

Trauma System Fund Authority Meeting Minutes March 17, 2010

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Kester, MD, Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Demarest, MD Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Sapien, MD	<i>Members</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina R. Campos (by phone) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOH Representative Dr. Karen Armitage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Dye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don McNutt <input type="checkbox"/> John Henry Sloan, MD
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I. **Venue:** New Mexico Hospital Association, 7471 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque
Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dale Kester, MD Chair
Welcome – Dale Kester welcomed all

II. **Agenda changes:** There were no changes made to the agenda

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	STATUS
III.	Review of Minutes			
	Dale Kester	The attendees reviewed the December 16, 2009 minutes. <u>Motion</u> Don McNutt motioned to approve the December 16, 2009 minutes with no changes. Jennifer Ward 2 nd The motion carried unanimously.	Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye	Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye
IV.	Attendance – TSFA Members			
	Dale Kester	All members' attendance reviewed. The New Mexico Medical Society endorsed Dr Clarence Pearson to fill the current vacancy. Liana Lujan will send an application to Dr. Pearson to begin the appointment process.	Liana Lujan to begin approval process	Pending
V.	MOA Update			
	Liana Lujan	FY08- no action is required by TSFA- because the fiscal year has ended, if MOA deliverables are unfulfilled, DOH will be asking the MOA fiscal agents to return money	None	Closed
	Liana Lujan	FY09- these MOAs require TSFA action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Region II- deliverables are media coverage to promote the NM trauma system. Sandy Barley explained the issues that led to the delays in accomplishing the deliverables. Sandy is asking for a 3 month extension to complete the MOA. 		

		<p><u>Motion</u> Christina Campos motioned that DOH write a new MOA with a three month extension awarding the original amount of \$10,323.33 for Region II to continue the media project. Jennifer Ward 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of New Mexico Trauma Center Program Managers- The MOA deliverables were to teach PHTLS courses for 50 students. The funds were dispersed by DOH after the fiscal year ended, so the deliverables could not be met. The check was also erroneously sent to UNM, not Eastern New Mexico University. There was a discussion during which TSFA agreed not to accept the reverted funds; requesting that UNM reimburse the funds to DOH and they be redistributed to Region III EMS. <p><u>Motion</u> Jennifer Ward motioned that UNM reimburse DOH \$9,529.23 which was erroneously sent to UNM, then DOH reallocate by MOA to complete the original project. Christina Campos 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandoval County Fire Department- The MOA deliverables were to purchase EZ IO kits, instruct paramedics in their use, teach PHTLS classes, and purchase and distribute bike helmets. Greg Kotila explained why deliverables 3 and 4 were not met. <p><u>Motion</u> Don McNutt motioned that Sandoval County Fire Department return the unused funds of \$3,341.00 to DOH, then DOH is to re-negotiate a new MOA in the amount of \$3,341.00 to complete the original project. Jeff Dye 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>FY10- some MOAs will require TSFA action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Quay County MOA has been amended as motioned during the last TSFA meeting, and is in process at DOH 	<p>Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye</p> <p>Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye</p> <p>Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye</p> <p>Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye</p> <p>Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye</p> <p>Closed</p>
	Liana Lujan			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNM Department of Pediatric Emergencies- Dr. Sapien, via e-mail, requested the deliverable of developing a web based educational pediatric burn module be amended to developing part 2 of the web based pediatric extremity injury module. <u>Motion</u> Karen Armitage motioned that the UNM Department of Pediatric Emergencies MOA be amended to change the deliverable from creating a pediatric burn web educational module to part 2 of the pediatric extremity injury module, funds are to remain the same as the original request of \$32,875.00. Jeff Dye 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. Northern & Western ReTrAC- Northern & Western ReTrAC withdrew their MOA to conduct a conference, and returned the unspent sum of \$7,700.00 to DOH. A discussion ensued as to what to do with the money. Since the funds were originally allocated to Trauma System development, a suggestion was made to distribute the funds to all the recipients of trauma systems funds proportionate to what they received. Jeff Dye stated that this approach was not feasible, as all the MOAs may have to be amended. The funds can not be distributed to hospitals because the funding category is for trauma system development. <u>Motion</u> Jeff Dye motioned to accept the returned funds of \$7,700.00 to be held by TSFA for future allocation. Jennifer ward 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. San Juan Regional Medical Center- Their request to become a Level II Trauma Center was withdrawn and they will return \$93,956.00. A discussion arose as to whether TSFA should hold the funds or spend them. Since the funding category is Developing/Existing Trauma Centers, Jeff Dye suggested that the funds be equally distributed to the hospitals. Chip Demarest commented that he is inclined to spend the funds. <u>Motion</u> Jeff Dye motioned to accept the reverted funds of \$93,956.00 and redistribute those funds to all previously funded facilities based on the TSFA FY10 formula used to calculate funding distribution. DOH will investigate whether or not MOAs must be revised to accomplish this process. Chip Demarest 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. 	<p>Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye</p> <p>Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye</p> <p>Dale Kester Gerald Demarest Don McNutt Jennifer Ward Christina Campos Karen Armitage Jeff Dye</p>	<p>Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye</p> <p>Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye</p> <p>Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye</p>
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VI. FY11 TSFA Trauma Systems Applications				
	Liana Lujan	Liana Lujan spoke about the TSFA funding application process so that all present could understand the procedures required to develop and process TSFA applications (see attached handout). Liana explained that each FY, the applications are reviewed by 4 teams of reviewers who recommend funding levels and the application itself is critiqued and revisions prepared. TSFA will view the revisions before the FY12 applications are posted. Liana included a timeline for each phase of the application process and outlined the Trauma Program's commitment to facilitating the process.	None	Closed
VII. Letters of Intent to Designate				
	Liana Lujan	Liana Lujan received 2 letters of intent for designation. Lincoln County Medical Center wants to become a Level IV Trauma Center and Miners Colfax Medical Center is requesting Level III or IV status. These facilities will be eligible for consideration for FY11 funding if their applications are received in the Trauma program office by April 1, 2010.	None	Closed
VIII. Designated Trauma Centers				
	Liana Lujan	<p>Liana Lujan reviewed the currently designated Trauma Centers and their designations.</p> <p>University of New Mexico Hospital--- Level I University Medical Center of El Paso—Level I Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center—Level III San Juan Regional Medical Center--- Level III Carlsbad Medical Center---Level III Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center---Level III Eastern New Mexico Medical Center---Level III Roosevelt General Hospital---Level IV</p> <p>Jeff Dye led a discussion following the review of these facilities. Jeff pointed out that TSFA has not made a decision about funding out of state hospitals. University Medical Center of El Paso is now designated as a NM Trauma Center. Chip Demarest requested an evaluation by the DOH legal department about releasing state funds to out of state entities. Chip Demarest wondered if Texas has a legislative provision to fund NM hospitals. This funding issue has been discussed with Mike Landen who has stated that the state rules and regulations do not address this issue. Tina Leech, Director of Trauma and Neurosurgical Services of University Medical Center, El Paso interjected that Texas trauma funding is being decreased by \$10,000,000.00. Jeff Dye stated that TSFA needs the piece of how or what DOH will allow. Chip</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Trauma Program inquiry to DOH legal counsel about funding out of state hospitals</p> <p>Trauma Program will investigate other states' actions about funding out of state trauma centers</p>	<p>Closed</p> <p>Trauma Program will report findings at next TSFA meeting June 16, 2010</p>

