

THE FLORIDA TRAUMA SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

BROWARD COUNTY

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PROCEEDINGS: EMS Advisory Council Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2022

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Concluded at 2:53 p.m.

LOCATION: Seminole Hard Rock
1 Seminole Way
Hollywood, FL 33314
And remotely via
Microsoft Teams

Taken before Johnny Caldera, Court Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large,
pursuant to notice of taking The FL Trauma System Advisory
Council meeting on June 16, 2022.

1 INDEX TO APPEARANCES

2 BOARD MEMBERS:

3 Lisa DiNova (moderator)

4 Candace Pineda (co-moderator)

5 Kate Kocovar (department trauma administrator)

6 Kaylin Williams (department council coordinator)

7 Darwin Ang, M.D.

8 Brad Elias

9 Joseph Ibrahim

10 Mac Kemp

11 Larry Reed

12 Mark McKenney, M.D.

13 Nicholas Namias, M.D.

14 David Summers

15 Glenn Summers

16
17 ALSO PRESENT: (remotely via Microsoft Teams)

18 Eric Alberts

19 Amanda Hessein

20 Anne Blevins

21 Tracy Bilski

22 Brad Elias

23 Lianne Brown

24 Cecilia Romero

25 Wendy Devanney

1	Enrique Ginzburg
2	Zachary Hoover
3	Joseph Ibrahim
4	Jennifer Sweeney
5	Jo Roland
6	John Wilgis
7	Karen Macauley
8	Larry Lottenberg
9	John Learn
10	Dawn Lewis
11	Mark McKenney
12	Cynthia McCauley
13	Nicholas Namias, M.D.
14	Lisa Nichols
15	Nina Roberts
16	Susan Ono
17	Mark Pessa
18	Melissa Reinhold
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21	Steve Smith
22	Melissa Smith
23	Michelle Strenth
24	Kaylin Williams
25	Wendy Williams

1 (Proceedings commence at 1:00 p.m., transcript of
2 proceeding began at 1:32 p.m. due to remote difficulties
3 with original court reporter.)

4 MS. KOCEVAR: -- at that point in time, you
5 would have to address their rules, if there is, as to
6 how the appointment is made. You have to make sure
7 that you do fall into one of the categories as you're
8 applying. Now you may fall into more than one and
9 you can apply for the different positions, but at
10 that point in time it is brought over to the
11 governor's office and the governor's -- and whatever
12 committee he may have, then determines who are the
13 selections.

14 DR. ANG: Larry, if it's anything similar to the
15 governor's appointment, which it probably is, to the
16 Florida Board of Medicine, which, as you know, I was
17 a member of, you can be continuously reappointed and
18 kept on it as per the governor's choice.

19 MR. REED: So this committee, like some other
20 committees, I guess, is actually a political
21 committee, not really otherwise? Just want to enter
22 that statement.

23 DR. BILSKI: Can you hear me, Kate?

24 MS. KOCEVAR: I can.

25 DR. BILSKI: Okay, this is Tracy Bilski. So my

1 understanding, then, is that none of the people that
2 are in the active list have submitted letters of
3 resignation, is that correct?

4 MS. KOCEVAR: Well, defining the active list
5 that we have listed as of right now, the members that
6 are listed there, yes, have continued to serve. And
7 the only official resignation that we had received
8 was Mr. Laws and Donna.

9 DR. BILSKI: So if any of these other folks
10 submitted a letter of resignation or requested to be
11 off the counsel, who would have cognizant of that?

12 MS. KOCEVAR: That's another great question,
13 doctor. We were thankful enough that our members
14 here do communicate with my office and with those
15 that work with it and have set that in from an
16 official standpoint, once we receive any indication,
17 I always just make sure that the governor's office is
18 aware that this is what's happened. I do not know if
19 they officially went to the governor's office first
20 and then us second, I can't speak to that.

21 MS. DINOVA: All right. Any other comments,
22 questions?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 MS. DINOVA: Okay. We will move on with this
25 list as it stands right now. Hopefully we will get

1 some movement out of the governor's office on this,
2 sooner rather than later.

3 So, for the previous charter, we had the lead
4 roles and responsibilities were listed at the tail
5 end of the charter and all I did for those is just
6 move them up a different order. This is the previous
7 -- this is the previous draft, or the previous
8 charter. I just took these and moved them up, so
9 that they -- we listed the what and the who and what
10 they're supposed to do. So that really was just some
11 clerical changes there. These are the roles and
12 responsibilities that we have set out for the
13 moderator and co-moderator and for the council
14 members. We do have some details a little bit
15 further in our council bylaws about member attendance
16 to meetings and such, but these are just the general
17 descriptions of what each person is supposed to
18 fulfill.

19 Does anybody have any changes or recommendations
20 they'd like to make to this section? I'll scroll down
21 in just a minute after people have a chance to read.
22 Everyone seems to be checking through them. Do we
23 have any questions, comments, suggestions for changes
24 for these sections?

25 (No verbal response.)

1 MS. DINOVA: Okay. So we've established the
2 who, we've established what they're supposed to do.
3 These are just the council procedures and the rules
4 of holding these. It does address that we have our
5 formal meetings quarterly, such as this, and then we
6 also have our Commons Hours meetings that are held on
7 a rotating basis determined by any projects that are
8 ongoing at the moment. All of our meetings are of
9 course held in the Sunshine, so of course everything
10 is posted so that everyone can join in.

11 Any suggestions to the procedures section?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 MS. DINOVA: Okay. And then in the constraints,
14 basically was just what are our challenges for that.
15 And again, this is just something that I moved from
16 the previous charter, moved it up a little bit,
17 before we get to our goals and our assumptions,
18 basically that we're going to meet the goals that we
19 set forth.

20 So at our Commons Hours meeting, we discussed
21 the priorities and goals for this council.
22 Previously, the priority one was to develop this set
23 of recommendations and methodologies necessary for
24 the DOH to perform the statewide Trauma System
25 Assessment as outlined in Section 395.4025 of the

1 Florida Statutes. This is the assessment that they
2 have to provide every three years, what the council
3 has to give them in advance is the -- a set of
4 recommendations of what should be in that assessment.
5 So what we have done previously is we had the -- I
6 don't know why my microphone is cutting in and out.
7 Maybe when I turn my head. We have had a -- put
8 together the actual, I'm sorry, the actual
9 recommendations. And what we discussed on the
10 Commons Hour is to go ahead and keep those same
11 recommendations because the last assessment that they
12 put forth was pretty thorough and just to update it
13 with new dates and new additions of the rules and
14 guidelines and the statutes, not the statutes, but
15 the recommendations through the Gray Book and those
16 things, was to make those changes. So the commentary
17 here would be about, do we need to keep that as a
18 priority because we are required by statute to do
19 that every three years. So we would need to be
20 working on a new recommendation for the DOH because
21 the assessment is due in August of 2023, so we would
22 need to get that to them as soon as possible, so that
23 they can start working on that assessment. So we
24 would like to take commentary about leaving this as
25 priority number one for the advisory council.

1 And if anybody had any other recommendations
2 that we would need to add, we'll be bringing up the
3 actual recommendation at our next meeting, so that we
4 can go through and discuss if there needs to be any
5 changes. Probably have a Commons Hour before that so
6 that we can make suggestions to it. But for today
7 we're just looking at leaving this as a priority in
8 our charter.

9 Any questions, comments?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 MS. DINOVA: Okay, Dr. Ang, thank you. I know,
12 unfortunately, we're still only at eight, so we don't
13 have a quorum to vote, but Kate, are we allowed to
14 take recommendations and then send it out as a -- as
15 like an email vote to the council members?

16 MS. KOCEVAR: I do not believe an email vote is
17 considered in the Sunshine, you know, as far as that
18 is concerned. So I think recommendations can
19 certainly be taken into consideration, but I do not
20 believe that a vote could actually be done via
21 electronic email.

