

# HB 142 Review of Advisory Councils

## Trauma Care Committee

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**Statutory Authority:** 2-15-2216, MCA

### **Purpose**

- Reduces the incidence of trauma injuries in Montana and promote and advance excellence in the care of an injured patient

### **General Information**

- Members include representatives of the three regional trauma care committees: Western RTAC, Central RTAC, and Eastern RTAC

#### *Membership:*

- Consists of health care representatives
- Appointed by the Governor
- Serve 4-year terms and may be reappointed
- Receive no compensation, but are reimbursed for expenses

#### *Duties and Activities:*

- Meets four times per year
- Provides direction to DPHHS regarding trauma care, implementation of a hospital data collection system, and the design and implementation of a statewide quality improvement system for trauma care
- Analyzes the effect of the trauma care system on patient care, morbidity, and mortality
- Oversees and provides recommendations to the regional trauma care advisory committees

### **Budget Information**

Telemed attendance is available. Members are reimbursed for travel and lodging, if needed, and lunch is provided. Meeting costs average \$820 per meeting.

### **Recent Activities**

- Providing guidance for the development and implementation of trauma facility designation, air medical activation guidelines, and field trauma decision/trauma team activation criteria
- Promulgating "normothermia" trauma patient management strategies
- Considering IV fluid management guideline development
- Reviewing trauma system PI indicators and making recommendations
- Implementing trauma education activities in Montana
- Reviewing trauma registry data, injury prevention activities, emergency preparedness activities, and pediatric equipment/guidelines

### Trauma Care Committee Membership

<b>Members</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Dennis Maier, MD	Billings	Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons	11/2/2015
Brad VonBergen, RN	Billings	Eastern Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2012
Sam Miller, RN	Bozeman	Eastern Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Tim Sinton, PA	Choteau	Central Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Lauri Jackson, RN	Great Falls	Central Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2012
Leah Emerson, RN	Ronan	Western Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Brad Pickhardt, MD	Missoula	Western Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Kristin Lowery, RN	Deer Lodge	Montana Trauma Coordinators	11/2/2015
Fred Bartoletti, MD	Anaconda	Montana Medical Association	11/2/2012
Sid Williamson, MD	East Helena	American College of Emergency Physicians	11/2/2015
Elaine Schuchard, RN	Glasgow	Emergency Nurses Association	11/2/2015
Open	N/A	Montana Hospital Association	N/A
Don Whalen	Great Falls	Montana Private Ambulance Operators	11/2/2015
Becky Arbuckle	Bigfork	Montana Emergency Medical Services Association	11/2/2015
Roberta Schupe	Harlem	Indian Health Services	11/2/2015