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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

September 13, 2023

MINUTES

Location: Pitser Garrison Civic Center
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. **Call to Order-** Scott Christopher called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

A recollection of attendance to all General Assembly Meetings during the fiscal year was included with the agenda packet. There were 3 proxies for today's meeting.
3. **Agency Voter Representative Forms Due**

Mr. Christopher announced that voter representative forms are due and should be emailed to DETRAC as soon as possible. About half of the membership has already submitted their form.
4. **Introduction of Guests**

There was one new guest in attendance for today's meeting.
5. **Pulsara Presentation / Update**
 - Representatives for Pulsara will be at the November General Assembly Meeting to discuss the platform.
6. **Hamilton T-1 Ventilator Vendor**
 - Gena Metzger, a representative for Hamilton Medical may be attending the November General Assembly meeting to try to get product information out to members.
7. **Review / Approval of July 12, 2023 Minutes**
 - Attendees reviewed the July minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck and Scott Christopher. Motions were made by Jonathon Walker and Bryan Loudenslager to approve the minutes and there were no objections. The minutes will be posted to the website and filed.
8. **Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report**
 - ◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev, and Senate Bill 8)
 - Members viewed the P&L reports for each funding stream and Carmen Stuck discussed expenditures. All funds from EMS County Pass Through, EMS RAC, and Systems and Development have been spent and these accounts are now at a zero balance. The RAC made several purchases last month including an infant mannequin for the Advanced Fetal Monitoring Course, Stop the Bleed throw bags, tourniquets, and TNCC instructor books.
 - Carmen Stuck announced that the EMS County Pass Through Funds for FY23 were all spent and that new funds will come available this month.
 - ◆ 2023 / 2024 DETRAC Budget Review and Approval
 - Mr. Christopher displayed the FY24 budget for all attendees to see and went over each planned expense. Jimmy Ragsdale and Johnny Luman made motions to approve the budget. There were no oppositions.
9. **Sub- Committee Activities**
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker
 - Jonathon Walker met with the pre-hospital committee today and discussed critical airway methods. Attendees were able to practice intubation using a critical airway mannequin.
 - The group discussed new legislature which allows volunteer fire departments to transfer patients under certain circumstances.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Max Iguess
 - The Acute Care Committee met today and began a series of case reviews that will touch on a new topic each meeting. They plan to cover trauma, stemi, stroke, etc.
 - Woodland Heights and CHI St. Luke's Lufkin have both been reaccredited as primary stroke centers. HCA Conroe will be in pursuit of comprehensive stroke care within the next few months.
 - Max Iguess announced that Woodland Heights Medical Center will be holding their annual safety event, Super Spooky Safety Saturday, on October 28th in the Woodland Heights parking lot and is still needing booth vendors and bike donations. DETRAC will be donating bike helmets.
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Melanie Miller
 - The Perinatal Committee met today and had a good turnout. The group discussed the newly published neonatal rules that will go in effect January 1st. There is now a published guideline for the designation process for neonatal and maternal.
 - There was a roundtable discussion about post-partum hemorrhage
 - The C.H.A.R.L.I.E neonatal mannequin was brought to the meeting for everyone to see. The mannequin will be housed at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital and available for anyone in our RAC to use for training when needed.
 - Mr. Christopher reported that the pediatric readiness representative for our RAC will be in charge of getting all of the hospitals pediatric ready and may use the perinatal models to assist in this training along with the mannequins that Toyota Corporation has pledged to donate to each of the RACs.

- ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey
 - Gary Litton reported that TDEM attended the North Corridor meeting and discussed the evolution of TDEM.
 - The group discussed the O2 station and wildland paramedic units.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI
 - Nothing new to report
 - ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Landin Meyer
 - Landin Meyer announced that he is resigning from his position as the Injury Prevention Chair due to an increase in work and personal responsibilities.
 - Mr. Meyer announced that there will be a TNCC class held on October 3rd and 4th at CHI Lufkin.
 - Mr. Christopher reported that the deadline to reserve a hotel for EMS Conference is drawing near.
 - TETAF is holding a continuing education course on performance improvement in October
 - Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum will hold the Hospital Data Management Course on October 16th. Trauma Program Managers are encouraged to attend.
 - The 1st Responders Mental Health and Wellness Conference will be held on October 5-6 in San Antonio.
 - Mr. Christopher showed the group a video which showed interviews with law enforcement and EMS responders of the Allen Outlet Mall shooting. This video highlighted the importance of Stop the Bleed Training and incident planning / communication between law enforcement and EMS.
10. **Executive Committee Report – Scott Christopher**
 - The RAC office will be moving to the Lufkin Fire Admin Building during or after December.
 - SB8 Update – Carmen Stuck reported that all of the funds designated for EMS scholarships has now been depleted. There is a chance that more funding will come available in the future once DSHS has collected any unused funding from other RACs. DETRAC has awarded 52 scholarships since September 2022. There have been 7 EMTs graduate and 3 people drop the course. Any money that is returned by students will be put back in to the scholarship pot to be redistributed.
 - HB624 Guidelines and Recommendations for RAC Implementation – Mr. Christopher reported that Jonathon Walker will be working with the EMS personnel to create the guidelines for VFD's in our area to transfer patients to the hospital under certain emergency circumstances. These guidelines need to be completed by the first of the year.
 - Regional Pediatric Champion for EMS and Trauma Center Education – Scott discussed the need for a pediatric regional champion.
 11. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
 - TETAF Board nominations and applications will be accepted soon.
 12. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Summer 2023 Edition is available online and everyone is encouraged to view it.
 13. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - Mr. Christopher announced that Nemsis 3.5 will go live soon. The Texas wristbands will become mandatory with this new update.
 - Mr. Christopher asked members if they would like DETRAC to use some of the FY23-24 to order wristbands for all of the EMS agencies. There were no oppositions. Justin Cude stated that the wristbands were on back order at this time.
 14. **GETAC Meetings –**
 - Mr. Christopher reviewed notes from the August GETAC meeting
 - The next GETAC meetings are November 19-22.
 15. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements - Hospital Representatives**
 - Max Iguess announced that Nac Medical Center is up for Trauma survey within the next 8 months, and CHI Lufkin and Nacogoches Memorial are both working on action plans.
 - The group discussed the frequency of contingency designations in Texas during this year.
 16. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
No new updates.
 17. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
No new updates or announcements to report.
 18. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - Melanie Miller discussed the new Maternal Rules.
 19. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - EMS Conference award nominations are now being accepted.
 20. **Other Announcements**
 - Ryan Huls announced that PHI now has Pulsara
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 21. **Next Meeting**
 - The next General Assembly Meeting is November 8, 2023 at Nacogoches Memorial Hospital
 22. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.