22 MS. DINOVA: Okay. All right, so any
23 recommendations, then? So we recommend to keep this
24 as our top priority, Dr. Ang?

25 DR. ANGS: I agree. Yes.

1 MS. DINOVA: Okay. All right. We will leave
2 that as priority one, then.

3 On the old charter that we had, the second
4 priority was to provide recommendations to the DOH
5 relating to the implementation of the statutory
6 changes to the house bill 1165, that's the bill that
7 basically created this. We have basically concluded
8 this. We went through and generated the materials to
9 show that we have the technical expertise, we have
10 the council up and running. We're attempting to get
11 the members situation situated. But it appears that
12 we would be able to close this priority and then I
13 actually have a section where we can keep in the
14 charter actions that we, the priorities that we have
15 completed. So we'll have a running list of things
16 that this council has accomplished and closed.

17 So do we have any recommendations about -- or
18 close it as a complete file?

19 DR. ANG: We don't have a final product yet,
20 right?

21 MS. DINOVA: We would -- so, on the draft, after
22 the discussion on the Commons Hour, on the draft,
23 what I did was pull this out and moved it down to,
24 you'll see there's a section down here for completed
25 priorities and assignments on the last page of the

1 printout. And then I've got it pulled up on the
2 screen here. So this is the draft of being able to
3 move that down as a completed.

4 DR. ANG: There was a change we did a couple
5 years ago though.

6 MS. DINOVA: So this particular task, we did, we
7 closed -- we did this in 2018, it was still sitting
8 on our charter as priority number two, as an act of -
9 -

10 DR. ANG: Oh, so this is the step, up here?

11 MS. DINOVA: Yeah, this is something that we've
12 already completed, but it was still sitting in our
13 charter as an active priority. So that was the
14 recommendation, is to close this and move it to a
15 completed item on the charter. So that we can move
16 in a new priority.

17 MR. KEMP: Okay.

18 MS. DINOVA: Agreed? I think I heard Mr.
19 Summers, Mr. Kemp, thank you. Okay.

20 So then, moving onto the third priority, this
21 one is a little tougher to see on the screen. But it
22 is to the one that's going to cause some discussion.
23 To evaluate and modernize pamphlet 150-9, the Florida
24 Trauma Center, and conduct a study of the use of ACS
25 verification process versus Florida verification

1 process for all types of Trauma Centers. So, we're
2 not going to delve into the standards themselves
3 today because we're trying to establish those
4 subcommittees to do that. What we're looking at is
5 leaving this as a priority on our charter so that we
6 can start getting those crosswalks done. And we had
7 almost gotten to a point where we had a full draft of
8 the Florida standards completed and then the Gray
9 Book published. So I feel like we're probably going
10 to be starting over a little bit, but I think we can
11 take a lot of those recommendations that we had from
12 before, pull them into one document, and it will be a
13 much faster process than it was previously.

14 So for today, based on the Commons Hours
15 discussion that we had, I added onto here where we
16 will leave that as a priority, but then update it,
17 right. So to develop the crosswalk between the
18 Florida Trauma Center Standards and now update it to
19 the Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient
20 2022. So now we can use Gray Book. And we added in,
21 off of those discussions, ways that we can monitor
22 our deliverables, which I suppose should be
23 deliverables and goals, Dr. Ang suggested earlier.
24 So our deliverables and our goals are to create these
25 reports, the crosswalk, and engage stakeholders and

1 participation, which we're going to have a discussion
2 about in a little while.

3 So looking at the draft of the charter that we
4 have today, the red is the updated changes from what
5 it stated previously in our charter. And there's a
6 couple more sections to this, it goes through ten.
7 One of the big things, as we have this conversation,
8 is going to be to develop the proposed set of updates
9 to the Florida Trauma Center Standards and then
10 identifying topics and challenges to Florida's Trauma
11 System that's not addressed in the resources manual
12 because there are a few things that Florida has that
13 the resources manual does not addressed. So we'd be
14 creating a report including the standards listed
15 there that are not addressed. We would need to look
16 at identifying the estimated costs increase for the
17 ACS standards, above what the Florida Trauma Center
18 Standards currently require. We would have to do
19 that cost appraisal to make sure that we're staying
20 within that \$200,000 per year or the \$1 million, and
21 five years rule. So as we go through, we would need
22 to do that. We would need to develop a literature
23 review relating to the quality of each system of
24 verification, develop a set of performance measures
25 comparing patient outcomes, identifying potential

1 models and processes and requirements for Trauma
2 Center verification and designation, assessing the
3 impacts of those potential changes on the Trauma
4 Centers, and making sure that we're getting
5 stakeholder feedback on those proposed changes.
6 Soliciting that stakeholders feedback throughout all
7 the action steps and utilizing those subcommittees
8 like we did before.

9 The subcommittees were really fantastic,
10 previously we had 32 of the 36 Trauma Centers in the
11 state participate on one of the three parts of the
12 subcommittees. So I'm hoping that we can get that
13 reactivated and move this forward. And then of
14 course we would need to solicit experiences from
15 other states to use ACS for verification, maybe
16 create a report to include that feedback from
17 community stakeholders.

18 So most of this is the same as what we had
19 before, just with some updates. So would we like to
20 keep this as a priority in our charter with the
21 suggested changes, do we have more comments to add
22 into it?

23 I'm sorry, who was that?

24 DR. SMITH: Hello? Can you hear me?

25 MS. DINOVA: Yes. I can, just state your name

1 for the court reporter, please?

2 DR. SMITH: Yes, Dr. Steve Smith at UF in
3 Gainesville. I'm also a ACS reviewer and served on
4 the committee on trauma for about 20 years.

5 You know, we went through an extensive process
6 comparing the orange book standards and the effects
7 of migrating to that for an extended period of time.
8 And I think it is simply going to kick the can down
9 the road another two or three or four years if you
10 follow the exact same process for the Gray Book.
11 Most of this, the criteria in the Gray Book, that
12 have not changed, although there are a few changes.
13 The book has simply been reformatted to reduce some
14 of the redundancy of the standards and make it
15 somewhat of a more organized document that
16 corresponds to other ACS documents.

17 So frankly, I don't think you need to do all
18 that stuff again. I mean, that has been done. The
19 comparison of happening in other states has been
20 done. That's not going to change if you do it again
21 with the Gray Book. Frankly, I think what you've
22 suggested is a tremendous waste of time and will
23 simply delay updating the archaic and outdated
24 standards that we're working with right now. So I
25 think you need to rethink that process. I think you

1 need to build on the work that's previously been done
2 and move forward. I don't think that you should
3 repeat the entire process again.

4 MS. DINOVA: Well, and I agree with you very
5 much. One of the things that I asked for on the
6 Commons Hour is if anybody had started a crosswalk
7 between Florida and Gray Book. I heard a couple
8 people say that they had started that process, but to
9 be perfectly honest, no one sent it to me. So I
10 started one, but I didn't get it.

11 DR. SMITH: Your crosswalk --

12 MS. DINOVA: It was yours.

13 DR. SMITH: -- orange book and the Florida
14 standards is not going to change the --

15 MS. DINOVA: What we have is crosswalk started,
16 and I'm seeing some heads shaking, that we're going
17 to get some more input on those, get sent directly to
18 me. But I also have all of the comments from when
19 these subcommittees were together before, so I would
20 like to have one document where we have Florida
21 Standard, how that aligns with the Gray Book and the
22 comments from all that work that we had put in
23 previously, so we can just go through and go, yup,
24 this one didn't change, yup, this is what we wanted
25 to change for before, perfect, we can move on.

1 So that we'll have, basically, four or five
2 columns. We'll have four or five columns aligned
3 where we can see all of that in one place. And I
4 think it will be a much, much faster process this
5 time.

6 (Cross talk.)

7 MS. DINOVA: -- because it refers to a specific
8 pamphlet in the statute, so we have to update that
9 pamphlet until we can get the actual statute changed.

