnival and having Forrest here full time should help us move quickly. Dr. Zito suggested that we hold on this issue until we have Pulsara widely in place.

Supply Chain Events (OneBlood and IV Solution): Lynne stated that the committee agreed to send a letter to FHA on the OneBlood event; this was drafted and shared. Dr. Zito said she would like this to specifically state that hospitals need more than one source of blood products. Dr. Huynh and Michelle agreed. Eric stated that the contracts do not allow hospitals to have another vendor. And Dr. Zito said that we need to change that. Lynne said originally the letter was to go to FHA and asked if we should also send this to FDOH. All agreed that it should. Lynne asked if we should send it to the Office of Trauma or the DOH response leader, and Dr. Zito suggested both. Lynne will update the draft letter to include these changes and send it to Dr. Zito for review and presentation to the Executive Committee. She will copy the committee on the final letter.

2025 Full Scale Exercise: Lynne shared that we have begun planning for the April 2025 full scale exercise. A request has gone out to hospitals regarding participation and bed counts, and the Concepts & Objectives meeting has been scheduled for December 6th.

FSEDs: Eric said there was a meeting today to discuss holding a 15 till 50 exercise for free standing emergency departments. He expressed concern that the model does not apply for FSEDs and does not address their severe staffing limitations. He also expressed concern over setting up triage outside in Florida. Michelle agreed and said she would like to see a different concept for FSEDs. Lynne said she was told they had adapted the exercise for the FSEDs but it appears to be the same exercise. Lynne will reach out to Chris Riccardi and ask if they have conducted an exerciser at an FSED with limited staffing and ask for the AAR. She will bring this back to the FSED workgroup for further discussion.

Annual CFDMC Conference: Lynne announced the registration has opened for the December conference and training and encouraged all to register. The December Trauma Executive Committee and Stakeholder meeting will be held on December 3rd.

Next Meeting: The next Trauma Preparedness Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2nd.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

10-17-22 RTAB System Support Committee Minutes

Participating: Lina Chico, Lynne Drawdy, Monica Howington, Matt Meyers, Heather Oulette

Stop the Bleed: Lynne advised that funding for this statewide project was approved and the state has received the federal funding. The state is working on a contract with the Florida Healthcare Coalition and they will send the funding to each region. We should receive this funding very soon. Lynne has provided a list of high-risk faith-based organizations to target.

Teen Safe Driving Week: Lina asked all to promote this next week. The Safe Driver Coalition received a proclamation from the Governor. She asked that all encourage high schools to apply for kits to promote safe driving through the state program at batleofthebelts.org. Lynne asked if there were any social media promos we can share and Lina stated these are available on the Florida Teen Safe Driver website.

Updates:

- **Holmes:** Heather reported they are doing fall prevention in partnership with EMS and are going out to centers in the county with pharmacists and physical therapists. She stated that Think First is a national injury prevention program that can do home visits to assess fall risk. They are also continuing the Stop the Bleed trainings with schools and companies. Those asking for kits are referred to the website. They are also doing distracted driver programs at schools, and helmet fittings.
- **HCA Lake Monroe:** Monia stated that she is the new Injury Prevention Coordinator. They are also doing Stop the Bleed, fall prevention, distracted drivers at schools, helmet fittings, and Best Foot Forward. They are also working with the Central Florida Blood Supply Coalition and partners to promote blood drives in the area.
- **Orlando Health:** Lina reported for Sheryl and stated that they are doing Stop the Bleed instructor trainings in schools. The next community course is in December. They have worked with MADD to record teen safe driving videos.
- **Arnold Palmer Hospital:** Linda stated that they received a Buckle Up for Life grant for car seats and an Orlando Health grant for car seats. She stated that families who need car seats can be referred to r-carseat-@orlandohealth.com. They are also working on helmet safety, pedestrian safety and water safety.

Lina reminded the group that resources are posted on the Coalition website.

Lynne advised that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.