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SUBJECT: Statewide Trauma System Planning

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive information regarding the Statewide Trauma System.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION**State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC):**

The STAC is scheduling more frequent conference calls with quarterly face-to-face meetings. Since the last Commission meeting, STAC has scheduled a face-to-face meeting for February 24, 2014. Multimedia options are made available for members who are unable to travel. The STAC continues to work on the development of a State Trauma Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Program (PIPS) with supporting data programming. The development of this program is in response to State Performance Improvement Objectives found in the DRAFT State Trauma Plan.

The STAC Project Subcommittee has completed a tool kit for Trauma Center and Trauma System assessment for the local EMS agencies. The next documents under development address interfacility transfer and emergency department re-triage. The subcommittee holds frequent conference calls and membership includes a Trauma System Coordinator and Trauma Center Program Coordinator from each Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee (RTCC.)

State Trauma Plan

The EMS Authority management staff has reviewed the final DRAFT of the State Trauma Plan and revisions are in process. The draft will be brought to the STAC for discussion and recommendations as appropriate. Pre-public and public comment periods will begin upon final edits by the EMS Authority.

Local Trauma Plan Review

The EMS Authority has been working with LEMSAs to ensure a current Trauma System Status Report is on file. Trauma Plan submission is required if significant changes have occurred in the system.

The EMS Authority is currently reviewing Yolo County's first Trauma Plan.

The current number of Trauma Centers in California is now 76. The EMS Authority website has a listing of all California Trauma Centers at www.emsa.ca.gov.

Regional Trauma Coordinating Committees (RTCC)

The RTCCs continue to schedule their own conference calls and face-to-face meetings with participation by EMS Authority staff when available. Subcommittees are formed with special projects as determined by the membership.

Trauma Summit V

The fifth Trauma Summit is currently being planned for August 22, 2014. The EMS Authority is partnering with Stanford Medical Center and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and their annual trauma conference. The trauma conference is planned for August 21 – 22, 2014 at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto. A "save the date" will be sent out in the near future. The Commission will be kept informed as summit preparations are finalized.