10 That was one of the priorities that Kate had
11 talked about in her review, was getting everyone to -
12 - when the DOH has presented that to the -- to the
13 governor's office and to the legislation previously,
14 there was no appetite to take that up because they
15 felt that it was a DOH initiative. And it needs to
16 be something that comes from us, the stakeholders,
17 because we have to have the rule open first, so we
18 can then change the statute, but we have to go
19 through those legislative hurdles before we can make
20 any change to our Florida standards, unfortunately,
21 the way it's written into the law.

22 So the way that we avoid that is by, as Kate
23 stated before, having our government relation folks
24 reach out and try to get that exemption so that we
25 can get the rule open so we can make those changes,

1 but as far as actually referencing directly to the
2 ACS Gray Book, we cannot do that right now. We
3 legally have to reference the DOH pamphlet and try to
4 get the updates to the pamphlet.

5 But I do agree with you that there's a lot of it
6 that we've already done, and I would make sure,
7 absolutely, that as we get those subcommittees
8 together, I think it would be a much faster process
9 of going, okay, we talked about this, this is what it
10 says now, here's what we said before, let's go with
11 that, so. I don't think it's going to be as arduous
12 as previous attempts.

13 DR. SMITH: I have two other questions regarding
14 what you said. Where is there evidence that adopting
15 ACS standards would increase costs? I'm not aware of
16 anything in that regard.

17 MS. DINOVA: It was kind of hard to hear you, I
18 think you were asking about where's the evidence that
19 if we switched to ACS it would cost more? Is that
20 the gist of the --

21 DR. SMITH: Yeah, I'm not aware of any evidence
22 that the ACS process would increase costs at the
23 Trauma Centers. My gut feeling is that it would be
24 the converse, I think it would be more economical.
25 And then, another thought, but that trains left the

1 station, if I remember, I'll come back to you.

2 MS. DINOVA: Well, the simple -- we did do some
3 research into that previously, but just off the top
4 of my head, the things that I know would cost more, I
5 know that there are some physician differences that
6 were for physician coverage and on-call coverage, but
7 even just looking at the fact that right now the
8 Department of Health comes out and does our site
9 surveys and our designations on their costs and not
10 the cost to the center, the Trauma Center, the Trauma
11 Center doesn't pay anything for that. Whereas, when
12 we go to the ACS, its several thousand dollars to get
13 them to come and do that survey and its every three
14 years versus right now our current survey process
15 with the DOH is seven years, but even if not, even if
16 we switched to a three-year cycle, it's still on the
17 DOH as dime and not on the Trauma Center.

18 So I think if -- I don't remember the current
19 pricing for the ACS verification, but I want to say
20 it was close to \$30,000. It includes your TQIP fees,
21 but you still have to have them come out and do the
22 consultative visit and then also -- if you're not
23 already an ACS center, and then you have to have them
24 come out and do the verification visit. And every
25 time you get reverified, it's several thousand

1 dollars that we're not paying right now.

2 DR. SMITH: Well, the tradeoff would be, first
3 of all, all the visits are now virtual, so there's a
4 cost reduction. The tradeoff would be, is frankly,
5 no offense to anyone, you could reduce the DOH
6 staffing for trauma by applying the ACS process.
7 That's what other states do. They essentially have
8 the -- they reduce inhouse, by transferring those
9 funds to the ACS process. The experience of other
10 states is more economical than maintaining a state
11 agency with a lot of staffing to do this. And
12 really, if you look at the other states, the only two
13 states that aren't using the ACS process in this way
14 are our state, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

15 So I don't think you really need to survey the
16 entire country, because in effect, those are the two
17 states that don't use the ACS process. New York is
18 previous hold out, but they saw the error of their
19 ways about 10 years ago and went with the ACS process
20 with very good results. I'll end my discussion at
21 that point, I don't want to waste too much time.

22 MS. DINOVA: Well, thank you for your comments.
23 And I hope and I know that you will be engaged if we
24 do start this process back up because I do know that
25 you have a different perspective on it, coming from

1 being a verifier, so I appreciate that.

2 So looking at the charter, since we can't change
3 the statute today, do we need to keep this goal of
4 evaluating our current Florida Trauma standards and
5 getting them updated and modernized to the 2022 ACS
6 guidelines?

7 DR. SUMMERS: Yes.

8 MR. KEMP: Yes.

9 MS. DINOVA: All right, we'll leave that on
10 there for now and I look forward to lots of great
11 conversation when we get to the standards.

12 Okay. The next priority that we have previously
13 listed was the development of the plan to implement
14 the ACS recommendations from the Trauma Center
15 consultative visit. As we learned towards the end of
16 last year, it doesn't appear that the ACS is going to
17 be doing any consultative visits for systems anytime
18 soon. So my recommendations that I received at the
19 Commons Hour meeting was to go ahead and close this
20 one off basically due to things beyond our control
21 and try to leave it on as a potential -- bring it
22 back around once the ACS is doing system visits
23 again.

24 Does anyone have any issue with moving that as
25 not a top priority right now, but something to go

1 back and look at in a year or so when ACS gets caught
2 up?

3 DR. SUMMERS: I agree, David Summers.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, what was that
5 comment, and who spoke?

6 MS. DINOVA: All right, we'll make sure that
7 that stays listed as a potential.

8 Does anyone else have any questions or comments?
9 (No verbal response.)

10 THE COURT REPORTER: May I get the name of the
11 speaker who just spoke?

12 MS. DINOVA: Yes, that was David Summers, thank
13 you.

14 Okay, nothing else on that one.

15 So there's that. We'll move it. Something that
16 had been recommended previously when I went back and
17 looked at minutes from previous Commons Hours and
18 from previous transcripts of these meetings was that
19 we had talked about having a priority to encourage
20 the development and sharing of trauma related
21 education materials for hospital and prehospital
22 providers. Basically creating that CEU library. I
23 know that one used to exist, that one of the Trauma
24 Centers kind of hosted it and that has gone away, but
25 the concept of this when we were discussing it was to

1 create a platform and to determine who is going to
2 host that platform. At one point we were hoping that
3 the DOH was going to be able to do that for us. I'm
4 not sure what their staffing changes, if that's still
5 going to be able. So we're going to have to look
6 into who could host it, but the concept was that each
7 Trauma Center around the state would create one CE
8 per year, because we're doing them anyway, get those
9 submitted into one library where we can have them
10 accredited for, of course, nursing and physician,
11 which most of us do in our facilities, but also
12 reaching out with our EMS partners and trying to get
13 those same CEs accredited for our EMTBs and MTPs in
14 the state so that they would have access, sometimes
15 pediatric topics are either not covered very much or
16 not covered very well. So if we, as the Trauma
17 Centers of the state, are creating those CEs, we'll
18 be able to police the content a little bit better and
19 also the rotation of them. So maybe every three
20 years we'd drop ten and ten centers give us new ones,
21 and then a year later, ten different centers, and
22 bring it back around. So I added this back on as a
23 priority to try to get that CE library.

24 Yes, Ms. Kocovar?

25 MS. KOCEVAR: Lisa, yes, I think this is a very

1 important issue that we have recognized in the past.
2 I know personally, having worked on these surveys and
3 the amount of time it takes to collect all this data
4 to provide to us is timely. One of the suggestions
5 that I personally could see that -- one is that I was
6 privileged to work our -- at DOH to see where we
7 could -- working with the centers to get these
8 classes. Also, working with CE broker because MQA
9 uses CE broker to get a lot of the information for
10 your licensing.

11 And so we were trying to figure out if there was
12 a way that we could maybe connect with them and once
13 we got this library up and moving, the CE broker then
14 would be able to accept your accredits and then in
15 the process, we would connect with MQA via CE broker
16 to try and then download some of that information and
17 make it a little easier during survey time.

