

DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

September 11, 2024

MINUTES

Location: Pitser Garrison Convention Center- Lufkin, TX
Zoom available due to near-by hurricane activity and 9/11 activities
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. **Call to Order-** Scott Christopher called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.
2. **Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies**
Everyone introduced themselves and proxies were announced. There were 7 attendees on Zoom. 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. **RAC Representation Form-** There are a few agencies that have not submitted the FY25 Voter Representative Form. Members were asked to turn in forms by the end of week.
4. **Introduction of Guests**
There were several new members and guests in attendance.
5. **Review / Approval of May 8, 2024 Minutes**
 - Attendees reviewed the May minutes. Motions were made by Candace Nerren and Jonathon Walker to approve the minutes and there were no objections.
6. **Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report**
 - ♦ Grant Funding Report -(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 FY24 money has now been spent and the grant funding streams are at a zero balance.
 - ♦ Needs Assessment / Grant Review
 - The round 2 Needs Assessment review meeting was held on August 5th and over \$28,000 in grant awards was given out. A list of all items awarded was included in the agenda packet for members to review.
 - ♦ FY24/25 Budget Preparations- The FY24-25 budget is being prepared and will be mailed to all members this week for approval.
 - ♦ Exceptional Item Spending- Mr. Christopher discussed possible plans to purchase a pediatric dummy for each hospital for monthly training.
7. **Sub- Committee Activities**
 - ♦ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker
 - The Pre-Hospital Committee met today and conducted a CE course. The group discussed ideas for future trainings.
 - On the 1st Wednesday of each month EMS can earn free CE by attending the Texas Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Education Series. A handout is included in the packet.
 - ♦ Hospital Acute Care – Max Igness
 - The Acute Care Committee met today at 4:00 and discussed trauma transfers.
 - ♦ Perinatal / Maternal – Dr. Cognata
 - Dr. Cognata reported that the perinatal group met on September 4th to discuss the Perinatal System Plan and PPH / EMB 1st Milk Data. A special guest presented on congenital syphilis.
 - Each facility was asked to submit the information for nurses that will attend the lactation course.
 - ♦ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey
 - The HPP North Corridor met today and discussed the active shooter threat that transpired at one of our local hospitals. A special speaker from Lufkin Fire Department gave a presentation over the steps taken to resolve the matter.
 - ♦ Physicians Advisory / QI
 - Trauma Transfers and perinatal data should be emailed to DETRAC before each meeting.
 - ♦ Education / Injury Prevention – AJ Rose
 - There is a STB Train the Trainer Course in Houston on September 17th
 - DETRAC has purchased additional STB training supplies allowing for more classes
 - DETRAC will offer a TNCC course in January 2025
 - Woodland Heights will hold their injury prevention event “Super Safety Saturday” on November 2, 2024. DETRAC will purchase bike helmets to be given out at the event
 - Jonathon Walker discussed the recent Bob Page Course
 - There is a Pediatric Burn Education Course in Galveston on October 10th

8. **Executive Committee Report – Scott Christopher**
 - Mr. Christopher asked members to be considering ideas on how to spend the FY25 Exceptional Item funds
 - All EMS sponsors need to submit the hours worked by their scholarship students each month.
 - An election was held for the DETRAC Board Chair and Board Secretary. Members elected Scott Christopher as the Board Chair and Max Iguess as the Board Secretary. All voting was unanimous and there were no oppositions to either position.
9. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
 - There will be a Hospital Data Management Course October 29-30,2024
 - Mr. Christopher discussed legislative priorities.
10. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter**
 - The Summer 2024 edition is available to view on the TETAF website.
11. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - The group discussed updates to the trauma registry and the 2023 data closing deadline.
12. **GETAC Meetings –**
 - Scott Christopher discussed highlights from the August GETAC meetings and included a copy of his notes in the agenda packet for members to view.
13. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - The Trauma Rule comment period is now closed.
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**
 - Woodland Heights Medical Center had their NICU survey on September 9th & 10th.
 - CHI Lufkin will have their NICU survey on September 17th & 18th.
17. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - The National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment was very successful. 5/5 of our EMS agencies responded to the survey and 4/20 FRO responded.
 - Members are encouraged to attend the Texas Pre-Hospital Pediatric Readiness Education Series on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
18. **Other Announcements**
 - Pulsara is still coming to this region and training will be conducted soon
 - The Broselow Bags and STB Throw Kits that were purchased for our hospitals and FROs are in the process of being distributed.
 - The Texas EMS Hall of Honor Corn Hole Tournament is coming up on November 24th.
 - Nominations are being accepted for the EMS Awards that will be given at the 2024 EMS Conference. Please submit nominations by September 13th

Next Meeting

- The next General Assembly Meeting is November 13, 2024 at Nacogdoches Medical Center.
19. **Adjourn –** The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.