

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

May 14, 2025

### MINUTES

Location: Woodland Heights Affinity Center

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. **Call to Order-** 5:03 P.M.
2. **Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies**
  - Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. All members signed in on an attendance log that will be filed in the DETRAC office.
3. **Introduction of Guests**
  - There was one guest from Air Life in Livingston.
4. **Review / Approval of March 12, 2025 Minutes**
  - Members viewed the March 2025 minutes and Skip Strauss and Jonathon Walker made motions to approve them. There were no objections.
5. **Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report**
  - ♦ Grant Funding Report -(EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev, and Senate Bill 8)
    - Carmen Stuck discussed all expenses made from each funding stream as well as expected upcoming expenses. Members received copies of the QuickBooks reports and bank statements.
    - Scott Christopher discussed the new funding disbursements that DETRAC will receive for FY25-26.
  - ♦ Needs Assessment / Grant Review Round 1 –
    - Scott Christopher presented the needs grant awards spreadsheet and discussed each award. A copy of the spreadsheet was included in the agenda packet.
    - There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of awards given out in late June. Members should submit needs request forms by March 31, 2025.
6. **Sub- Committee Activities**
  - ♦ Pre-Hospital – Jonathon Walker
    - Jonathon Walker instructed a CE course over pelvic fracture during today's pre-hospital committee meeting.
    - The group discussed the Bob Page Course and members decided that a 2-day 12 Lead course would be most beneficial.
  - ♦ Hospital Acute Care – Max Iguess
    - Max Iguess reported that the Acute Care Committee met today and performed a case review of a pelvic fracture patient.
    - The group discussed the new Trauma Rules and the trauma transfer data that each hospital submitted.
  - ♦ Perinatal / Maternal – Dr. Cognata
    - Doctor Cognata was unable to attend today's meeting. Scott Christopher reported that 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 discussed the current plans for World Cup 2026.
    - Gary Litton discussed the current federal funding threat for HPP.
  - ♦ Physicians Advisory / QI- Scott Christopher
    - The GETAC Systems PI initiative is in the works and this will be further discussed at the June GETRAC meetings.
  - ♦ Education / Injury Prevention – AJ Rose
    - AJ Rose announced several educational opportunities coming up in our area including:
      - Healthcare Safety Conference – July 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> in Austin, Texas
      - Bob Page will present a 12 LEAD Course in July
      - PHTLS will be offered in July and a date will be sent out when determined
      - TNCC – June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>
      - Josh Ponder is working on setting up an ENPC course for this region.

7. **Executive Board Activities / Report – Scott Christopher**
  - The RAC Self-Assessment is due on September 1, 2025. Each member received a copy of the document in the agenda packet.
  - Scott Christopher reported that the Executive Committee voted to purchase 50 boxes of Texas Wristbands for our EMS agencies.
  - St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Lufkin is going to provide storage space for the excess files and boxes that are currently in the RAC office.
  - The Executive Committee voted to allow membership dues exemption for agencies providing substantial services and storage space to DETRAC.
  - Scott Christopher reported the virtual meeting options that were discussed during the Executive Committee meeting.
8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update – Scott Christopher**
  - Scott Christopher discussed the TETAF handout that was included in the agenda packet. He explained some of the bills from the most recent legislative session.
  - Scott Christopher encouraged all members to send a letter to our state and government officials explaining the importance of the Hospital Preparedness Program. SETRAC has comprised a letter templet for anyone who would like to use it.
9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter**
  - The Spring 2025 edition is online and everyone is encouraged to view it.
10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
  - Scott Christopher discussed the NEMSIS patch provider notifications.
11. **GETAC Meetings – June 4-6, 2025 / Austin, TX**
  - Scott Christopher will be attending the June GETAC Meetings. The meetings are open to the public to join in person or virtually. Members were encouraged to attend if able.
12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements – Hospital Representatives**
  - Scott Christopher discussed the new Trauma Guidelines and RAC Rule. A handout was included in the agenda packet for an upcoming webinar covering EMS Q&A for Trauma Rules.
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**
  - Nothing new to report.
16. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement – Agency Representative**
  - Scott Christopher reminded members that the Texas Pre-Hospital Pediatric Readiness Education Series is available the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 9:00 A.M.
17. **Hospital Pediatric Readiness: Education Series (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10 a.m.)**
  - There are simulations available at [emergencysimbox.com](http://emergencysimbox.com) that can be used in conjunction with the Laerdal manikins that each hospital and EMS received from DETRAC.
  - Scott Christopher discussed pediatric readiness scores
18. **Other Announcements**
  - Scott Christopher reported that the Newport Ventilators that Sabine County Hospital no longer needs will most likely need to be disposed of as they are no longer serviceable.
  - There is a handout in the agenda packet covering the 2025 Texas EMS & Trauma Awards Nominations
  - Scott Christopher congratulated Woodland Heights Medical Center for being recognized as one of the nation's top 100 hospitals.
  - Sabine County Hospital just had their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - Tyler County Hospital is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - Scenic Loop VFD is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and having a fish fry on Saturday at 12:00 P.M.
19. **Next Meeting Date -** The next DETRAC Meeting will be on July 9, 2025 at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Livingston.
20. **Adjourn –** The meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.