18 So I think this is still a very valuable piece,
19 one of the big pieces. And I started to talk to some
20 of you, unfortunately until 2019/2020 came, where,
21 yes, there were classes that you were all doing. And
22 the fact is that you had a lot mapped out already.
23 We had to figure out how to start gathering all those
24 educators together to produce those classes and
25 figure out how to get it onto a central location so

1 everybody in the state knew what was going on and
2 where you could get classes. And then of course get
3 the CEUs assigned. I was trying to have you all kind
4 of run with that on the foreground, while we were all
5 working in the background trying to figure out how to
6 implement this integration that we could do.

7 So I do hope that we can continue to pursue
8 this. And one of the things I'll ask from all of you
9 from the Trauma Center is get your educators
10 involved, all right, and find out what kind of
11 classes, what type of PowerPoints do they have,
12 anything can we get CEUs assigned to it. And then I
13 think from the State's perspective, I'm looking at
14 one of our surveyors, Ms. Cox, who is stepping back
15 from doing direct surveys, but has a great background
16 in education and trauma and she might be able to
17 enlist her to try and help us get this off the
18 ground. So I do hope that we can continue to pursue
19 this and keep this on the charter.

20 MS. DINOVA: Any other comment?

21 MR. NAMIAS: Lisa?

22 MS. DINOVA: Yes?

23 MR. NAMIAS: Nick Namias from Miami. As I'm
24 listening to this, with the work that we have to do
25 to update the pamphlet, which I think is the most

1 important thing, as we await the potential for
2 legislative change to let us just use whatever
3 current version of the ACS book there is. Do we
4 really, you know, in a state that really is about
5 small government, isn't this kind of a big government
6 thing for the Trauma Centers to become involved in
7 creating the educational platforms for the other
8 Trauma Centers. There's plenty of private and public
9 and sources for continuing education, like why is the
10 state, why are we advising the state to be involved
11 in this? It might not even be a governmental thing
12 to do.

13 MS. DINOVA: The state was only going to host
14 the platform. The Trauma Centers would provide the
15 content. The state was just going to provide the
16 platform so that it was in one location that any of
17 the stakeholders in the state would be able to
18 access.

19 MR. NAMIAS: I'm just going to voice my descent
20 here, that the state shouldn't be involved in this
21 business at all. There's plenty of other places to
22 get your education or not reliant on the government
23 hosting it. Trust me, I mean, my politics are that
24 there's a lot of things the government should be
25 doing that it isn't, but here's one where I think if

1 we're talking small government, this is something
2 that can be thrown overboard first. There's plenty
3 of sources. I'm not sure that we need to be in this
4 business.

5 MS. DINOVA: Okay. It was a topic that had been
6 brought up before because I know that we have some
7 Trauma Centers in the state where some of their
8 nurses, especially, were having to pay for their
9 continuing education classes, that they weren't being
10 provided necessarily by their facilities, so it had
11 been brought up by, in fact, I think it was Donna,
12 when she was here previously, had said that there's
13 not just one good place for people to go to get good
14 free CEs that covered trauma topics. That they had
15 found that to be a challenge for them.

16 MR. NAMIAS: There's a lot of things people
17 can't get for free. The state doesn't give those out
18 either.

19 MS. DINOVA: Do you have any other suggestions
20 of how we could provide the continuing ed, but not
21 post it on the DH platform? Because I feel, tell me
22 if I'm wrong, I feel like that your concern is having
23 the DOH involved with it. Is there another way that
24 perhaps we could do it without involving them? Is
25 there someone else that can host it on a different

1 platform that would still be open access to all of
2 the stakeholders?

3 MR. NAMIAS: I just don't think it's the
4 business of the Florida Trauma System Advisory
5 Council. We're here to advise on the trauma system
6 but providing continuing education for providers is
7 the business of people who have companies that
8 provide continuing education for providers. I mean,
9 the state doesn't host the CMEs for surgery, I mean,
10 I go to professional meetings to get me CMEs. I get
11 CMEs through the journals I subscribe to. It's --

12 MS. DINOVA: Yeah. I will say I agree with you
13 on that point and I think it is frankly a little bit
14 easier for some of the physician providers to get
15 those CEs, then perhaps an EMT, who is not making as
16 much to have to then pay for their CEs, that maybe we
17 as a trauma system could provide for them. I think
18 Mr. Summers had a comment.

19 DR. SUMMERS: Yeah, David Summers. So in the
20 past we ran the trauma education library through the
21 trauma program managers association, and it was
22 actually very successful because it brought the
23 ability for great education that might be coming out
24 of, say, Miami, and be able to offer it to other
25 areas now virtually. And in the past, it was usually

1 printed or video. But it was a great advantage
2 because we're all doing a lot of great stuff, but as
3 a nurse, or as a paramedic, to be able to travel to
4 go to different programs is not feasible, for
5 employer reimbursement or getting time off, so the
6 library itself was a great asset. And it's a shame
7 that it sunsetted. So I think that's the direction
8 I'm looking at, is that it's just another resource to
9 be able to offer education and instead of everyone
10 taking stuff at their own center, they're getting to
11 hear what's happening at other centers. So if it's
12 something better suited to be ran through the program
13 manager, what's the group called now, Florida?

14 MS. DINOVA: ASC center, yeah.

15 DR. SUMMERS: Yeah, that one. That might be an
16 opportunity.

17 MR. NAMIAS: This is something seems better run
18 through either the AFTC or the FCOT, right, if they
19 want to provide. But those CEs or CMEs or whatever -
20 - none of them come for free, I mean, every
21 organization -- if I want to offer CMEs for a lecture
22 in Miami, from my department I have to pay the
23 university for processing the CMEs. So the CMEs
24 aren't free, somebody pays for them.

25 MS. PINEDA: This is Candance Pineda. We have

1 this discussion when we were looking at updating the
2 standards a few years ago to add this. This was done
3 previously maybe 10 plus years ago through Tampa in a
4 grant. That was hard to maintain. The nurses would
5 commonly use the same hour over and over again, so
6 there's -- it sounds like a great idea, but
7 operationally, it's a challenge that we should take
8 offline maybe through AFTC.

9 MS. DINOVA: Okay. All right. So we can -- I'm
10 hearing that maybe we want to remove -- we don't want
11 to not add this as a priority for this particular
12 council?

13 MR. NAMIAS: I think it's a great thing for the
14 FCOT and the AFTC to work together on. Take it out
15 of the government.

16 MS. DINOVA: Yeah, the only governmental portion
17 of it was the hosting the platform. Okay, I guess we
18 will remove that then.

19 So with that and with the other ones that we've
20 closed and moved, we would be able to add another one
21 or two priorities. I know that we've had some
22 discussion previously about creating more of a
23 statewide format for engagement for our EMS partners
24 to be a portion of this advisory council or not
25 necessarily members of the council, but for us to

1 branch out and reach out to them.

2 Mac, you had brought up before, I'm trying to
3 find your words, I had them written down, about a
4 suggestion that you had for a priority for this
5 council.

