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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

March 08, 2023

MINUTES

Location: Tyler County Hospital
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Sondra Williams, DETRAC Vice Chair

1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by Sondra Williams

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

Mrs. Williams announced that she is serving as proxy for Scott Christopher, who is attending GETAC in Austin. There are 3 additional proxies for today's meeting.

3. Introduction of Guests

Guests at today's meeting included staff from Tyler County Hospital and the Burke Center. All attendees introduced themselves.

4. Review / Approval of January 11, 2023 Minutes

Attendees reviewed the January minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck. A motion was made by Jonathon Walker and Ricky Taylor 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, and Senate Bill 8)

All attendees received a copy of the profit and loss reports for each funding stream. Carmen Stuck explained the spending activity this fiscal year and went over expenditures for each account. DETRAC has distributed almost \$179k in EMS scholarships. All Senate Bill 8, EMS Recruitment funds, must be spent by Dec. 2024. There has not been any money spent from the EMS County Pass Through funding stream and providers were encouraged to start turning in receipts.

◆ Needs Assessments

Carmen Stuck announced that there will be an ad-hoc meeting held on March 21st to review needs requests and determine awards. Anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to.

6. Sub-Committee Activities

◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker

Mr. Walker held an EMS CE course at 4pm today covering chest pain. He asked all EMS personnel to notify him of any topics they would like considered for future CE credits.

◆ Hospital Acute Care – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown announced that he resigned from the chair position during the Acute Care Committee meeting today. The committee elected Max Iguess as the new chair and Landin Meyer as co-chair. The committee approved some educational events that will be scheduled.

◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Pam Sprague

Pam Sprague announced that the perinatal committee met at 4pm and 10 people attended. The attendees discussed designation rules and best practices for gathering and sharing data. The Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) is looking to get more facilities involved.

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

Gary Litton reported that the DETRAC region is now current on the EMResource dashboard and inactive agencies were removed. The North Corridor met at 4pm and over 40 people attended the regional tabletop exercise. There will be a functional exercise on March 22nd and the SETRAC Annual Symposium is scheduled for October 23-26 in Galveston.

◆ Physicians Advisory / QI

Nothing new to report.

◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Position open

- Landin Meyer stated that he is interested in becoming the Education and Injury Prevention Chair. He requested more information on the position and will be contacting Scott for details.
- Mrs. Williams discussed House Bill 1147 which states that 3rd grade and up must receive Stop the Bleed course training in public schools. This bill goes into effect on September 1, 2023.
- Texas EMS Medical Directors Course - April 3-5 in Round Rock
- Austin Trauma / Critical Care Course - April 5th in Austin
- Ft. Worth Trauma Conference - April 5th
- Jonathon Walker announced that DETRAC will offer an ABLS course in late June and the certification is good for 4 years.

7. Executive Committee Report – Sondra Williams

◆ RAC Data Collaborative- a representative for the RAC Data Collaborative will be coming to the May General Assembly meeting to present on the program.

◆ RAC Dues – DETRAC will be sending out invoices for dues within the next week. The DETRAC dues amounts and cover letter that will accompany the invoices were voted on and approved in today's Executive Committee meeting.

◆ Bylaws – The bylaws need updated and a committee will be formed to meet and make needed changes. Clifton Flowers and Jonathon Walker volunteered to be on the bylaws committee. The updated bylaws will be presented and voted on at the May meeting.

8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Sondra Williams
Mrs. Williams discussed the handout that was included in the agenda packet detailing the legislative priorities.
 - Implementation of \$16 million in funds to enhance RAC health care systems
 - Implementation of \$9 million in funds to enhance regional data collections for health care systems and RACs
 - \$6.6 million requested to assist RACs in an effort to strengthen and maintain stroke, cardiac, perinatal, disaster, etc.
9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Winter 2023 Edition is available online
10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - ◆ No updates
11. **GETAC Meetings** –
Mrs. Williams announced that Scott Christopher is attending the GETAC meetings this week and will report meeting details at the May General Assembly meeting. The remainder of 2023 GETAC meetings are June 6-9, August 14-18, and November 19-22.
12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements** - Hospital Representatives
 - Nacogdoches Memorial has submitted their designation survey
 - CHI Lufkin will have their designation survey on March 16-17, 2023
13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
 - Connie Bryant reported that HCA Kingwood received zero deficiencies and are designated as a level 2 stroke center
 - HCA Conroe is now thrombectomy capable
14. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
No new updates or announcements to report.
15. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
 - Nac Medical Center's perinatal survey is June 22-23, 2023
16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement** – Agency Representative
 - EMS for Children Day is April 18, 2023 / Crew of the year nominations due April 15th
 - Carmen Stuck shared a spreadsheet explaining the budget for EMS Recruitment and Retention (SB8) monies. She explained that the previous budget and funds allocation that was given out during the January meeting was no longer valid. DSHS has determined the allocation chart for all RACs and requests must be made in order to move money between funding categories.
17. **Other Announcements**
 - No other announcements
18. **Next Meeting**
The next General Assembly Meeting will be May 10th at the Woodland Heights Affinity Center in Lufkin.
19. **Adjourn** – Larry Pfiel and Justin Cude made a motion to adjourn at 5:48 pm