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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

March 13, 2024

MINUTES

Location: Tyler County Hospital
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. **Call to Order-** Scott Christopher called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. **Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies**
Everyone introduced themselves and proxies were announced. A recollection of attendance to all General Assembly Meetings during the fiscal year was included in the agenda packet. The attendance sheet will be filed in the RAC office. Thank you to Tyler County Hospital for hosting and supplying cookies.
3. **Introduction of Guests**
None
4. **Review / Approval of January 10, 2024 Minutes**
 - Attendees reviewed the January 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. Only one agency has turned in receipts for EMS County Pass Through. Some expenses have been paid from EMS RAC such as travel and office utilities. Funds were spent from the Systems & Development account for TNCC and other program expenses. Very little was spent in the Exceptional Item account.
 - ◆ Needs Assessment / Grant Review Process
 - The Needs Assessment review meeting will be March 19th at Woodland Heights Affinity Center. All are welcome to attend.
6. **Sub-Committee Activities**
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker
 - The pre-hospital committee met today and discussed a case review concerning mental health and plans for a Bob Page Course.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Max Iguess / Landin Meyer
 - Landin Meyer discussed the new trauma rules and the uncompensated care application.
 - Nac Memorial Hospital is under new ownership and must be re-designated. They are in "active pursuit" of level 3 designation.
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Dr. Cognata
 - Dr. Cognata reported that the perinatal group met today and discussed committee leadership, the Perinatal System Plan, and survey needs. There is an Erythromycin shortage for newborns.
 - ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey
 - The HPP North Corridor met today and Lisa Spivey presented a psych presentation.
 - There will be a functional drill in May.
 - Grant Kelly is the new EMT-F Coordinator.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI
 - Nothing new to report
 - ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – position open
 - The General Assembly elected AJ Rose as the Injury Prevention Chair. Sondra Williams and Jonathon Walker made motions and there were no oppositions.
 - Everyone needs to report any Stop the Bleed courses they conduct to DETRAC.
 - Justin Cude reported that Polk County is expecting a lot of visitors to come in for the eclipse.
 - DETRAC will hold a TNCC course May 23-24. UT Health will offer a course April 2-3 for anyone that cannot attend in May.
 - The Red Duke Trauma Symposium will be April 12-13.
7. **Executive Committee Report – Scott Christopher**
 - The DETRAC office has moved to the Lufkin Fire Administration Building
 - Mr. Christopher reported that there is a medical director that will work with DETRAC to maintain the O2 station once CHI Lufkin discontinues use.
 - The Exceptional Item planned expenses were discussed.
 - Max Iguess is the new DETRAC Board Secretary.
 - DETRAC has received EMS campaign materials to share with all EMS agencies.
8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
 - Comments are being accepted regarding the new Trauma Rules.
 - Scott Christopher has been elected as the new TETAF Board Secretary.
9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – The winter 2023 edition is available to view on the TETAF website.

10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - Mr. Christopher discussed the good progress that leadership has made.
11. **GETAC Meetings –**

Scott Christopher shared his notes from the March GETAC Meeting which included the following:

 - 13.8M in scholarships have been given out statewide increasing the number of EMS in Texas.
 - The survey report process was discussed.
 - Many trauma centers are receiving contingent designations.
 - Disaster Committee report - The total solar eclipse is bringing a lot of travelers to Texas and will overload cell towers. Prepare other communication options and stock up on fuel.
 - EMS Children and Pediatric Readiness – National Pediatric Survey is May 2024 for EMS
 - Whole Blood Task Force activities
 - EMS Medical Director meeting report – C.A.R.E.S. and discussion of committee priorities
 - Air Medical Committee report – 2024 HEMS Mental Health Awareness and landing zone courses
 - Pediatric Committee report – Online education for pediatric readiness and simulation discussion
 - Review of the Pediatric Readiness Assessment report included in the handout
12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements - Hospital Representatives**
 - Nacogdoches Medical Center survey – moved to March 18th
 - Trauma Guidelines and rule revision - over 3,900 public comments were made; many are concerned
 - The Uncompensated Care application is due May 1st and has undergone some changes.
13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - HCA Conroe is pursuing Comprehensive Stroke Designation and has the power to operate at that level for as long as they are actively pursuing.
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**
 - There is a STABLE Course provided by the state that hospitals can complete.
16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - The group discussed common frequencies between ground and air EMS. The most common were VM28, VF21, and VF23. DETRAC will utilize the VF23 due to popularity among member agencies.
17. **Other Announcements**
 - No new announcements
18. **Next Meeting**
 - The next General Assembly Meeting is May 8th at Woodland Heights Affinity Center.
19. **Adjourn –** The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.