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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 30, 2022

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MINUTES

Location: ZOOM Conference Call
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order-

The Zoom Teleconference meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Mr. Scott Christopher

2. Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies

Mr. Christopher announced that Karen Pollard will serve as proxy for Thomas Brown in today's meetings. Mr. Christopher asked that all members review the attendance sheet that was displayed on the screen and let DETRAC know if they feel as if there is an error.

A reconciliation of all in attendance was performed. A DETRAC General Assembly Attendance Record will be maintained in the DETRAC office.

3. Introduction of Guests

No new guests

4. Review / Approval of January 12, 2022 Minutes

The minutes which were prepared by Carmen Stuck were emailed to members before the meeting. Members reviewed the minutes and April Adams and Jonathon Walker made a motion to approve them.

5. Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report

◆ Grant Funding Report (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev)

Mr. Christopher shared the Profit and Loss reports for each funding stream. All expenditures and remaining balances were discussed. Mr. Christopher explained the conversations that he was having with Indra Hernandez at DSHS concerning what to do with county funds in the event that an EMS agency does not meet membership requirements or use the entire allotted amount. Jonathon Walker expressed concerns that if an agency fails to meet requirements and is not able to use their allotted County Funds that they may be at risk for not receiving County Funds the following year as well. Mr. Christopher will be keeping the members updated on this matter as he receives information from Indra.

◆ Local Project Grant Funding Update (spine boards x127) –

Mr. Christopher thanked Jonathon Walker and Nacogdoches County EMS for handling the distribution of the spine boards. Mr. Walker announced that there are still 60 backboards left at the warehouse and that many agencies have not picked up any boards yet.

Ad-Hoc Grant Review and Needs Assessments

Mr. Christopher discussed the Grant Awards given out in the 1st round of the Needs Assessments. Members were able to view the spreadsheet on the screen and know exactly how much each agency was given and what the funds were to be used for. There are two agencies that still need to submit the receipts for their purchases. The 2nd round of Needs Assessment submissions must be received by April 15, 2022 and an ad-hoc meeting will be held on April 20th at Nacogdoches EMS to discuss and make grant funding decisions.

6. Committee Activities – All encouraged to attend

◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathan Walker

Mr. Walker emailed Continuing Education materials to members covering the topic of Sepsis. EMS personnel are able to complete the course at home and email test scores to Mr. Walker. Once he receives emailed test scores he will send attendees their certificates. This CE was open to all of our EMS providers only.

Mr. Christopher asked for the members to give input on whether DETRAC should bring back Bob Page this year and if so what courses would be most beneficial. There were no oppositions. Scott mentioned allowing non DETRAC members to attend the course if they would like to for a minimal course fee.

April Adams suggested that we ask Mr. Page if he would be willing to do a one-day course or possibly the same course two days in a row.

Forrest King expressed that he believes Mr. Page would allow DETRAC to choose which courses to offer as well as the number of days.

Carmen is going to contact Mr. Page to get answers for the group.

◆ Hospital Acute Care – Thomas Brown

Karen Pollard was serving as proxy for Thomas Brown. Ms. Pollard announced that the Hospital Acute Care team would meet in 2 weeks to discuss conducting a burn course.

◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Jamie Lee

Ms. Lee announced that there were 12 attendees at the RAC Perinatal Meeting and that they had discussed how the state of Texas is looking for ER nurses who have experience with hypertension emergencies to become part of a workgroup that will converse about triage questions. The workgroup will consider different scenarios and determine whether the patient should be treated in the OB or in the OR. There will be monthly Zoom meetings held by the workgroup and anyone who would like to attend and listen in on the calls is invited to. Ms. Lee informed the group that hypertension could be caused by recent childbirth and that patients that are being seen for hypertension should be asked if they had given birth within the last 2 weeks. Ms. Lee also announced that the Newborn Temperature Initiative was still being conducted.

- ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Michael Rankin / Stephen Bennett
Mr. Christopher announced that SETRAC's CEO, Darryl Pile, had retired and that Lori Upton was serving as interim. They are currently looking for applicants for the CEO position.
Gary Litton announced that SETRAC will be holding their Annual Disaster Conference November 2-4 in Galveston and that they were still looking for guest speakers if anyone was interested.
Mr. Christopher announced that a Radiological Training would be held on April 5 at 10am on Zoom. The course is being conducted by the FBI and will last approximately 2 ½ hours. There will also be a free event held by the Medical Management of CBRNE in Belton, TX on April 20-21. Anyone interested in either of these courses is encouraged to reach out to Mr. Christopher for more information.
Gary Litton gave an update on Covid practices within SETRAC. As of April 1st, all state funded nurses will be demobilized and all medical equipment such as vents, IV pumps, etc. will be collected and sent back to the state. Inventory of all HPP sent to hospitals will be taken. On April 12th FEMA and SETRAC will collaborate to hold a regional burn exercise. More participants are needed for this exercise. SETRAC is planning to host more "hurricane tabletops" this year including one in June to discuss disaster awareness and response tactics. The next SETRAC meeting will be held on April 13th at Tyler County Hospital.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI – Scott Christopher
Nothing new to report.
 - ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Shere Beguin
Mr. Christopher shared that Shere Beguin is very passionate about raising awareness on how to properly install a Child Safety Seat and she will be discussing this topic at future RAC meetings.
Mr. Christopher discussed that there haven't been many people using the Stop The Bleed (STB) kits within the last few months. May is STB month and members are encouraged to look for opportunities to get more of the community involved with STB.
Gary Litton informed the group that the Texas Education Agency is wanting to train more schools so it is possible we will have more interest in the STB program soon.
Mr. Christopher announced that if anyone is interested in owning their own STB materials that there are grant awards available by the state to purchase STB supplies.
Mr. Christopher informed the members of conferences that were coming up. The Seton Trauma and Critical Care Conference will be held in Austin June 1-3. Trauma surgeons from many various states come to this meeting and it is very informative. It is around \$500 to attend. The EMS Educators Summit will be held in Corpus Christi April 8-9.
7. **Executive Committee Report – Scott Christopher**
Mr. Christopher informed members of topics and discussions that took place during the Executive Board Meeting including his discussions with Indra Hernandez.
 - ◆ **Texas Wristband Project – Scott Christopher**
Mr. Christopher discussed that all EMS agencies should be placing wristbands on 911 patients and announced that he has personally witnessed some of our agencies using the bands. Everyone is doing better about utilizing the bands with the exception of one agency which has not taken possession of their portion of wristbands yet. Mr. Christopher reminded members that DSHS plans for the Texas Wristbands to be used indefinitely and that it is something everyone needs to plan on doing long term.
 8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott**
Mr. Christopher announced that the TETAF March News Letter is now available at TETAF.org
 9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter – Winter Edition -2022**
Mr. Christopher announced that the newsletter is now available to view on the DSHS website.
 10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update – Scott Christopher**
No new business
 11. **GETAC Meeting –**
Mr. Christopher announced that the next GETAC Meeting will be held May 24-26. Other meetings on the GETAC schedule include August 17-19, and November 19-21.
 12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements - Hospital Representatives**
There are no new announcements to report.
 13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
There are no new announcements to report.
 14. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
No new updates or announcements to report.
 15. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Development – Hospital Representatives**
Jamie Lee reported the status of the Newborn Temperature Initiative and the recruitment of the ED Workgroup earlier in the meeting.
 16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - ◆ EMS Children Survey 2022 - Mr. Christopher announced that one agency has not completed the survey and he has sent them an email.
 - ◆ EMS Children Crew of the Year Nominations – Mr. Christopher announced that awards will be given out on May 18, National EMS Children's Day
 - ◆ DSHS Drug Shortage Statement – Mr. Christopher informed everyone that a handout has been emailed to all of the hospitals and that the Medical Directors at each hospital needed to be involved. He displayed the letter on his screen.
 - ◆ National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines – Mr. Christopher announced that a 400+ page document has been posted and that it is a good reference piece. He shared the Table of Contents on his screen to inform everyone of the topics discussed.

17. **Other Announcements**

April Adams asked that all EMS Agencies and Hospitals display a copy of the CISM Flyers at their bases. There have not been any requests for assistance from the CISM Team lately. If anyone needs CISM services they may contact DETRAC, April Adams, Brittany Henson, or Scott Christopher

18. **Next Meeting**

Mr. Christopher announced that the next DETRAC meetings will be held on May 11, 2022.

If we are able to meet in person for the next General Assembly Meeting, Crofab is interested in doing a presentation and may provide food.

19. **Adjourn** – 6:20 pm