

EXHIBIT L

TRAUMA SYSTEM UPDATE FOR THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & LABOR

May 20, 2010

Funding:

- \$25,000,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2010 (\$20,000,000 in Category A and \$5,000,000 in Category B1 (reduced to \$901,860 and then not funded)
- \$20,000,000 has been reduced three times by cuts to state general revenue (first reduction for \$261,000; second for \$473,736; third for \$192,653), bringing the current available funding to \$19,072,611.
- These cuts will have no impact on Trauma System development for this FY (reason: this is a start-up year – salaries will not be paid for the full year, all hospital grants will not be paid during this FY, etc.)
- The trauma legislation (Act 393) recognized that funds will not all be spent this FY and provided “carry-over” authority into the next FY

Staffing:

- Act 393 funded 18 trauma positions
- To date 9 positions have been filled
 - Dr. Todd Maxson – Medical Consultant
 - Bill Temple - Injury Prevention and Trauma Branch Chief
 - Renee Patrick – Trauma Section Chief
 - Jim Brown – Injury Prevention and Trauma Branch Administrative Specialist
 - Marie Lewis – Trauma Registry Section Chief
 - Sue Ellen Peglow – Trauma Registry Information Technology Specialist
 - Jamie Owens – Trauma Registry Administrative Specialist
 - Austin Porter – Epidemiologist
 - Brian Nation – Health Program Specialist
- Interviews have been conducted for 3 Registered Nurse positions
- Benchmarking of applicants for 1 Public Health Educator position has been conducted and interviews will begin very soon
- 5 positions will be advertised in the near future

- All the above employees will be located at the Arkansas Department of Health in Little Rock and will be devoted full-time to the trauma system and associated injury prevention efforts

Sub-grants:

- Hospitals: 72 intent applications received; 66 of the 72 hospitals have to date submitted grant applications; 41 have invoiced and 39 have been paid
- Eligible ground ambulance services: 113 (includes 2 ground services which also have separate air wings); 111 of these services have to date submitted grant applications; 53 have invoiced and 48 have been paid
- Eligible stand-alone air ambulance services: 5; all 5 have to date submitted grant applications; 2 have not yet invoiced; 3 have invoiced and been paid
- Eligible emergency medical services (EMS) training sites: 33; 26 grant applications have been received; 6 have been paid and 7 are in the final stages of processing prior to payment (note: 5 training sites declined funding, primarily for reasons such as the site does not charge students for training, lack of employees to conduct training, etc.)
- Arkansas Emergency Medical Technicians Association: has been paid \$66,666
- Arkansas Ambulance Association: has been paid \$33,334

Governor's Trauma Advisory Council:

- Appointments to the Council have been made consistent with the provisions of Act 393 (24 voting members and 2 non-voting ex-officio members)
- Subcommittees are as follows: Finance, Hospital Designation, Injury Prevention, Trauma Regional Advisory Councils; EMS/Pre-hospital; and, Quality Improvement/Trauma Registry
- Meets every third Tuesday of the month

Trauma Registry:

- This is a data collection and evaluation system for trauma which will over time tell us whether the trauma system is having a beneficial effect on morbidity and mortality. Hardware, software, and necessary licenses have been purchased and the Registry is scheduled to "go-live" on July 1, 2010. Training for hospital registrars will be held June 14 to 17 with additional training planned.

Communications System:

- On January 28, 2010, a contract was signed with Motorola to provide a statewide VHF communications network to support the trauma system. Existing Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) radio towers will be utilized in this project. We have contracted with the Arkansas Department of Information Systems for an individual to assist us who has radio system technical expertise.

Call Center:

- On February 16, 2010, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was released seeking bids for the Arkansas Trauma Communications Center (ATCC). The ATCC will play a critical role in the overall trauma communications network by ensuring that severely injured patients get to the right hospitals in the shortest time possible. ADH received two proposals, which were scored by an impartial, five person outside review committee on April 22. The budgets from each bidder were subsequently opened and are currently being reviewed by ADH.

Training Initiative:

- A three hour training video has been produced by ADH, with technical assistance from the Arkansas Department of Information Systems, to assist hospital administrators and trauma-related staff to prepare for the process of being designated as trauma centers and to more efficiently function within the Trauma System. Letters to hospitals, enclosing two DVDs as well as instructions regarding viewing the video on the web, were mailed from ADH on May 13, 2010.

Other issues:

- Quality Improvement – an RFP will be developed to contract for this service
- Burn and hand services – proposals are being developed and are expected to be submitted to the Governor's Trauma Advisory Council in the near future
- Rehabilitation services – a formal, statewide needs assessment will occur in the near future to develop a recommendation for targeting funds

(Attached are spreadsheets detailing sub-grants to hospitals, EMS providers, and EMS training sites)