



DCMS Task Force for Mass Critical Care
Meeting Minutes of Sept. 23, 2010

On Sept. 23, 2010, the DCMS Task Force for Mass Critical Care met at the Park City Club for its third and final planned meetings.

Attending

Robert L. Fine, MD, FACP, Chair
Mark Casanova, MD, Baylor Hospital
Wendy Chung, MD, Dallas County Health Department
Patti Clapp, Dallas Regional Chamber
Chris Davis, Representing Dallas County Commissioner Maurine Dickey
Paula Dobbs-Wiggins, MD, Faith Community representative, SMU/Perkins School of Theology
Ed Goodman, MD, THR
Sarah Helfand, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
Stephen Landers, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
Steve Love, CEO, DFW Hospital Council
Mark Mlcak, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
The Rev. Gary MacDonald, Faith Community representative, SMU/Perkins School of Theology
Gail Maxwell, MS, RN, FACHE, Baylor Hospital
Tom Mayo, JD, Legal Community Representative, SMU/Dedman School of Law
Don Read, MD, DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee member
Maevae Sheehan, MD, FAAP, UTSW/Children's Medical Center
Bob Simonson, MD, Methodist Hospital
Mark Till, MD, THR
Michael Darrouzet, EVP/CEO, DCMS
Connie Webster, SVP Operations, DCMS

Robert Fine, MD, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After updating the group, Dr. Fine led discussion of the DRAFT Crisis Standards of Care Guidance Document that task force members were to review before the meeting.

Discussion Summary

- Regarding SOFA scoring, should DCMS collect demographic data to determine if bias exists across racial and gender status?
- Per Dr. Fine, no entity in the community uses SOFA scoring enough to study this and DCMS has no such resources to do so.
- Dr. Sheehan presented two crisis guidance documents developed by the Utah State Department of Health and which take into account the entire population, including children. The SOFA scoring listed in the DCMS TFMCC guidance document does not apply to children. For "adults" (defined as over age 14), the SOFA scores are used that are listed in the DCMS TFMCC document. For

children age 13 and under, the Utah document uses common-sense clinical assessments for children.

- The issue will not be the pediatric community dealing with children; it will be that the adult facilities have no standards because SOFA scores do not apply to children.
- The color coding listed in the DCMS TFMCC document is appropriate. (It is the same as used in New York, Utah and Texas.)

The committee agreed to have Dr. Chung contact the Utah State Department of Health to see if it will allow Dallas to incorporate some information listed in its documents into the Dallas document.

After a thorough discussion, a motion was made to recommend that the DCMS board of directors adopt the first DRAFT of the Mass Critical Care Guidance Document, pending community input. The document will be referred to as the Crisis Standards of Care Guidance Document v1.

Mr. Darrouzet presented the proposed action phase and future role of the committee. Upon adoption by the DCMS board, DCMS will work with other organizations, such as the DFW Hospital Council, to seek preliminary adoption of the first draft of the guidance document among healthcare institutions, while seeking community input and eventual adoption. Concurrent with the community education, DCMS will seek legislative action or local ordinances to protect the public and the healthcare providers who serve in a time of mass critical care.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.