6 MR. KEMP: Yeah, that was a long time ago. I'm
7 trying to remember.

8 MS. DINOVA: I know. I went back and read all
9 of the minutes.

10 MR. KEMP: But the thing is, as far as
11 connections with Trauma and EMS, it's been very
12 little, still very little today. It's better now.
13 We do have -- reporting trauma issues on the EMS
14 advisory council. I'm reporting EMS issues here.
15 But historically it's been a disconnect and maybe
16 locally between trauma surgeons and local EMS
17 systems, maybe, but not even really there, for the
18 most part. so I just suggest to you that the way to
19 improve patient outcomes, trauma surgeons got nothing
20 to work with if they don't have great hospital care
21 for those patients. So the only way to get that is
22 to be involved in what their processes are and what
23 their training has been on trauma. Most, as far as
24 in statute, the EMTs and paramedics have to have so
25 many CEUs every couple of years, doesn't require any

1 trauma after they have their initial trauma training.
2 They don't have to have anything. We have
3 international trauma life support, we have
4 prehospital trauma life support. What most agencies
5 do have those classes, but it is not required by
6 anybody except certain medical directors in the
7 state. So it's just something to think about if you
8 want to improve patient outcomes overall, you have to
9 start at the beginning of when people are having
10 issues. The other thing for this council to think
11 about is with EMSTARS, the state data collection
12 system, EMSTARS is the preliminary EMS state
13 collection system in the nation. We're collecting
14 more data on more patients and connecting them to
15 more systems. Currently, it is connected to Florida
16 Traffic Safety database and it's also connected to
17 AHCA database, so you can look at the type of injury
18 a patient has based on their crash record, where it
19 occurred, whether it was on the intersection, or a
20 curb, whatever it was, and you can track that patient
21 through EMS and all the way to their discharge from
22 the hospital. How much the healthcare cost there
23 was. And there's going to be a lot more researchers
24 that will use this and are starting to use this now.
25 So there's some powerful connections, if we will use

1 them, and it will benefit in the end the patient most
2 of all as to find the right things. I know one of
3 the initiatives right now in many Florida systems is
4 the carrying of whole blood. So that's being driven
5 by research on specific patients and we're seeing
6 amazing outcome, changes. People that would have,
7 without doubt, died in the field, are now being
8 resuscitated and brought to the hospital in stable
9 shape, stable enough to be able to have surgical
10 intervention. So it's things like that that are
11 going to make a difference in trauma outcomes in the
12 future. So we need to be looking ahead.

13 MS. DINOVA: I agree with that. Specifically
14 with EMS, working on the EMSTARs counsel to be able
15 to migrate and merge the EMS records with our trauma
16 registry. Where they can integrate without annual
17 entry, but that will require revision and looking at
18 the Florida Trauma Data Dictionary. Several years
19 ago we removed the Florida elements and just went to
20 ACS, and ACS had since removed specific elements to
21 EMS. Such as procedures, other things that if we
22 turn those field back on in Florida then all that
23 data will flow automatically. So, that's something
24 that we need to look at through this.

25 DR. SUMMERS: Excuse me, this is Summers, just

1 in case you needed a quorum. I'm in the game.

2 MS. DINOVA: Thank you, Dr. Summers. That means
3 we have quorum friends.

4 So, what could we, taking those two points, what
5 could we list out as a priority for us? For this
6 counsel. I'll take suggestions for wording.

7 MR. KEMP: I think one of the things that
8 Candace said is linking our Trauma Data set within
9 Department Health with EMSTARs, would be tremendous.

10 MS. DINOVA: So, for this council, it would be
11 to create a recommendation -- so, it would be to
12 create a recommendation linking the EMSTARs database
13 to the Florida Trauma Data Bank? Okay. So what are
14 some steps we would need to do for that?

15 DR. ANG: Identify fields that are in -- fields
16 that -- and get them to cross --

17 MS. PINEDA: We need to advise the Florida
18 Trauma Dictionary.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, can I get
20 speaker names please.

21 MS. PINEDA: Candace Pineda.

22 MS. DINOVA: Okay. Why do I feel like revise
23 the Trauma Data Dictionary is going to be -- my
24 question to that is, how has that previously been
25 done? Or has it been done?

1 MS. KOCEVAR: I was going to say, so this is the
2 Common Hours calls again, that could start happening,
3 just to have the discussions start. And I just want
4 to kind of remind everyone it was in 2018 and it was
5 decided that a Florida T Club collaboratively come
6 into being and that was when it was decided that the
7 college file would be accepted. And that the
8 specific Florida pieces were then going to be
9 removed, prior to that, you were working off of a
10 2016 data dictionary that was, was occurring.

11 So, I do believe that our comments are as calls,
12 that would probably be the best way to strike these
13 discussions and Mac, we'll definitely need to have
14 your crew on there too. To some of our Common Hour
15 calls. And then from there, once we kind of see how
16 much of material we're talking about, because I'd
17 have no clue right now, and I don't know if Candance
18 you do, or Mac does. It will get a better sense then
19 of really kind of how big is the mountain that we
20 need to do.

21 MS. PINEDA: Chief -- this is Candance Pineda
22 again. Chief DiBernardo and myself, will be meeting
23 with the ESO and the National Registry tomorrow. To
24 discuss what fields are already existing that can be
25 brought over, as long as we update the dictionary.

1 MS. DINOVA: Okay. So take a look at what I
2 have added here as a recommendation.

3 Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. McCoy.

4 MR. MCCOY: No, no, Mr. McCoy is --

5 MS. DINOVA: For the Court Reporter.

6 MR. MCCOY: But, yes, we did do, look at this
7 over the years. And I think Dr. Ang and some other
8 folks might have been involved when we got to this
9 registry standpoint and then it's kind of went
10 several alterations about different Florida elements
11 and things like that. All of those Florida elements,
12 and Candance is 100 percent correct, they were for
13 linking and getting that where we could provide that
14 EMS data back to the trauma system.

15 So, those being removed, but we never really sat
16 down and studied, did a, you know, different types of
17 probabilistic linkages to see what was the best. I
18 think, in concert with your revision of the Data
19 Dictionary, we're going to have to get some staff in
20 here, some EPY staff, to look at those at those
21 linkages and what's needed and what's best. Because
22 the data is just not that good. And we got to figure
23 out what's the magic sauce that makes it connect.

24 MR. KEMP: This is Mac Kemp again. The thing
25 is, is it's the purview of this committee, though, to

1 make recommendations to move things forward. And I
2 realize, it's going to be a long process. It's not
3 going to happen overnight. But we should make that
4 recommendation to start moving toward that. I'm
5 quite sure it's not going to happen in my career. I
6 will be retired by the time that happens. But that's
7 okay. We need a starting point to merge these
8 databases together because it's the right thing to do
9 for our patients in Florida.

10 MS. DINOVA: Yes, sir. And we still have until
11 some of the -- we could get it on here and hopefully,
12 after we get some of the other priorities, that we've
13 listed, get those completed and get how we started on
14 these.

15 So, I think, Dr. Ibrahim, I think you raised
16 your hand online? Go ahead and unmute your mic. Dr.
17 Ibrahim, are you trying to --

18 Well, I'll take note that Dr. Ibrahim was on the
19 line. That gives us all 10 of us, okay.

20 It looks like she's trying to reconnect it to
21 make sure that you have access.

22 MR. KEMP: Someone in the audience.

23 MS. DINOVA: Come on up to the microphone so we
24 could hear you. He's making it live for you, I
25 think. Go ahead now.

1 MS. QUINTANA: Hi. I'm reading the
2 recommendation and it seems like your recommendation
3 has two different things. One, it's saying is to
4 link it. Linking means, we still stay with the NTDB
5 Trauma Data Registry and then just see how we link
6 the EMSTARs. But, then later on, you're talking
7 about revising the Trauma Data Dictionary. In
8 Florida, my understanding is we're using the NTDB so
9 what are we revising.

10 MS. DINOVA: I agree.

11 MS. QUINTANA: Add if I'm misunderstanding.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: May I get your name.

13 MS. DINOVA: State your name.

14 MS. QUINTANA: Olga Quintana.

15 MS. DINOVA: Candance?

16 MS. PINEDA: Specifically, EMSTARs is all of our
17 state EMS medical records. So they have a lot more
18 data elements than the NTDB requires. It used to be
19 Florida requirements to track meds, procedures,
20 times, certain things. All of that is now optional.
21 I think some centers continue to collect it.

22 MS. QUINTANA: Yeah, I do.

23 MS. PINEDA: So, right now, if they collect it,
24 it would be automatically, it would come directly
25 from the EMS medical record into our trauma

1 registries without manual entry. But I think it has
2 to be on our Florida Data Dictionary in order for
3 that to be allowed.

