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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

January 14, 2026

MINUTES

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

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. **Call to Order- 5:04 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. There were 6 proxies for this meeting.
3. **Introduction of Guests and Presentation**
 - There were 2 guests in attendance from CSI Aviation.
 - CSI Aviation gave a short presentation on the need for airplanes to be used for certain medical calls.
4. **Review / Approval of November 12, 2025 Minutes**
 - Members viewed the November 2025 minutes and Justin Cude 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 Exceptional Item)
 - Attendees received a copy of each of the financial reports to view and Carmen Stuck gave a detailed description of all expenses made during the last quarter in each of the funding streams.
 - ◆ DETRAC Membership Dues -
 - Invoices for membership dues have been sent to our EMS and hospitals and are due on February 15th.
 - ◆ Needs Assessment / Grant Review Round 1 –
 - The Needs Assessment Review Meeting will be held mid-February. Submissions are no longer being accepted.
6. **Sub- Committee Activities**
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal-Child – Dr. Acacia Cognata
 - There was a request approved during the executive committee meeting for an OB course for a nurse at CHI Lufkin. There is a need for more fetal monitoring courses as well as AWONN instructors in our area.
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Chair – Jonathon Walker
 - Mr. Walker met with the Pre-hospital Committee today and instructed a CE course on anaphylaxis. EMS agencies need to send all wall time data to Jonathon. This will now be required for participation.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Chair – Max Iguess
 - The Acute Care Committee met at 4:00 P.M. today to discuss trauma transfer statistics for 2025. There were over 700 transfers this past year as reported by our area hospitals. The goal for 2026 is to decrease the trauma transfer times and become more time efficient. Max Iguess discussed data outcomes.
 - ◆ HPP North Corridor – Stephen Bennett/ Janay Yancey/ Gary Litton
 - The North Corridor met at 2:00 P.M. today and Gary Litton discussed World Cup 2026 preparations.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI – Scott Christopher
 - Mr. Christopher discussed the recent GETAC PI topics.
 - There was a multi-disciplinary system case review performed in December between the RAC, doctors, and area EMS agencies.
 - A trauma transfer survey is being sent out by DSHS, please respond promptly.
 - ◆ Inj. Prev. / Education – AJ Rose
 - AJ Rose discussed the upcoming courses being held in or around our area
 - There will be a TNCC course February 4-5 in Lufkin
 - There is a possibility of a traveling cadaver lab coming soon to our area
 - CISM will be held in Polk County this summer

- Dr. Maddox is conducting a trauma/ acute care conference in Las Vegas April 27-29,2026
 - AI in EMS: Buzzword to Bedside Webinar
 - Red Duke Annual Trauma Symposium
 - Burn Education being offered soon
7. **Executive Committee Report** – Scott Christopher
 - The Whole Blood Project is coming soon. We are still awaiting contracts from DSHS.
 - DETRAC will be setting goals for the upcoming year and needs suggestions from our members.
 - During the Executive Committee meeting, spending was approved for OB Courses, TECC, Broselow Bag module replacements, and a traveling cadaver lab.
 8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Scott Christopher
 - Scott Christopher discussed the recent TETAF board elections
 9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter**
 - The Spring 2026 edition is online and everyone is encouraged to view it.
 10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**
 - Nothing new to report
 11. **GETAC Meetings** – past and upcoming
 - Scott Christopher discussed his notes from the November GETAC Meetings (which were included in the agenda packet).
 - Telemedicine for counties <30,000. Seeing mid-level w/o ATLS managing the resuscitations.
 - EMS must be able to verify that they are looking at transfer data.
 - SB8 update- 3,200 scholarships awarded. Increased the workforce by about 12,000 since program role out.
 - There were 295 facilities designated during the 4th quarter; 15 contingent- 68% / 7 non-contingent- 32%. Common deficiencies are nurse documentation, ID all variances, TMC in secondary review, review for appropriate care.
 - Trainings continue on Web EOC, pulsara, wave, mist, Bataan March and Ambulance Staging.
 - Pulsara intelligence features voice to text.
 - Pre-hospital readiness survey
 - Trauma transfer times are increasing
 - Use of red lights and sirens by EMS
 - GETAC PI recommendations
 - TAAMS Hall of Honor
 - GETAC dates for 2026 are March 10-13, June 2-5, August 25-28, and November 22-25. The meetings will be held in Austin and 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 Helicopter LZ Course that is available on the TETAF website. The course offers nursing CE hours.
 - The uncompensated care application is due March 6,2026.
 - CHI Lufkin will have their survey in February.
 - CHI Livingston's recent survey went very well.
 13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
 - A Rural Stroke Needs Assessment Survey was sent out to all hospitals. Please respond promptly to the email from DSHS.
 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 discussed the pre-hospital pediatric readiness education series.
 - Applications are being accepted for the Rural Ambulance Service Grant (HB3000).
 - The Texas EMS Medical Directors Conference is in College Station March 30- April 1st. DETRAC may reimburse for this conference if any of our medical directors would like to attend.
 17. **Hospital Pediatric Readiness: Education Series (3rd Thurs 10 a.m.)**
 - There has been a recall on the AirLife Broselow Rainbow Tape. Please let DETRAC know if you need a new tape.
 18. **Other Announcements**
 - Scott Christopher reported that DETRAC is updating the Trauma Plan and that we will need help from our members to complete some sections.
 - Shady Grove VFD has a golf tournament on April 11th at Wildwood Golf Course
 - Woodland Heights will hold their annual safety even on March 21,2026.
 - The Texas Wristband should now be placed on each patient whether it is a 911 call or a transfer.
 19. **Next Meeting Date** - The next DETRAC Meeting will be on July 9,2025 at CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Livingston.
 20. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.