

**NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES of March 12, 2026; 9:00 am**  
 Tele/videoconference

Members Present: Jamie Armbruster, Michelle Armstrong, Jenny Blenker, April Bauch, Heather Berg, Krissy Binversie, Gina Brandl, Kortni Brevik, Heather Butcher, Karly Butt, Kevin Collopy, Dr. Trina Daniels, Robin Geiger, Cally Gordon-Haessly, David Graveen, Sarah Guzinski-Sherman, Jamie Haring, Andrea Hebert, Del Horn, Trevor Howard, Sue Janquart, Jason Joling, Chris Keller, Sandra Koch, Andrea Krantz, Liz Kracht, Anthony Luchini, Adam Meshak, Rachel Milkey, Heather Rhodes, Kari Rickert, Andrienne Schroeder, Dr. Sergejs Stepanovs, Rachel Symons, Amanda Tabin, Linda Vollmar, Julie Williams, Ashley Yusten,

Others present: None

Chairperson: Sara Steen

NCRTAC Coordinator/ Recorder: Michael Fraley

Introduction and Welcome	Sara Steen welcomed attendees.
January Meeting Minutes	Motion by Horn to approve the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes with a correction of Kari Rickert's name. Second by Brandl. Unanimously approved.
Correspondence	Letter from DHS and Chris Keller advising the NCRTAC that MMC Neillsville is now unclassified.
NCW HERC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning underway for the MRSE exercise which will be April 8 at CWA. Many hospitals and several EMS agencies will be participating</li> <li>• Offering first receiver hospital decon training June 11 at Marathon County Lake View Conference Center – seats open</li> <li>• New forms available to request access to <a href="#">EMResource</a> and <a href="#">EMTrack</a></li> </ul>
State Trauma/ STAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STAC met last week</li> <li>• Injury Prevention               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation from Poison Control Center</li> <li>○ Presentation from Waunakee PD on their experiences with and challenges collecting e-bike and e-scooter crash data                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May consider a state-wide IP project</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussed examples of data sharing (i.e. using registry data to inform others and support projects)</li> <li>○ Presentation on registry data entry and coding. Tips, tricks and resources</li> <li>○ Katie reviewed data dashboards available in ImageTrend</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trauma coordinators               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mentor program has been going well. 47 mentees and 19 mentors. Open to others, not just TPMs/coordinators</li> <li>○ Annual review and approval of <a href="#">coordinator onboarding toolkit</a></li> <li>○ No inpatient rounding is require for trauma patients on behavioral health units</li> <li>○ Discussed isolated TBIs being kept at IIIs/IVs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PI Loop closure discussion/examples</li> <li>○ Discussion on trauma program regionalization with presentations from Jason from Aspirus and one other system.</li> <li>● Performance improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Set priorities for committee (BOTS grant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Decrease inappropriate CT scans</li> <li>▪ Decrease underreporting of mortality data</li> <li>▪ Decrease pedestrian and recreational transport mortality</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Discussed that the PI indicators listed for hospitals in DHS 118 will be updated with the open rule. The 118 advisory committee will be reviewing them</li> <li>○ Discussion on the regional PI indicators. Lengthy discussion on the challenge looking at ED LOS data from the regional level as ISS is not the best value to identify patients that need short ED LOS</li> </ul> </li> <li>● STAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reviewed goals and benchmarks in the State Trauma Plan and STAC Strategic Plan</li> <li>○ DHS 118 revision is underway. An advisory committee has been formed and DHS is working on a draft of the changes to be forwarded to the committee.</li> <li>○ DHS is recruiting for expiring STAC member terms. A Gov-D went out. Applications close 4/1.</li> <li>○ Discussed having some form of trauma medical director mentorship/networking</li> <li>○ Margaret presented information related to element #1 of the ACS Essential Trauma System Elements document. Additional elements will be reviewed at future meetings.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
State EMS Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DHS is in the final testing phase of the EMS license renewal system and hope to have it open soon for individual and service renewals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Everything folks need to know to prepare is on the <a href="#">EMS webpage</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Advisory Board meetings are next week March 17 &amp; 18</li> <li>● Funding Assistance Program funds have been distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 81 services in our region received a total of \$2.6 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Wisconsin chapter of NAEMSP recently held a medical director conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interesting session on the changes to DEA rules about controlled substance documentation and security</li> </ul> </li> <li>● EMS for Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data from the National Pediatric Prehospital Readiness Project survey has been published</li> <li>○ The hospital version of the survey is now open until the end of May</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RTAC Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michael reviewed the Expense/ Budget worksheet</li> <li>● Michael reminded members of the <a href="#">project funding application</a> and next deadline of April 30</li> <li>● Updated of the regional trauma plan is still in process and the plan will be posted for approval at the May meeting</li> </ul>
Process improvement committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preparing for school Stop the Bleed classes in the Fall</li> <li>● Asking all hospitals to take the EMS-C Pediatric Preparedness Readiness Project Assessment and send their results (gap report) to Michael for regional summarization</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara Steen presented a case</li> </ul>
Out of Hospital Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting since last NCRTAC meeting</li> <li>• Planning a meeting for later in March</li> </ul>
Injury Prevention Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple child passenger safety technician trainings will be available in the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In-person course in Minocqua, Apr 20-23</li> <li>○ In person course in Grand Chute (near Appleton), Asp 13-16</li> <li>○ Hybrid course starting Apr 30 and running through Jun 16</li> <li>○ Contact Amanda for more details</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next week is Poisoning Prevention week</li> </ul>
Conference Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The brochure is published and registration is open</li> <li>• Please help promote and distribute the brochure</li> <li>• Still have spots open for vendors</li> <li>• This is our 10<sup>th</sup> conference – printing T-shirts</li> </ul>
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 14 is our annual meeting</li> <li>• Tentative agenda includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Margaret Wogahn from DHS Trauma</li> <li>○ Sales representative with the Abdominal &amp; Aortic Junctional Tourniquet (AAJT)</li> <li>○ Executive Committee elections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Announcements/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Free Wisconsin is hosting an online Fall Prevention Summit April 21 &amp; 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://fallsfreewi.org/summit/">https://fallsfreewi.org/summit/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See Calendar at NCRTAC-WI.org for more events and details</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:  
Annual Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2026  
9:00 am – Noon  
Marshfield Medical Center & Zoom