4 MS. QUINTANA: So, we have a Florida Data
5 Dictionary?

6 MS. PINEDA: Mmhmm.

7 MS. QUINTANA: No, we don't.

8 MS. PINEDA: Yes, we do. It's old but it is
9 still a --

10 MS. QUINTANA: I thought it was just --

11 MS. PINEDA: -- Florida Data Dictionary.

12 MS. DINOVA: Go ahead, Michael.

13 MS. PINEDA: It says, the national fields are
14 required. And there's a few additional elements, but
15 all of the additional, like, 100 plus Florida were
16 removed.

17 MR. LEFFLER: Yeah, so we do have a Florida Data
18 Dictionary. Michael Leffler, for The Court Reporter.

19 We do have a Florida Data Dictionary. And what
20 it says is two things. It says, you either send us
21 your validated NTDB data sent file, your submission.
22 And we'll accept that, and that meets all
23 requirements for data reporting in state. But, if
24 you did still include those Florida specific fields
25 that are outlined in that data file, you could

1 continue to just submit it the way that we always
2 collected it. But we have never updated business
3 rules associated with that.

4 And almost all centers in Florida are sending us
5 their NTDB data file instead of using the old
6 methodology.

7 MS. PINEDA: So, currently, what I'm being
8 told, from our vendors, is you may have it, but it
9 doesn't cross the Florida because the Florida Data
10 Dictionary doesn't require it or have it.

11 MS. QUINTANA: Yeah, I guess that's my point is
12 that we need to clarify that. Because I know that we
13 are all doing it differently. So, I don't know if
14 that would have -- like we kept, at Ryder, I'm still
15 collecting all of the EMS stuff, just because we do a
16 lot of research. But I know that it's not a
17 requirement so people might be looking at, oh, now I
18 have to collect more stuff. Or if it's going to just
19 merge that would be excellent. Thank you.

20 MS. PINEDA: This is Candance Pineda again.
21 Especially with that UUID that's a 35 alphanumeric
22 characters. Right now a manual reentry of that is a
23 very high possibility of data entry error. Which is
24 defeating the purpose of being able to track patients
25 from start to finish. So, if we can have it

1 automatically upload, with all of this technology,
2 we'll actually have very clean data that matches.

3 MS. DINOVA: So, what I'm hearing is that
4 Candace is going to talk to the vendors.

5 MS. PINEDA: Tomorrow.

6 MS. DINOVA: Tomorrow, and see, get some
7 background information for us on that. And then, she
8 could bring it back to our next meetings to see if
9 this is going to be feasible or not. I know one of
10 the hang ups is going to be is that not all of the
11 EMS agencies are using the UUID's yet.

12 MS. PINEDA: Also, updated on that, so it is not
13 a requirement through NEMSIS, until they get to V5,
14 which --

15 MS. DINOVA: Right.

16 MS. PINEDA: -- I think is next year. However
17 EMSTARs and all of the agencies in Florida have
18 turned it on for over a year now.

19 MS. DINOVA: Yeah.

20 MS. PINEDA: So, it is actually in your run
21 reports. In different agencies, it's in different
22 spots, you may not know that it's the UUID or called
23 that, but Florida actually is -- it's not printing on
24 the run reports. I can get with you and show you
25 where.

1 MS. DINOVA: Dr. Ibrahim, it looks like your
2 hand up again.

3 DR. IBRAHIM: Can you hear me now?

4 MS. DINOVA: We can.

5 DR. IBRAHIM: Oh, sorry about that. So, sorry
6 to go back, but you know, when we were talking about
7 trauma data -- brought it up in there as well. You
8 know, we kind of looked at this more with CQuIP when
9 we had our group with Dr. Kerwin. But I thought we
10 were just using national definitions, you know, from
11 ACS, I didn't, you know, are we really going to
12 redefine and have our own separate dictionary as
13 well? I realize we're, Dr. Smith brought this up a
14 little bit, but I just think speaking of time, I
15 mean, that's going to, I feel like we're kind of
16 starting over in some ways.

17 MS. PINEDA: This is Candace Pineda again. I'll
18 be able to clarify more tomorrow. But from what I'm
19 being told, if in order for the State to accept the
20 data elements where most all centers are already
21 collecting, that dictionary has to be updated to
22 receive and transmit those files.

23 MS. DINOVA: So, this is Lisa. So what if we
24 put, revise the trauma data dictionary / create an
25 import or export for the EMS data, so that will leave

1 it open as to whether we need to either update the
2 data dictionary, or if we'll just be able to create
3 an import or export, based on what the vendors tell
4 us in coming meetings. Does that kind of cover it
5 for us?

6 DR. ANG: I think we should probably table back
7 until our next meeting and then make that a priority
8 once we know --

9 MS. DINOVA: After that, okay.

10 DR. ANG: -- right, once Candace finds out.

11 MS. DINOVA: Okay, so I'll list on here as a
12 potential, future, priority.

13 Does anyone have any other recommendations of
14 things that this counsel should list as a priority
15 for our charter, or do we have enough on our plates?

16 DR. ANG: I wanted to maybe propose, like go
17 back, an action step to priority one, or providing a
18 set of recommendations for assessments in the trauma
19 system. And that new proposal is to look and
20 evaluate, and possibly integrate the statewide TQIP
21 collaborative reports by the ACS. We may need to
22 work with FCOT to provide a report as a deliverable.
23 We already have a systemwide benchmark in the report
24 that we use through the American College of Surgeons,
25 and so, that should be something that we should look

1 at, at FGSAT, as part of that 2023 report.

2 MS. DINOVA: Okay, so you want to add that in to

3 --

4 DR. ANG: So, yeah, like action step number

5 five.

6 MS. DINOVA: On which priority? I'm sorry.

7 DR. ANG: The first priority.

8 MS. DINOVA: Okay, so action step five here too.

9 DR. ANG: Right, the first priority, where we
10 are providing a set of recommendations for the
11 assessment of the trauma system. And that would be
12 to look and evaluate / integrate statewide TQIP
13 collaborative report by the American College of
14 Surgeons. And to work with FCOT to provide a report
15 as a general report.

16 MS. DINOVA: That is called the --

17 DR. NAMIAS: Collaborative. The TQIP
18 collaborative report.

19 MS. DINOVA: Collaborative. Thank you. That's
20 the word I was looking for is collaborative. You
21 know what I was thinking Dr. Namias, didn't you?

22 Okay. All right.

23 DR. ANG: That's the gist of it.

24 MS. DINOVA: Okay, thank you. Any other
25 additions, comments, suggestions?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 MS. DINOVA: So we actually have a quorum now
3 that we have all of our folks online. So I can
4 entertain a -- I'm going to go down and just -- I'm
5 page down each one of these again, just so we could
6 see it in whole, since now we can vote on it. And
7 just quickly look at the changes we made, okay? So,
8 just updating the date here, this was just some
9 clerical changes to move the background, the mission,
10 the numbers, and adding in the year the council was
11 created, onto this page. Going through, we just
12 moved the roles and responsibilities up. The
13 procedures, the constraints, and the assumptions are
14 the same as previous. And then these are the
15 priorities in line, keeping in mind that we have a
16 section down below for the ones that have been
17 completed.

18 Okay. All right, here's our second one. And
19 then remember, this one's got several.

20 DR. NAMIAS: It should say TQIP up there. Like,
21 Florida Collaborative TQIP.

22 MS. DINOVA: Yes, sir. Yup, yup. I thought it
23 in my head. Okay. We'll need to set a due date for
24 our recommendations to get them to the Department of
25 Health. Again, keeping in mind that the assessment

1 is due on August of 2023. So, if we approve this
2 charter today, then we will be able to bring a draft
3 of the recommendations to the next meeting, and
4 possibly, get that sent out prior to. So that
5 everyone can take a chance to look at it. And then
6 we will be able to make suggestions to that and take
7 a vote, so that we can get those recommendations to
8 them as soon as possible. To hopefully give them as
9 close to, at least, 10 months to get that report
10 completed. So do we want to set a recommendation for
11 us to have a vote on our recommendations report at
12 the next Advisory Council Meeting? Do we want to put
13 that date in there and have a Common Hour in between
14 to discuss it?

