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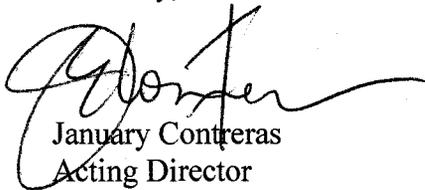
The Honorable Tim Bee
Senate President
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear President Bee:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Arizona Department of Health Service's Trauma System Development Progress Report. This report is required pursuant to Executive Order 2008-26.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at 602-542-1027.

Sincerely,



January Contreras
Acting Director

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**STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
PROGRESS REPORT**

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**Developing an Inclusive Statewide Trauma System
Executive Order 2008-26**

In September of this year, Governor Napolitano issued Executive Order 2008-26 charging the Department of Health Services with:

- Increasing the number of Arizona Health Care institutions that participate in the statewide trauma system, particularly those located in rural Arizona
- Establishing a Trauma Medical Director with expertise in trauma care to formulate standards, guidelines and rules to further enhance Arizona's trauma system and care
- Growing the number of health care institutions that report traumatic injury data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry; an effort that enhances information sources necessary for continued evaluation of, and improvements to, the statewide trauma system
- Providing a report to the Governor on the activities and outcomes of developing an Inclusive Trauma System by December 31, 2008 and annually thereafter.

The Arizona Department of Health Service's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System (Bureau) is the statutorily identified lead for the development of a statewide inclusive trauma system. The following is a summary of the progress that has been made in 2008.

Focus Area One: Increase the number of Arizona Health Care institutions that participate in the statewide trauma system, particularly those located in rural Arizona

On January 1, 2008 there were 7 designated trauma centers in the State. As of the date of this report, we now have eleven designated trauma centers, three of which are located outside of the urban core areas, an increase of more than 50%.

Flagstaff Medical Center	Level I	John C. Lincoln NM	Level I
Banner Good Samaritan	Level I	Phoenix Children's Hosp.*	Level I
St. Joseph's Medical Center	Level I	Summit - Show Low*	Level IV
Scottsdale-Osborn	Level I	Banner Page*	Level IV
Univ. Med. Center - Tucson	Level I	Northern Cochise - Willcox*	Level IV
Maricopa Medical Center	Level I		

* Trauma centers designated in 2008

We continue to actively pursue new participants from the rural healthcare community. To facilitate this process the Bureau developed and advertised an outreach program that acts as a travelling orientation to the value of being a part of the trauma system. This allows Bureau staff to describe the social and financial costs and benefits associated with formal participation in the trauma system. The orientation is designed to inform key

hospital administrators about common concerns and misconceptions of the trauma system, as well as explain the tangible benefits of participation. This year, Bureau staff conducted five such orientations across the State. Additionally, Bureau staff visited with an additional ten facilities to answer questions about participation in the trauma system.

Focus Area Two: Establish a Trauma Medical Director with expertise in trauma care to formulate standards, guidelines and rules to further enhance Arizona's trauma system and care.

Bureau staff developed the appropriate position documents required by Department of Health Services' Human Resources Division and intends to submit the position in early 2009.

Focus Area Three: Grow the number of health care institutions that report traumatic injury data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry; an effort that enhances information sources necessary for continued evaluation of, and improvements to, the statewide trauma system.

The Bureau is finalizing a Microsoft Excel abbreviated trauma registry that we intend to make available to any health care institution that expresses an interest in submitting data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry. The following facilities currently contribute data to the registry:

ARIZONA STATE TRAUMA REGISTRY (ASTR) REPORTING HOSPITALS (as of 11/1/08)

	Reporting Facility Name	Trauma Center state designation level at time of ASTR data submission	FAC ID
1	Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center	Level I	MED0219
2	Flagstaff Regional Medical Center	Level I	MED0201
3	John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital	Level I	MED0222
4	Maricopa Medical Center	Level I	MED0223
5	Phoenix Children's Hospital	Level I	MED2170
6	Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn	Level I	MED0235
7	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center	Level I	MED2125
8	University Medical Center (Tucson)	Level I	MED0257
9	Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center	Level IV	MED0246
10	Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center	Non-Designated	MED0198
11	Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Non-Designated	IHS3006
12	Yavapai Regional Medical Center	Non-Designated	MED0261
13	Yuma Regional Medical Center	Non-Designated	MED0262
Expected to begin contributing data soon:			
14	John C Lincoln Deer Valley Hospital	Non-Designated	MED0230
15	Page Hospital (Banner)	Level IV designation pending	MED0203
16	Northern Cochise Community Hospital	Level IV designation pending	
17	Little Colorado Medical Center	Level IV designation pending	

The Bureau shared the Executive Order with our State Trauma Advisory Board, other committees, and Arizona's four EMS Regional Councils. The Order has been well received by all. Recent reports from the ASTR indicates that we have a long way to go to ensure that Arizona residents, particularly those living in the rural and frontier areas of the state, receive timely and appropriate access to trauma care. The Bureau is dedicated and committed to continuing its work in addressing these focus areas in the coming year.