

DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

March 12, 2025

MINUTES

Location: Tyler County Hospital – Woodville TX
(Zoom available to Medical Directors)

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order-

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

- Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Each attendee signed in and a copy of the attendance record will be retained in the DETRAC office. There were 6 proxies for this meeting.

3. Introduction of Guests

There was one guest from DSHS in attendance for today's meeting

4. Review / Approval of January 8, 2025 Minutes

- Members viewed the January Minutes and Skip Straus and Jonathon Walker made motions to approve them. There were no objections and the minutes will be filed in the RAC office.

5. Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report

♦ Grant Funding Report - (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev, and Senate Bill 8)

- Carmen Stuck discussed each expense from the last quarter. Members received the financial reports from each funding stream. The bank statements will be included in all future financial packets.

♦ Needs Assessment / Grant Review Round 1 –

- The Needs Assessment Review Meeting will be held March 19th at 9:00 A.M. at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Lufkin. All members are invited to attend, but participation is not required.

6. Sub- Committee Activities

♦ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker

- Jonathon Walker instructed a CE course over pedi emergency / choking during today's pre-hospital committee meeting.
- The group discussed the need to bring back Bob Page and it was decided that a 2 day, 12 Lead only course would be most needed.

♦ Hospital Acute Care – Max Iguess

- Candace Nerren led the 4:00 committee meeting and the group discussed the trauma transfers.

♦ Perinatal / Maternal – Dr. Cognata

- The Perinatal Committee met last week and discussed the breast milk and PPH data.

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

- The committee met today and conducted a table top exercise over preparation for the 2026 World Cup in Houston, TX.

♦ Physicians Advisory / QI- Scott Christopher

- The GETAC Systems PI initiative is in the works.

♦ Education / Injury Prevention – AJ Rose

- There are many educational opportunities coming up in our area including:
 - Fetal Monitoring Course - Nacogdoches Medical Center
 - Pediatric Readiness Workshop – Galveston, April 16th
 - Pediatric Readiness Workshop – Beaumont, April 18th
 - Emergency Healthcare Symposium - Rosenberg, March 24-26
 - Chaos Control – Port Arthur, January 21 & March 18
 - Chaos Control – Beaumont – February 27
 - 26th Annual Trauma Conference- Fort Worth, April 2
 - City of Seabrook EMS Traumatic Brain Injuries – March 26
 - UT Health has several ATLS courses available at UTHET.com

7. Executive Board Activities / Report –

- The Senate Bill 8 program has ended and DETRAC is currently collecting money from students who defaulted on their scholarship contract.
- Mr. Christopher discussed the new RAC rules

8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
 - Scott Christopher discussed the legislative priorities for this session.
9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter**
 - The spring edition of the Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter is available on the DSHS website.
10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - No new business
11. **GETAC Meetings – March 2025 / Austin, TX**
 - Scott Christopher discussed notes from the March GETAC meetings. A copy of all notes is included in the agenda packet for members to review.
 - The following key points were highlighted and discussed during the meeting:
 - Nemsis V5
 - Pediatric Readiness update / new representative for this area
 - ACS Consultative Review
 - GAP Analysis for all levels of hospitals
 - Whole Blood Taskforce
 - Electric companies in panhandle shutting off electricity / hospitals effected
 - Pediatric Imaging Guidelines
 - SAFE transport of children by EMS
 - EMS Medical Director courses may be changed soon
 - Stop the Bleed Day is May 22nd and the STB Committee is looking for some new leaders
12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - Nacogdoches Memorial is in active pursuit of Level 3 designation
 - Tyler County Hospital will have their survey in May
 - Sabine County Hospital will have their survey in September
13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - Nothing new to report
14. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - Nothing new to report
15. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
 - The committee will continue collecting data for the number of babies sent home from the hospital on breastmilk and maternal post-partum hemorrhage
16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
 - The Texas Pre-Hospital Pediatric Readiness Education Series is available the 1st Wednesday of every month at 9:00 A.M.
17. **Hospital Pediatric Readiness: Education Series (3rd Thurs 10 a.m.)**
 - Most EMS and hospitals have received their Laerdal Manikins and can use [emergencysimbox.com](https://www.emergencysimbox.com) to practice scenarios.
 - H-PECC Training opportunities are available in Tyler
18. **Other Announcements**
 - Many other states are now using the wristbands and Pulsara is the main reporting platform
 - Mr. Christopher discussed the SANE Nurse Response Program and landing zone training
 - DETRAC has some Newport Ventilators that need to be donated or disposed of
 - 86 Oxygen bottles were taken to Matheson Gas to be hydrotested. The cost is \$11.82 per bottle.
19. The next DETRAC Meeting will be on May 14, 2025 at Woodland Heights Affinity Center
20. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.