15 So we set it -- I stumbled all over that, so let
16 me try that again. So, between now, but today
17 approve the charter, but we would need to add a date,
18 a due date, for the is priority so we could get the
19 report, our recommendations report, to the DOH so
20 they could work on creating the big giant report.
21 So, what I was saying is, perhaps we set a due date
22 for our recommendations to be voted on at our next
23 live meeting, which I believe is in September. And
24 we'll set a Commons Hour meeting or two between now
25 and then to discuss a draft of that. Because I think

1 we can use what we currently have and just make
2 updates. So, I believe that that is -- I'm just
3 going to put September 22nd because we don't have an
4 actual, hard, date yet. But I believe it's going to
5 be in September. Okay, so I'll leave that.

6 Moving on to the next priority. Was the
7 standards priority that we know we're going to have
8 lots of great conversation about the revision of the
9 standards. But for a priority for the council to
10 have listed would be to evaluate and modernize our
11 pamphlet. And conduct those studies, as needed. Do
12 we have any discussion on these points? Before we
13 put it through.

14 (No verbal response.)

15 MS. DINOVA: Okay. We were able to close and
16 move these. We decided to table that one. And I
17 have a potential, future, priority listed here. And
18 our completed priority, that we finished back in
19 2018, that we're finally going to remove.

20 So, with that said, we need to take a vote on
21 approving this charter as it stands, with the
22 changes.

23 DR. NAMIAS: Motion to approve.

24 DR. REED: Second.

25 MS. DINOVA: That was Dr. Namais?

1 DR. NAMAIAS: Yes.

2 MS. DINOVA: Thank you. And Dr. Reed, seconded.
3 Okay. All in favor?

4 (WHEREUPON, the committee members responded with
5 "aye.")

6 MS. DINOVA: Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 MS. DINOVA: All right, hearing no opposition, I
9 will make sure I get a completed copy of this out to
10 each and every one of you, showing the changes that we
11 made to it, today.

12 Wow, we did something, gosh. All right.

13 So, I would like to reach out now and have an
14 update on the Florida Standards Review subcommittees
15 that we've talked about. Like I said, it was
16 fantastic last time. We had 32 of the 36 centers
17 represented. And I would love to get some more
18 involvement. These are the folks that have reached
19 out to me thus far, I know I have blanks on your
20 facilities and your roles, and your emails, I'm
21 actually going to get rid of this here, but I do want
22 to show, these are the folks that have reached out to
23 me. These are some of the tasks that we're going to
24 have to do to get there. But I would like anybody
25 who is interested in being a part of those

1 subcommittees, we want to get as many of our
2 stakeholders involved in those conversations as
3 possible. We'll be doing that through the
4 subcommittees. I believe, I know we did it before,
5 is we had a Level 1 and P's subcommittee. We had
6 Level 2 subcommittee and then we had a Peer Review
7 subcommittee.

8 So each committee gathered. We would discuss
9 each standard, line by line, make recommendations to
10 changes. Once we had the Level 1 and P's committee
11 and the Level 2 committees had gone through those, we
12 then sent those changes to the Peer Review committee,
13 who also went through it, line by line, and make
14 suggestions and recommendations to the changes. So
15 what I would like to do is get those reactivated. We
16 were really good last time about making sure that we
17 had representatives on each of those subcommittees
18 from areas all around the state. I actually put where
19 the facility location is, that you worked for, and
20 tried to make sure that we had some of those spread
21 out, so that we could all have good discussion about
22 it for what's specific to our areas.

23 So my request is, is that if you are interested
24 in participating in these subcommittees, please,
25 please, reach out to me, so that we can get you added

1 to this list. I would really like to get these Common
2 Hours started, as soon as possible. But I can't do it
3 with a dozen of us. So, I would encourage you to
4 reach out to me to get put on to that, to be put on to
5 these committees. And then, we'll be sending out
6 notifications of Commons Hours when we get some dates
7 set for that.

8 And then, if you have at Crosswalk, I saw a
9 couple of hands and head nodding's going on that you
10 guys have worked on Crosswalks already, get those sent
11 over to me also and I'll try to merge all of those
12 into one document. And also, we'll pull over the
13 commentary that we had from the previous subcommittee,
14 so that we're not starting from scratch. Okay.

15 Oh, is it not sharing? Which list? I'm sorry,
16 did someone --

17 DR. NAMIAS: Lisa, as the moderator -- this is
18 Dr. Namias. As the moderator, I think you can
19 voluntell people what committees they're on.

20 MS. DINOVA: Well, if we get to there --

21 DR. NAMIAS: If you're on the foot sac, and you
22 accepted the appointment, you know, it comes some with
23 some work and you can voluntell. You know,
24 appropriate voluntellings.

25 MS. DINOVA: That's what's posted. So what's

1 posted on the screen right now -- oh, no, it's not,
2 hold on. I'm sorry, I see that it didn't switch when
3 I switched screens here. Let me share.

4 So these -- let me give it a second because it's
5 lagging. Okay, could you guys see there's an Excel
6 spreadsheet pulled up now? With a list of names.
7 These are the folks who have -- there it goes, woohoo.
8 Okay, these are the folks who I have listed that have
9 reached out to me, since we've had the Commons Hours
10 meetings, over the last couple of months. And Dr.
11 Namias, you're absolutely right. If it comes down to
12 it, we'll have to start voluntelling folks.

13 DR. NAMIAS: Well put me on --

14 MS. DINOVA: And all of the -- the Advisory
15 Council will always be involved because once we get
16 the draft of the standards, it will have to come to us
17 to go through and approve, to make the recommendation
18 to the Legislation. It would have to be a document
19 coming from us any way, so we will all be engaged, at
20 one point or another. But I would love to have that
21 early engagement on these subcommittees.

22 Yes, Ms. Kocavar.

23 MS. KOCEVAR: Yes, just to follow up, thank you,
24 Dr. Namias, I love the voluntelling, that's a great
25 thing. But one of the things that I'm going to

1 strongly recommend, over the last two or plus years,
2 I've seen a lot of our rosters change at our trauma
3 centers. And there's been a lot of people in and
4 moving in Florida, taking over some of these
5 positions. And I think this is a great opportunity
6 for you to start getting involved with really what's
7 happening in Florida. You get to start meeting all of
8 your other compadres, who are running trauma centers,
9 you know to do that. But it also gives us a fresh
10 perspective. If you're coming, you know, into this
11 from a different area, or from a different state, or
12 whatever, at different approach, whatever it might be.
13 I can only ask that you really consider this. Because
14 I think this really does immerse you that into
15 understanding how a Florida trauma system that we're
16 trying to get integrated all the time, will get your
17 voice also heard.

18 MS. DINOVA: I added my email list up on the
19 Excel spreadsheet for those of you that don't already
20 have it. So that you can send that email to me. And
21 like I said, once I get this list of everybody, we'll
22 get some Commons Hours meetings posted and start the
23 work for that.

24 The other thing that I would like to engage
25 everyone in is, we kind of touched on it before, is

1 to, us as stakeholders need to engage with our
2 legislative members and the things that Kaylin had
3 talked about before, about trying to get the rule
4 opened up so that we could get the statute opened up.
5 So that we could actually do something with this once
6 we get a draft of it. So please get with your
7 government relations folks and ask them to please try
8 to get the legislation to make this a priority for the
9 upcoming session. Because, previously, when it came
10 strictly from the Department of Health, they felt that
11 it was coming from them and not from us. So we need
12 to make our voices heard so that we can actually make
13 these changes once the draft is completed. Okay.

14 All right, so, moving onto future business. We
15 have future meeting dates and locations. So we are
16 required, as a council, to meet quarterly. We do try
17 to have those live, now that we can do that. And we
18 typically have aligned with other EMS or meetings,
19 state meetings, that are going on. So typically we
20 would have a meeting in September, generally in the
21 Daytona-ish area. Orlando, I'm sorry, Daytona is
22 later. In the Orlando-ish area. And then we also
23 have our meeting in January, that's the one that's in
24 Daytona. And then generally this one, of course, is
25 our Spring meeting that's down south here.

