

DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 14, 2026

MINUTES

Location: CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital - Lufkin

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Call to Order 12:30 P.M.**
- 2. Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection / Announcement of Proxies**
There was one proxy for today's meeting.
- 3. Introduction of Guests**
There were no new guests in attendance for today's meeting.
- 4. Review/Approval of November 12,2025 Minutes**
Attendees reviewed the November 12,2025 minutes. Justin Cude and Josh Ponder made motions to approve the minutes and there were no objections. The minutes will be filed in the DETRAC office.
- 5. Treasurers' Report – Justin Cude and Carmen Stuck**
 - ◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev, Exceptional Item)
 - Attendees received a copy of each of the financial reports from QuickBooks as well as the bank statements for each account. Carmen Stuck gave a detailed description of all expenses made during the last quarter.
 - ◆ Needs Assessments Round One
 - The Needs Assessment Review Meeting will be held mid-February. All members are welcome to attend and help make decisions on needs grant award disbursements.
- 6. Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal-Child – Dr. Acacia Cognata
 - The Perinatal Committee met last Wednesday and discussed data collections and outcomes. Dr. Cognata reported post-partum hemorrhage and breast-feeding statistics and compared those numbers to data collected on the national level. One hospital in our region will be sharing best practices with the rest of the group to help with performance improvement. New data metrics will be used for 2026.
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Chair – Jonathon Walker
 - Mr. Walker will meet with the Pre-hospital Committee today to hold a CE course on anaphylaxis and review a pier report.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Chair – Max Iguess
 - The Acute Care Committee will meet at 4:00 P.M. today to discuss transfer data and recent trauma surveys.
 - ◆ HPP North Corridor – Stephen Bennett/ Janay Yancey/ Gary Litton
 - The North Corridor will meet at 2:00 P.M. today and will discuss emergency response plans for the upcoming FIFA World Cup.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI – Scott Christopher
 - Mr. Christopher discussed the statewide survey for delayed trauma transfers.
 - Mr. Christopher shared that on December 10th he met with doctors and nurses from one of our local hospitals as well as local EMS to perform a case review. Regional opportunities were discussed.
 - If anyone would like to present a multi-disciplinary case review at a future meeting please let Scott or Carmen know.

- ◆ Inj. Prev. / Education – AJ Rose
 - AJ Rose discussed the upcoming courses being held in or around our area
 - There will be a TNCC course in mid-February
 - CISM will be offered this summer in Polk County
 - A burn class is in the works. More information to come.
 - Mr. Christopher discussed the need for a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) course. Dr. Klingenberg in Nacogdoches would be willing to instruct the course.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Executive Board Activities/Report -

- Each board member needs to watch the “Board Member Responsibilities” video on the DSHS website and sign the Board Member Attestation / Conflict of Interest Statement.
- Mr. Christopher discussed planned RAC changes
 - EMS Agencies must submit wall – time data to Jonathon Walker to meet participation criteria.
 - The RAC Annual Report will be a living document updated throughout the year and presented in November.
 - Annual goals will be discussed each January.
 - By-laws updates
 - Annual system case reviews
 - Additions to the RAC Trauma Systems Regional Plan

8. Trauma / Acute Care Regional Plan Announcements / Revision

- Carmen and the DETRAC Board are working to revise and update the current plan

9. CISM Report

- The CISM training is planned for this summer in Polk County. The price of the course is \$2,200 plus the price of books. Justin Cude made a motion to approve the course with a cap out price of \$5,000. Sondra Williams seconded the motion and there were no objections. Carmen Stuck will contact the CISM instructor to schedule the course.

10. RAC Data Collaborative

- The RAC Data Collaborative may be used for collecting data for the Pre-hospital Whole Blood Project.
- Mr. Christopher asked the group if anyone is interested in using the CARES Program.

11. Exceptional Item (\$150K) Spending Discussions

- TECC Course
- Broselow Module Replacements for ED- each hospital will send a list of items in the Broselow Bag that have expired to DETRAC.
- Broselow Tape – may need to purchase tapes for our hospital Eds due to recalled items.

12. Whole Blood Initiative

- We are still waiting on contracts from DSHS.

NEW BUSINESS

13. RAC Dues

- Dues invoices have been sent out and are due on February 15th.

14. Spending Request

- Hannah Bozeman requested reimbursement for an OB Course for one of her nurses (\$475). Sondra Williams and Justin Cude made motions to approve the request.
- Justin Cude requested that the RAC bring a traveling cadaver lab to our area. The cost for the lab is \$38,000 for 2 days. This would allow for 40 students a day. The group unanimously agreed that this is a great project for the RAC to pursue. This course will be offered later this spring.

15. RAC Development Meeting Review (December 2025, San Antonio)

- Mr. Christopher discussed his notes from the December RAC Summit.

16. DETRAC Goals Discussion

- Members were asked to contribute to a list of goals that would be beneficial for the RAC.
 - Sondra discussed the need to add new members and get the public familiar with what the RAC does.
 - Our Perinatal Departments would like add more fetal monitoring courses and another AWONN instructor to the DETRAC region.
 - Justin Cude noted that there has been an increase in babies born at home and EMS could use more education in this area.

- Justin Cude suggested adding the reporting of Stop the Bleed training and car seat classes as a requirement for membership.

OTHER

17. Announcements

◆ None

18. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.