

# TRAUMA PROGRAM LEADERSHIP FORUM NEWS

The Trauma Program Leadership Forum (TPLF) was conducted on March 4, 2021 and was recorded. The [ZOOM™ Webinar](#) can be viewed with the following password: LI\*CX0tj (case-sensitive). Click on the hyperlink or copy and paste the link to your browser. We apologize for technical difficulties during the second half of the session, so only the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) portion is accessible. PTSF information that was covered is noted below.

Please see below for the topics that were covered. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the PTSF team with any questions/comments.

## PTSF BOARD UPDATE

*Juliet Altenburg, Executive Director*

### New 2021 Board Members.

PTSF welcomes five new board members this year, including:



**Elizabeth W. Dunmore, MD**  
 Vice President,  
 Medical Affairs  
 Conemaugh Health  
 System  
 Johnstown, PA  
 Nominated by HAP.



**John I. Lewis, MS**  
 President & Chief  
 Executive Officer  
 Armstrong Center for  
 Medicine and Health  
 and its subsidiary  
 corporations  
 including,  
 ACMH Hospital  
 Kittanning, PA  
 Nominated by HAP.



**Erin A. Pica, MHA**  
 Vice President  
 Geisinger Surgery  
 Institute, Geisinger  
 Health System  
 Associate Vice  
 President, Geisinger  
 Wyoming Valley  
 Medical Center  
 Wilkes Barre, PA  
 Nominated by HAP.



**Joseph T. Sawyer, Jr.,  
 MBA, FACHE**  
 SVP, President  
 Guthrie Robert  
 Packer Hospital  
 Sayre, PA  
 Nominated by HAP.



**Patrick A. Kim, AB,  
 MD, FACS**  
 Professor of Clinical  
 Surgery, Perelman  
 School of Medicine,  
 University of  
 Pennsylvania  
 Division Vice-Chief,  
 Penn Presbyterian  
 Medical  
 Center, Trauma  
 Surgery, Surgical  
 Critical Care and  
 Emergency Surgery  
 Philadelphia, PA  
 Nominated by PaMED.

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## Diversity – Equity – Inclusion (DEI) Statement.

The PTSF Board approved a DEI statement that will guide practices as it seeks to build a more diverse and inclusive culture. The statement is:

The PTSF supports diversity, equality, and inclusion of all people. We as an organization are committed to equal access and care for all trauma patients and residents of Pennsylvania. We recognize the challenges that face various marginalized communities in Pennsylvania and dedicate our efforts to providing excellent care to everyone. As an organization we strive to have representation from a diverse group of healthcare providers and administrators that represent our constituency and give voice to the issues of our communities.

To that end the PTSF encourages all our collaborating institutions and partners to share our vision and to promote a diverse representation of clinicians and administrators to serve as board and committee members. We envision a shared perspective of trauma and patient care in Pennsylvania that is first class and includes our the most vulnerable in our communities.

We ask that these principles guide hospitals as they submit names of staff wishing to volunteer for PTSF committees, and organizations that submit board candidates to fulfill vacancies. DEI will be incorporated into PTSF policies and practices in a variety of ways moving into the future.

## PTSF ACCREDITATION UPDATE

*Amy Krichten, Director of Accreditation*

*Darlene Gondell, Manager of Accreditation*

*Anna Over, Manager of Trauma Center Development*

### Accreditation (A. Over).

New Trauma Program Nurse Leader Course. This virtual course, geared toward new nurses in trauma program leadership roles, is scheduled for April 14, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required for this course. There is no registration fee, and the link is located on the PTSF website, within [Trauma Accreditation Resources](#).

### Standards of Accreditation (D. Gondell).

The [Standards of Accreditation](#) have a dedicated area within the PTSF website. This includes a new feature to submit suggestions for standards revisions or clarifications.

### Accreditation (A. Krichten).

- The new PTSF website has a pages dedicated to [Site Survey](#) and [Pursuing Hospitals](#).
- 2021: PTSF is committed to performing in-person hybrid surveys as planned in 2021. Several hybrid surveys were successfully conducted in 2020 and involve the survey team being present (in-person) at the hospital with use of remote components to limit number of hospital staff during various meetings throughout the day. Other COVID-19 safety protocols are fully in place based upon the latest CDC guidance. If circumstances prohibit an on-site survey, a 100% virtual survey will occur. PTSF is conducting pilot virtual surveys to assure a smooth transition, if necessary.
- 2022: The scheduling process for 2022 surveys is underway. Official *Save-the-Date* communications will be

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sent as soon as the calendar is finalized. The 2022 survey format is to be determined and will be communicated as soon as possible.

- Thank you for your flexibility as we continue to work through the fluctuating circumstances.

## PTSF TECHNOLOGY/TRAUMA REGISTRY UPDATE

*Lyndsey Diehl, Director of Trauma Data Quality*

*Stephanie Radzevick, Trauma Data Analyst*

*Gabrielle "Gaby" Wenger, Trauma Registry Auditor*

### **Basic and Intermediate Trauma Registry Courses.**

The Basic and Intermediate registrar courses are no longer located on the PTSF website. They can now be accessed at <https://www.elearningconnex.com/ptsf/>. If you need assistance with accessing these courses, instructions can be found on the PTSF website under Trauma Registry Education. If you have any questions about KnowledgeConnex, PTSF's E-Learning platform, or any questions on how to navigate through the registry portion of the new PTSF website, please contact [Lyndsey Diehl](#).

### **NTDS/TQIP Changes released January 2021.**

The NTDS released changes to their 2021 data dictionary in late January 2021. The changes that also impact PTOS include the pre-existing condition, Hypertension, and hospital event, Organ Space Surgical Site Infection. Clarification was added stating that you will report the pre-existing condition, Hypertension, if the patient is non-compliant with their hypertension medication(s). A correction was also made to Table 3 for the hospital event, Organ Space Surgical Site Infection. To review the entire list of NTDS recent changes, go to <https://www.facs.org/Quality-Programs/Trauma/TQP/center-programs/NTDB/ntds/data-dictionary> and download the most recent NTDS Change Document.

### **Burn Workgroup**

PTSF registry staff will be organizing and supporting a Burn Workgroup which will fall under the Trauma Registry Committee. The workgroup will review the current burn elements in PTOS and discuss the recent registry related ABA changes—*more information to follow*.

### **V5 Project Status**

PTSF hears your frustrations regarding the pace of the V5 transition project. PTSF has also grown frustrated with the lack of progress being made and lack of information available for PA trauma centers. PTSF plans to hold meetings with ESO leadership in the hope of moving forward with the project in a more efficient and positive way. *As soon as information is available, it will be communicated to you.*

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## PTSF OPERATIONS UPDATE

[Kevin Burd](#), Director of Operations

[Dor Adams](#), Finance Specialist

[Linda Stamey](#), Administrative Assistant

### **New website, [www.ptsf.org](http://www.ptsf.org).**

The PTSF website has undergone a complete redesign. A soft launch occurred in February 2021 and staff continue to revise content, as necessary. Users no longer need to register to access information, and specific page content is revised to provide additional resources, and to direct you to the staff that can assist you with your questions.

### **Annual conference.**

The annual fall conference will be on a virtual platform October 13-15 this year. In 2020, this format was well-received with 215% increase in Pennsylvania attendees, as well as additional attendees from 29 states and the District of Columbia. In all, 938 people attended the conference. PTSF remains committed to bringing high-quality, relevant content to you. Watch for *Call for Speakers* and *Call for Research* documents to be emailed this month.