1 What we're looking for, the Department of Health,
2 is working to get the state calendar done, so I can't
3 give any specific dates yet. Because it has not been
4 approved, thus far. So we'll get those dates out to
5 you guys as soon as Kaylin gets the approved calendar.
6 But that leaves us with needing a Fall meeting
7 somewhere else.

8 How nice would it be if we, as Trauma Centers,
9 took turns hosting that Fall meeting? So that we
10 could see each other's center, so that we could see
11 what each other are doing, and so then it would move
12 around the state, right. We know those three are
13 probably going to be, if not in the same city,
14 probably pretty close to it, right. So we got a
15 central, we got two centrals, one east coast, on
16 central. We've got a south. But there's a lot of the
17 state that's not covered with those.

18 So what I would be looking for is, for you guys
19 to go back to your centers and see if anybody would be
20 willing to volunteer to host a Fall meeting. I would
21 suggest that it's in November, only because we have a
22 September meeting already. So October doesn't make a
23 lot of sense. We have a January meeting, so December
24 doesn't make a lot of sense, so it kind of puts us in
25 that November bracket to have our third quarter

1 meeting. Or fourth quarter meeting.

2 So if you are interested in hosting, in November,
3 we could move dates around. Because it's not going to
4 be aligning with anything, so it will be up to you and
5 your center, if you're willing to host, what dates we
6 would need to be there. It's just a one-day thing.
7 You see we're here for a few hours.

8 I know that we've hosted down south before. I
9 don't want to be the first one to go, oh, sure, I'll
10 host, because then all of you are going to look at me
11 and go, of course, so that you don't have to travel.
12 But, if anybody else is willing to volunteer, I'm
13 willing to travel and go to you. Okay, so reach out
14 to your leadership and see if you're willing to host.
15 We had it, we did have it down at Candace's center one
16 time and it was fantastic. We were able to go around
17 and see their facility and their hospital and stuff,
18 so.

19 MS. KOCEVAR: Lisa, just to follow up. This is
20 Kate Koccevar. To follow up. Yes, Candace, you guys
21 did a great job with that. And one of the, I think,
22 really neat thing that when we have it at the Trauma
23 Center is people from the hospital actually get to
24 come and see what's going on. And the anxiously see
25 that there's activity, there's not this fictitious

1 council that does something, you know. And so I
2 think it was a really neat thing, particularly for our
3 group when we arrived, to see how many people in the
4 hospital were interested. And they had a chance to
5 come and listen and to participate.

6 And to be honest with you, you know, when I
7 looked at that, I thought, geese this kind of neat, we
8 should be doing this more often. You know, so that we
9 get a chance to allow nurses and not just doctors, but
10 I think at one point out there we had a bunch of
11 radiologists in there, and we had radiology techs in
12 there. And they were seeing, you know, just the
13 business of activity going on and to understand,
14 maybe, how it would affect their world, at some point
15 with that.

16 So I could strongly encourage everyone to kind of
17 think along those lines. And not only allows your
18 hospital to kind of shine, but it really kinds of give
19 an idea that the staff members in that hospital do
20 play in a very important role and they get to see how
21 it plays out.

22 MS. DINOVA: Yes, Mr. Taylor.

23 MR. TAYLOR: Michael Taylor. Does it make any
24 sense to possibly align that with FCOTs visiting
25 professor's series, or don't they do that every year?

1 Just a thought, because that seemed a -- go ahead
2 Candance, I don't know if they align.

3 MS. PINEDA: No, I was going to suggest that.
4 But that FCOT meeting is going to be October 6th at
5 Memorial, so that may be close to the September
6 meeting here.

7 MS. DINOVA: Yeah, I think it's going to be
8 within two or three weeks of the September meeting.

9 MR. TAYLOR: Okay, it just seemed to be
10 convenient that the visiting professor was all over
11 the state and then at the end it was FCOT and the
12 Trauma Association of Trauma Managers Association,
13 everybody got together at one hospital for the grand
14 finale on a Friday. Just a suggestion.

15 MS. DINOVA: Yeah. I mean, if we decide that we
16 want to do it that close, we certainly can. Unless
17 someone else wants to volunteer and be able to visit
18 somewhere. But I'll put down, I didn't realize that
19 you were hosting that at Memorial in September.

20 MS. PINEDA: October 6th.

21 MS. DINOVA: October 6th.

22 MS. PINEDA: FCOT.

23 MS. DINOVA: All right. So with all those little
24 things I'm asking you to volunteer for, there's my
25 email address. Please feel free to reach out and to

1 copy Kaylin on it for me.

2 All right, I'm going to open up the forum for any
3 public comments. Anything that anybody else would
4 like to share, discuss, bring up? Anybody on the line
5 who would like to unmute themselves, just please make
6 sure that you, again, state your name for The Court
7 Reporter to record.

8 (No verbal response.)

9 MS. DINOVA: Ringing phones and hearing emails, I
10 like it. Okay, anybody here on the Council have
11 anything else that we need to address before we close
12 this meeting?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 MS. DINOVA: Okay, well then, I will take a
15 motion -- oh, hold on, Ms. Kocavar.

16 MS. KOCEVAR: Just one more thing. This is the
17 first time that we didn't have, you know, Michael
18 Leffler running a meeting, all right. So I just
19 wanted to give Lisa a big round of applause. I think
20 she did a great job, stepping in here, for the first
21 time.

22 MS. DINOVA: Thank you.

23 MS. KOCEVAR: Well, I'll tell you, Candace is
24 sitting next to me, and I know that you do a lot of
25 stuff in the background too, you know, getting

1 everything ready for this meeting up to and going
2 forward. So, you know, there a couple of people who
3 do a lot of work, all the time, all right, and it kind
4 of gets tiring. I mean, they have their own full-time
5 jobs, type of thing. So again, everybody who's out
6 there, to make this system even better, we need to
7 hear from all of you. Participate. Participate.
8 Participate.

9 But, congratulations, ladies. You did a great
10 job with your first meeting.

11 MS. DINOVA: Well I appreciate that. Thank you.
12 And I promise that it will get more organized as I go.

13 Yes, sir? Mr. Summers.

14 DR. SUMMERS: David Summers. Probably a little
15 too premature for this group. But the Florida
16 Emergency, EMS for Children, has been working on a
17 psych project. And that's a safe transportation of
18 pediatric neonates, the pediatric and neonates, for
19 EMS agencies.

20 We have come up with a position statement. And
21 also even a draft PowerPoint that can be distributed
22 either electronically or virtually, or in person.
23 For EMS agencies around the state. We're looking for
24 position, support of the position statements, but it's
25 a little bit too soon to bring it hear.

1 MS. DINOVA: Okay.

2 DR. SUMMERS: It's going to be discussed a little
3 bit further at MSAC meeting, I believe. Yes, we've
4 discussing it at the other constituency groups here,
5 getting some support for it, so. I'll bring something
6 more formal to our Sep-- well, maybe September,
7 depends on the date. I'll be here.

8 MS. DINOVA: Yeah, that would be great. We could
9 add it on and have you do a presentation on it, that
10 would be fantastic. Thank you.

11 All right, anything else from anyone?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 MS. DINOVA: I'm not seeing anyone in the room,
14 but I'm short and can't see over the podium.

15 Okay, anyone online?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 MS. DINOVA: All right, well then, I will
18 entertain a motion to adjourn.

19 DR. SUMMERS: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. KEMP: Second.

21 MS. DINOVA: All right, from Mr. Summers and Mr.
22 Kemp.

23 We are adjourned.

24 Sorry, I was supposed to take a vote on that.

25 Is anyone opposed to us adjourning?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 MS. DINOVA: No, I didn't think so. Okay, now we
3 could go.

4 (Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.)

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