

South Central Regional Advisory Council

March 15, 2005

16:15 – 16:50

Executive Council Meeting:

In Attendance: Lynne Sears, Lee Faucher, Lisa Hall, Mark Hanson, Franz Keilhauer, Laura Ahola

Discussed some of the fears that smaller hospitals have concerning filtering patients and revenue out of their facility. Need to express that our goal is to provide more definitive care to severely injured trauma patients in a timely fashion.

Med Flight standby's for distances greater than 20 miles, they will take off and turn around as necessary. Each individual service will need to develop their own plan for enabling the trauma plan through their own pre-hospital decisions.

Patient example was developed for the General Session.

Lee explained that Iowa has data of high mortality rates for patients that were transferred to multiple facilities. Mortality rates were much lower for patients transported directly to the highest level of care available or minimally transferred.