On May 23, 2011, the DCMS Task Force for Mass Critical Care met at the Park City Club.

Attending
Robert L. Fine, MD, FACP, Chair
Jeff Beeson, MD, Tarrant County – MedStar and EPAB
Kendra Belfi, MD, Tarrant County – TCAM-EC
Mark Casanova, MD, Baylor Hospital
Wendy Chung, MD, Dallas County Health & Human Services
Ed Goodman, MD, Texas Health Resources
Steve Harris, MD, Dallas County Health & Human Services/Medical Director/Health Authority
Stephen Landers, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
Steve Love, President, DFW Hospital Council
Mark Mlcak, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
Tom Mayo, JD, Legal Community Representative, SMU/Dedman School of Law
Sandra Parker, MD, Tarrant County Public Health, Medical Director/Health Authority
Don Read, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
Bob Simonson, MD, Methodist Hospital
Daphne Walker, JD, Fulbright & Jaworski
Lauren Cowling, Director of Communications, DCMS
Michael Darrouzet, EVP/CEO, DCMS

Robert Fine, MD, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After introductions, Dr. Fine led discussion of the minutes of the previous meetings and gave an overview of what has been accomplished to date. The DRAFT Crisis Standards of Care Guidance Document for Adults that task force members previously adopted was reviewed.

A second version titled DRAFT Crisis Standards of Care Guidance Document for Pediatrics was discussed. Based upon the recommendations of the pediatric members of the Task Force (given to DCMS prior to the meeting) the Task Force took the following action:

ACTION: Upon a proper Motion (Dr. Landers) and Second (Mr. Mayo) the Task Force for Mass Critical Care approved the DRAFT Crisis Standards of Care Guidance Document for Pediatrics.

Discussion Summary
Based upon the introductory remarks from our colleagues from Tarrant County, Dr. Fine asked the committee to add the topic of Expansion to North Texas to the agenda. It was agreed to do this. Below is a bullet point summary of the discussions:
Dr. Fine invited Dr. Sandra Parker, MD, Medical Director and Health Authority for Tarrant County to inform the Task Force of the previous efforts of their community to accomplish similar goals.

Drs. Parker, Beeson, and Belfi shared that 4 or 5 years ago they started a similar effort in Tarrant County. They made significant progress but did not implement the plan due to various distractions including creation of the Medical Reserve Corps as well as significant changes in the hospital systems in the county.

Since this time, Baylor Healthcare System (BHCS) and Texas Health Resources (THR) have strengthened their relationships with the physicians and community and are better structured to accomplish this.

The Tarrant Medical Operations Center (TMOC) and Dallas Medical Operations Center (DMOC) will also support these efforts.

THR has expressed support for the draft documents and feels it is important to be united between all major health systems.

The work of the Task Force should include future political support and resolutions.

Other organizations that should be approached in North Texas include, but are not limited to, DFW Public Health Committee, which includes Denton and Collin County leadership.

It will be critical to get consensus among all four major counties prior to beginning a public communications strategy.

Dr. Shannon, Chief Medical Officer at Parkland Health and Hospital System provided written feedback on the document. He asked the Task Force to be certain to coordinate with the “RAC” or Regional Advisory Committee. Dr. Robert Simonson, former chair of the RAC, and current member of the Task Force agreed to help coordinate the efforts of this group with the RAC.
**Next Steps for the Task Force**

- Dr. Fine asked the Task Force to reach consensus on next steps. Numerous members volunteered to take assignments to facilitate discussions at their respective organizations. It was the consensus of the Task Force to pursue two parallel tracks: (1) Seek support from physicians in the region through the four staffed county medical societies, and (2) Seek support from the major hospital systems.
- Such support will be sought prior to contacting the media.
- DCMS Staff will draft a cover letter directly to the hospital systems asking them to “endorse the basic concept of the documents,” for the purpose of creating a plan that will maximize the number of lives we can save in an extreme Mass Critical Care event. Highlight that North Texas is building upon the good work of numerous states, medical specialty societies, and the Institutes of Medicine.
- **Specific Assignments:**

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- To all the organizations listed above, each member will personalize and send a copy of the draft cover letter (attached) and the Draft Adult and Pediatric Guidance Documents.

**Creation of the North Texas Task Force for Mass Critical Care**

A singularly important outcome of the meeting was the decision by the Task Force to change its name from the DCMS Task Force to the North Texas Task Force for Mass Critical Care to better reflect the strong desire to work collaboratively across the region in the creation of this Guidance Document. The Task Force approved such a change unanimously. Likewise, DCMS offered to amend the Guidance Document to reflect that it authored the North Texas Task Force. Such changes will be incorporated prior to release to the organizations above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (just in time for a very bad hail storm and tornadoes across North Texas!)