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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

November 16, 2022

MINUTES

Location: Woodland Heights Hospital Affinity Center

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Mr. Scott Christopher

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

Mr. Christopher announced that he would be the proxy for Jamie Lee in today's meeting. A reconciliation of attendance was performed and the DETRAC General Assembly Attendance Record will be maintained in the DETRAC office.

3. Representative Forms Due – Agencies that have not turned in Voter Rep. Forms need to do so as soon as possible.

4. Introduction of Guests

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their agency. Dr. Christian Cajavilica and his team at HCA Conroe were the only guests.

5. Stroke Treatment Presentation – Christian Cajavilica, MD

Dr. Cajavilica presented slides and discussed the causes and effects of strokes as well as best practices and treatments. He included statistics and examples of recent cases.

6. Review / Approval of September 14, 2022 Minutes

The minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck were given to members to review. A motion was made by Ricky Taylor 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.

7. Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report

◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev, and Senate Bill 8)

All attendees received a copy of the profit and loss reports for each funding stream. Mr. Christopher reported that there has not been much spending activity this fiscal year and went over each expense. The balance in each account at this time is as follows: EMS RAC - \$27,508.21, Systems and Development - \$ 60,504.33, EMS County \$85,778.00 & Senate Bill 8 (EMS Recruitment) - \$180,684.94. Carmen Stuck announced that DETRAC will be disbursing 2 scholarship checks at the end of this month. All EMS Recruitment funds must be spent by Dec. 2023.

◆ EMS County Distribution Amounts 2022-2023

Mr. Christopher shared the EMS County Distribution amounts that each agency would receive and encouraged members to begin submitting receipts.

◆ DSHS Audit

Mr. Christopher discussed the 3 findings by DSHS during the DETRAC on-site review. Carmen Stuck will be submitting the Review Response Form before November 21st.

8. Committee Activities – All encouraged to attend

◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathan Walker

Mr. Walker held an EMS CE class today which covered the topic of anaphylaxis. He reminded all members that these are free CE hours and encouraged all EMS to come to the bi-monthly courses.

◆ Hospital Acute Care – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown was unable to attend the meeting and there was no business to report.

◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Jamie Lee

Tasha Murray reported that Jamie Lee met with the perinatal group at 4:00 today and discussed the shortage of Pitocin.

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

- Mr. Litton reported topics discussed during the North Corridor Symposium and announced that an off-the-grid drill would be done on Dec. 15th. The North Corridor will meet Dec. 14th in Nacogdoches and conduct an active threat exercise.
- Mr. Litton explained the recent Flu and RSV outbreak and the Ebola crisis in Uganda.
- Mr. Bennett recognized Tyler County Hospital for receiving the Award of Excellence at the symposium.
- Mr. Christopher announced the schedule for next year's DETRAC and North Corridor meetings. All General Assembly meetings will be at 5:00pm and the locations will be as follows: January- Lufkin, March – Tyler County Hospital, May – Lufkin, July – Nacogdoches, September – Lufkin, and November – Nacogdoches.

◆ 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.
- Karen Pollard held a Train the Trainer / Stop the Bleed Course today and 14 students attended.
- Mr. Christopher reported that 20 students attended the PHTLS Course in September. The training was beneficial for all levels of medical personnel.

- Mr. Christopher announced that he was going to contact Parkland for information about the ABLIS course that Karen Pollard discussed in the Executive Meeting and set up a course date. There will be a Texas EMS Medical Director Course in April and a Trauma Medical Director Course in February.
9. **Executive Committee Report** – Scott Christopher
 - ◆ **RAC Dues** – Mr. Christopher informed members that RAC dues would be necessary in the coming year and presented the suggestions made in the Executive Committee Meeting. Formal recommendations will be presented in the January meetings.
 - ◆ **EMS Scholarship Program** – Carmen Stuck informed the group that there were 3 students approved for scholarships and 4 applications pending. She discussed the questions brought up during the Executive Meeting and her plans for advertising.
 10. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Scott
 - Mr. Christopher will be attending the TETAF Board and Annual RAC Development Meetings in San Antonio Dec. 8-9th. The 2023 meetings will be held in March, June, August and November.
 - The new Survey Services Director is Terri Rowden
 11. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Fall Edition -2022
The Fall newsletter is now posted to the DSHS website.
 12. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update** – Scott
 - ◆ Cares Registry Update – no news to report
 13. **GETAC Meeting** –
 - Mr. Christopher announced that he will be attending the GETAC meetings held November 19-21st. The sub-committee application process will be open thru September 30th and the Texas EMS Annual Awards nominations are due before Sept. 16th.
 - Mr. Christopher announced that the Texas EMS Hall of Honor corn hole tournament will be coming up soon and proceeds will be used to send families of EMS personnel killed in the line of duty to the memorial ceremony.
 14. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements** - Hospital Representatives
 - The Uncompensated Care Application is due on Feb. 10, 2023
 - Planned surveys include Nacogdoches Memorial and CHI St. Luke's Livingston both in January.
 15. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
No new business.
 16. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
No new updates or announcements to report.
 17. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Development** – Hospital Representatives
No new updates or announcements to report.
 18. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement** – Agency Representative
 - ◆ EMS Staffing waiver – due Feb. 10, 2023
 19. **Other Announcements**
 - Mr. Litton announced that Pediatric Bed Reporting started today at 8:00am.
 - The Child Maltreatment Poster from McLean Children's Hospital in Temple was passed out and hospitals may use that as a reference.
 - Mr. Christopher announced that the Fentanyl Poisoning Communications Toolkit is available on the Texas Health and Human Services website. Members reported that they have not been seeing Fentanyl related injuries in this area.
 - TETAF will hold the 88th Legislative Session on December 14th
 - Jonathon Walker requested information on ordering wristbands and also announced that all backboards have been given out.
 - Carmen still has tourniquets for Powell Town VFD and Central Heights VFD
 - TNCC books will be distributed after the meeting
 20. **Next Meeting**
Mr. Christopher announced that the next DETRAC meetings will be held on January 11, 2023
 21. **Adjourn** – 6:30pm