

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

September 14, 2022

### MINUTES

Location: CHI Lufkin Memorial  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

#### 1. Call to Order-

The 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 the members that were utilizing a proxy for today's meeting. A reconciliation attendance was performed. A DETRAC General Assembly Attendance Record will be maintained in the DETRAC office.

#### 3. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests in attendance for today's meeting.

#### 4. Review / Approval of July 13, 2022 Minutes

The minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck were handed out to members for review. A motion was made by Monty Cartwright and Jimmy Ragsdale to approve the minutes. There were no objections and the minutes will be added to the DETRAC website and filed in the RAC office.

#### 5. Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report

##### ◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev)

All attendees received a copy of the profit and loss reports for each funding stream. EMS County, EMS RAC and Sys & Development are all at a zero balance. DETRAC has received a partial payment of the FY23 funds with the rest to be deposited later this month.

##### ◆ EMS Recruitment and Retention - \$361,370

Mr. Scott announced that the first half of the SB8 funds will be deposited by the end of September.

##### ◆ Budget Preparation/ Recommendations

Mr. Christopher presented the FY 2023 budget to the members and explained each planned expense. Much of the coming year's budget will go to education such as TNCC and member agency grants. Jimmy Ragsdale and Ricky Taylor made a motion to approve the budget. There were no objections and the budget will remain as presented.

#### 6. Committee Activities – All encouraged to attend

##### ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathan Walker

Mr. Walker held an EMS CE class today which covered the topic of carbon monoxide. There are still a lot of backboards in the storage building that need to be picked up. Members are encouraged to come to Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital to pick up more backboards if needed. Twenty people attended the Bob Page Course that was held in July.

##### ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Thomas Brown

◆ Mr. Brown was unable to attend today's meeting.

◆ Mr. Christopher informed the group that DETRAC would be providing a TNCC course in Nacogdoches in December. Carmen Stuck will be emailing each of our hospital representatives to find out how many nurses need TNCC. The limit for the course is 36 students and if more is needed DETRAC may hire more instructors.

##### ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Jamie Lee

Ms. Lee met with the perinatal sub committee at 4:00 and discussed post-partum hemorrhage and signs to look for in ER patients such as blood pressure of 160/110 and higher. There will be an AWONN Fetal Monitoring Course in October. Mrs. Lee announced that she will be resigning from her position as RAC Perinatal Chair in December and is looking for someone to take her place. She has been the Perinatal Chair for 6 years.

##### ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey

Mr. Litton reported topics discussed during the last North Corridor Meeting. The next North Corridor Meeting will be held in December in Nacogdoches and cover the topics of active shooter situations and active threats. New Radio Towers are being built and EMS radio service will be expanding within the next few years. There will be a radio survey taking place soon and DETCOG will present what the build out will look like. HPP needs more EMS representatives and Hospital Clinical representatives. SETRAC Symposium will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the early bird special ends Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI – Scott Christopher

Nothing new to report.

##### ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Position open

◆ Mr. Christopher announced that DETRAC is still in need of a new Education and Injury Prevention Chair and encouraged members to nominate or volunteer for the position.

◆ Stephen Bennett announced that Woodland Heights will be holding an education and injury prevention event for the public in October called "Spooky Safety Saturday". There will be booths set up with injury prevention information and bikes will be given away to some kids in attendance. If you would like to donate a bike please let Stephen know.

◆ EMS Award nominations and hotel reservations for the Texas EMS Conference are due before September 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be an ABLS Course in Tyler on September 30<sup>th</sup> and a PHTLS Course held at Woodland Heights in Lufkin on September 22&23<sup>rd</sup>.

7. **Executive Committee Report** – Scott Christopher – Budget, Bylaws, DSHS Audit, Chair/Secretary elections
  - ◆ **Budget** – Mr. Christopher informed members that the Executive Committee would be submitting suggestions on things to add to the budget. Some suggestions include PHTLS courses, Advanced Trauma (TCAR), burn courses, and additional TNCC.
  - ◆ **Texas Wristband Project** – Mr. Christopher reported that the Texas Wristband number will become a requirement in NEMIS in March 2023.
  - ◆ **Bylaws** – The bylaws were reviewed and no changes were made. Jimmy Ragsdale and Stephen Bennett made a motion to approve the bylaws.
  - ◆ **Chair/ Secretary Elections** – During the Executive Committee meeting Amber McCarthy was nominated and elected for the Board Secretary position.
8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Scott
  - ◆ The TETAF Board and Annual RAC Development Meeting will take place in San Antonio December 8-9, 2022.
9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Summer Edition -2022  
The summer newsletter is now posted to the DSHS website and contains information on the Trauma Rules
10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update** – Scott
  - ◆ Cares Registry Update – no news
11. **GETAC Meeting** –  
Mr. Christopher announced that the next GETAC meeting will be held November 19-21. The sub-committee application process will be open thru September 30<sup>th</sup> and the Texas EMS Annual Awards nominations are due before September 16<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements** - Hospital Representatives
  - The Trauma Rules will be open for public comment till September 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sabine County Hospital had no deficiencies on their September survey
13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives  
Connie Bryant from HCA announced that on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> HCA Conroe will be Thrombectomy capable.
14. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives  
No new updates or announcements to report.
15. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Development** – Hospital Representatives
  - Mrs. Bryant shared that HCA will host a Perinatal Symposium soon.
16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement** – Agency Representative
  - ◆ **EMS Recruitment and Retention**- All EMS Scholarship information is on the DSHS website and DETRAC will be receiving information soon to distribute to members.
17. **Other Announcements**
  - Carmen Stuck reminded all agencies that have not picked up their tourniquets yet to get them after the meeting.
  - Mr. Walker announced that the remaining backboards were available to anyone who wants them.
  - Connie Bryant announced that HCA Airlife Livingston has been using Pilot Staffing this month.
18. **Next Meeting**  
Mr. Christopher announced that the next DETRAC meetings will be held on November 16, 2022
19. **Adjourn** – 6:12pm