		Demarest asked if anyone knows what other states do about this issue. Jeff Dye replied that this is a philosophical issue as well as a monetary issue. Should we provide funds for NM residents' care no matter where they get trauma care? TSFA needs to know the number of NM patients who receive care at University Medical Center of El Paso. Liana Lujan added that University Medical Center of El Paso has supplied that information and they have been very cooperative and participatory in NM meetings, but she did not have that info with her. A question was asked whether it is cheaper to pay piece-rate for transfers or to develop our own trauma center. Chip Demarest asked if anyone knows whether NM Medicaid will fund out of state hospitals. Tina Leech replied that University Medical Center of El Paso does not receive Medicaid funds for caring for NM patients. The discussion was tabled pending the answers to the questions asked.	Trauma Program will provide the number of NM patients seen at University Medical Center of El Paso	
IX.	Developing Trauma Centers			
	Liana Lujan	These hospitals are due for designation verification visits in November 2010 Nor-Lea General Hospital---Level IV Sierra Vista Hospital—Level IV	None	Closed
X.	Developing Trauma Center			
	Liana Lujan	Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center will be designated as a Level II Trauma Center in March 2011	None	Closed
XI.	Developing Trauma Center			
	Liana Lujan	Gallup Indian Medical Center is in year 2 of its developing status, and will be designated as a Level III Trauma Center.	None	Closed
XII.	Next Meeting Date			
		The purpose of next meeting is to evaluate applications to determine funding levels. The meeting will be June 16, beginning at 10:00 with a working lunch and end when business is complete.		
XIII.	Adjourn			
		The meeting was adjourned at 2:40		

Liana Lujan, Trauma Systems Manager