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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

May 8, 2024

MINUTES

Location: Woodland Heights Affinity Center
Time: 5:04 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.
3. **Introduction of Guests**
There were 2 guests from City Ambulance.
4. **Review / Approval of March 13, 2024 Minutes**
 - Attendees reviewed the March minutes. Motions were made by Jonathon Walker and Landin Meyer to approve the minutes and there were no objections.
5. **Presentation of HeroLink Wristbands – April Adams**
 - The bands are available exclusively for nurses, EMS, first responders, and other medical professionals.
 - If a medical emergency occurs the band owner's medical information can be accessed by scanning the band into Pulsara.
 - Anyone wishing to order a HeroLink Wristband should contact April Adams.
6. **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. All but 2 agencies have 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 Needs Grant Awards during this quarter. The Exceptional Item account was used to fund requested educational courses as well as some training equipment.
 - ◆ Needs Assessment / Grant Review
 - The Needs Assessment review meeting was held March 19th and attendees decided on \$40,000 in grant awards. Mr. Christopher shared a spreadsheet of all awards with the group.
7. **Sub- Committee Activities**
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker
 - The pre-hospital committee met today and discussed the agenda for day 2 of the Bob Page Course. The group reviewed charts and Jonathon Walker presented EMS CE.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Max Iguess / Landin Meyer
 - Nacogdoches Medical Center has completed their survey.
 - CHI Lufkin will have their survey on June 2nd
 - The Acute Care Committee will be focusing on trauma PI in the future
 - Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital is in "active pursuit" of level 3 designation.
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Dr. Cognata
 - Dr. Cognata reported that the perinatal group met today and reviewed the Perinatal System Plan.
 - CHI St. Luke's Livingston completed their neonatal survey earlier this year. Woodland Heights and Nacogdoches Medical are working toward their surveys.
 - ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey
 - The HPP North Corridor met today and conducted a hurricane tabletop.
 - Gary Litton discussed the recent CO2 exposure in San Augustine County.
 - Bill Gates discussed the adverse effects Armor-All can have on CO2 sensors.
 - The SETRAC Symposium is scheduled for October in Galveston.
 - SETRAC will be moving from EMTrack to Pulsara beginning July 1st.
 - The Deep East Texas Mass Casualty Workshop is rescheduled for June 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Lufkin.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI
 - Trauma Transfers and perinatal data should be emailed to DETRAC before each meeting.

- ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – AJ Rose
 - STB instructors should report all courses taught to DETRAC
 - May 23rd is Stop the Bleed Day
 - DETRAC will offer a TNCC course May 23-24
 - Bob Page will teach a course in Nacogdoches in July and sign up is going on now
 - April Adams reported that a Post Traumatic Purpose Course will be Aug. 17th in Jarrell, TX
- 8. **Executive Committee Report – Scott Christopher**
 - A CISM training course will possibly be held in Polk County
 - Mr. Christopher updated the group on the status of the O2 station
 - Exceptional Item spending discussed – there is roughly \$40k available to spend. DETRAC will purchase STB throw bags for our area hospitals and first responder organizations. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Ashley London and a second motion was made by Connie Bryant. There were no oppositions.
 - All EMS sponsors need to submit the hours worked by their scholarship students each month.
- 9. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
 - There will be a Hospital Data Management Course May 6-7
 - TETAF will hold a Quality Care Forum via Zoom May 14th at 10:00 a.m. and June 4th at 1:00 p.m.
- 10. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter**
 - The spring 2024 edition is available to view on the TETAF website.
- 11. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - The group discussed updates to the trauma registry
- 12. **GETAC Meetings –**
 - Scott Christopher will attend the GETAC meetings in June in Austin
- 13. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - The Trauma Rules that were released in January have been withdrawn and DSHS will assess all comments received regarding the rules.
 - The due date for Uncompensated Care applications has been extended to May 15th.
- 14. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
HCA Conroe is in pursuit of Comprehensive Stroke designation.
- 15. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
No new updates or announcements to report.
- 16. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital does not have a maternal department at this time.
- 17. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - The National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness survey will be open from May 1st – July 21st. All EMS and FROs need to complete the survey as soon as possible.
- 18. **Other Announcements**
 - Nurses week is June 6-12 and EMS week is June 19-25. June is also stroke and trauma month.
 - Oxygen Regulators are available if any of the EMS or licensed FROs are in need
 - Flooding in the South Region – prayers and needs
 - Donated O2 bottle cart
 - Nacogdoches EMS will offer the EMT-B course in August
 - There will be an EMT- B course offered soon in Livingston
- 19. **Next Meeting**
 - The next General Assembly Meeting is July 10, 2024 at CHI St. Luke's in Livingston.
- 20. **Adjourn –** The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.