

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2019
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW20
MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Wood, Representative(s) Blanksma
GUESTS: Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Maegan Kautz, Melissa Ball, and William Maxsen, EMSP/TSE; Bill Morgan, TSE; Frank Powell, DHW - Rules Unit; Dieunke A. Dizney-Spence, DHW - Public Health

Vice Chairman Wagoner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Zollinger** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dr. Bill Morgan, Chairman, Idaho Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) Council, Trauma Surgeon, Trauma Center, St. Luke's Medical Center, presented the TSE update: Getting the Right Patient, to the Right Place, at the Right Time.

The TSE system of care was developed in 2014 with legislative funded authority for a statewide system of care to address traumas, strokes, heart attacks (STEMI), moving patients from a lower to a higher level of care, and providing better outcomes.

The Council designated the first trauma center in 2016. The stroke and STEMI registry was then developed to provide a system review through patient data points. The TSE Council is appointed by the Governor and has the Department of Health and Welfare's oversight and support.

The standards provide the criteria a hospital must meet to be a part of the system. There are forty-three eligible facilities, with 129 possible designations. Since 2016, twenty-four facilities have received thirty-nine designations. Of those designations, eighteen are trauma, nine are stroke, and twelve are STEMI. There are fifteen applications in various stages of designation and an additional nine to twelve applications are anticipated in 2019. There are also six to eight new facilities anticipated for 2019.

The facilities realize not only trauma patient care, but all patient care is improved through this system. Advantages include reductions in emergency room (ER) dwell times and trauma activation reimbursements from insurance companies, not patients.

With the additional facilities, sixty-one percent of Idahoans are now within thirty miles of a trauma center. The state is broken into six regions to assure the best care to patients in their areas. Transfer time has decreased by an average of twenty-seven minutes.

The program has reached sixty-five percent sustainability, with complete self-sustainability expected during the next year. Idaho is the only TSE Program in the nation not dependent on state funding for trauma system management.

The Stop the Bleeding Course encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professionals arrive. Free classes are provided by volunteers and held in every region. Over six thousand Idahoans have been trained. The goal is to put kits in every school or classroom in Idaho.

Rural trauma team development is sponsored by the American College of Surgeons. Classes train rural providers on the initial evaluation and resuscitation of the trauma patient at a rural facility. In the classes emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, ER personnel, hospital staff, and surgeons work together to handle problems.

TSE designations for EMS agencies is in process. Plans are also underway to provide joint training and education for facility and EMS personnel.

Answering questions, **Dr. Morgan** said the kits contain coagulation promoting gauze and a tourniquet. Small kits cost approximately \$49 and could go in classrooms. Larger kits will be placed in school hallways, possibly next to defibrillators. The total cost for the larger kits for all schools is \$1.2 million. The clotting gauze has to be replaced every five years. Sterile gloves are not included because the time taken to put on gloves may be the difference between life and death.

DOCKET NO. 16-0201-1801: **Dr. Bill Morgan**, Chairman, TSE council, presented **Docket No. 16-0201-1801**. The updates clarify the designation fee structure and failure to pay annual fees enforcement. The incorporated TSE System Standards Manual reference is updated to Edition 2019-1.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Green(2)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0201-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Representative Wagoner
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary