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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

January 10, 2024

MINUTES

Location: CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Lufkin

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. **Call to Order-** Scott Christopher called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. **Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies**
All in attendance introduced themselves and proxies were announced. A recollection of attendance to all General Assembly Meetings during the fiscal year was included with the agenda packet. Attendance sheet will be filed in the RAC office.
3. **Introduction of Guests**
Several guests attended today's meeting.
4. **Review / Approval of November 8, 2023 Minutes**
 - Attendees reviewed the November minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck. Motions were made by Jonathon Walker and Ricky Taylor to approve the minutes and there were no objections. The minutes will be posted to the website and filed.
5. **Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report**
 - ◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev, and Senate Bill 8)
 - Carmen Stuck gave an update on all expenditures made in each of the funding streams. None of the FY24 EMS County money has been spent at this time. Some expenses have been paid from EMS RAC and Systems & Development such as travel and office utilities. There has been some money used in the Systems & Development account for TNCC and other program expenses. There has been very little spent in the Exceptional Item account.
 - ◆ SB8 Additional \$150,000 Award
 - Carmen Stuck announced that DETRAC has received an additional \$150,000 in Senate Bill 8 funds to distribute for EMS scholarships and encouraged members to put the word out.
 - ◆ Needs Assessment / Grant Review Process
 - Needs requests are now being accepted till February 29th. The Needs Grant Review Meeting will be held in Lufkin this year and will take place in March. A date for the review meeting will be sent out soon.
6. **Sub- Committee Activities**
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker
 - The pre-hospital committee met today and discussed assessments.
 - Mr. Walker discussed decisions made by the committee regarding House Bill 624.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Max Igness
 - Mr. Igness reported that the Acute Care Committee met today and discussed trauma cases and NSG protocols.
 - The committee discussed the need for the TCAR course
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Jamie Lee
 - Jamie Lee led today's Perinatal Subcommittee today and discussed the need for a new perinatal chair.
 - ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey
 - The HPP North Corridor met today and Gary Litton did an after-action review on the Deer Park Tornado.
 - There will be an exercise in the spring called "Operation Solar Storm".
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI
 - Nothing new to report
 - ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – position open
 - DETRAC is still looking for a new Injury Prevention Chair.
 - Mr. Christopher informed the group that the Stop the Bleed Coalition will be collecting data from all RACs in reference to courses taught.
 - The group expressed a need for another TNCC course to be held in May.
7. **Executive Committee Report – Scott Christopher**
 - Mr. Christopher reported that the CISM team received one activation recently and the session was successful.
 - DETRAC will pay someone to move the large items from the current RAC office to the new location.
 - Mr. Christopher will be trying to secure a medical director to oversee the filling of O2 bottles at Matheson Gas. FROs must be licensed in order to receive O2.
 - Mr. Christopher discussed the items that will be purchased with the Exceptional Item money as voted on during the Executive Committee meeting.
8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
 - Mr. Christopher announced the newly elected TETAF board members.
9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter –** Fall 2023 Edition is available online and everyone is encouraged to view it.
10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - No new business

11. **GETAC Meetings –**
 - Scott Christopher and Carmen Stuck attended the December GETAC meetings in San Antonio. Mr. Christopher shared his notes with the group and a copy of all notes were included in the agenda handout.
12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements - Hospital Representatives**
 - The new Trauma Guidelines will be effective September 1, 2024. Public comment is targeted for January 19th + 30 days.
 - Uncompensated Care is pending DSHS.
 - The Texas Pediatric Readiness Education Series will be available soon and will occur monthly. A handout detailing the series was included in the agenda handout.
13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - No new business
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**
 - CHI Lufkin and Woodland Heights Medical Center will be up for re-designation in Spring 2024
 - The 2024 TCHMB Summit will be held in Austin from February 28 – March 1st.
16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - The 2024 EMS – Children Crew of the Year nominations are being accepted at this time and everyone is encouraged to submit a crew that they think did an amazing job this year.
 - Mr. Christopher spoke about the reporting of controlled substance overdose by EMS. A handout from DSHS was included in the agenda packet.
 - The group discussed options for the PHTLS (5 instructors, NCEMS)
17. **Other Announcements**
 - DETRAC will be hosting Bob Page this year in July and Jonathon Walker is taking care of the details.
18. **Next Meeting**
 - The next General Assembly Meeting is March 13th at Tyler County Hospital.
19. **Adjourn –** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Skip Straus and Max Igness made motions.