



CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Kowalik called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update

The new EMS rules will be finalized at the GETAC meeting in February.

An EMS Coordinator Course will be held at Moody Gardens from April 19th – 21st. The course will run concurrently with the EMS Educators Summit. More information can be found on the DSHS website.

The 2016 report on complaints and investigations is also available on the DSHS website.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<p><u>AIR MEDICAL</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing Zone Communications (Update) <p>The landing zone communications plan is in place. No conflicts with the plan have been voiced.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury Prevention (IP) Committee Update No update. • Pediatric Committee Update No update. • Stroke Committee Update SETRAC is asking EMS agencies to help support the F.A.S.T. campaign by placing decals and magnets on their ambulances. These decals are sponsored by Medtronic and are free of charge. The Emergency Healthcare Conference will take place April 12th – 13th at NRG Center. NCTTRAC and CBRAC are partnering with SETRAC to make this conference statewide with other locations hosting in the future. Registration is open and CEs are available. SETRAC continues to have a higher rate of door-to-needle within 60 minutes than the national and state rates. • Cardiac Committee Update The most recent data shows that reasons for patients not getting PCI within 90 minutes is decreasing. Transfer metrics show patients are not getting out the door of the initial hospital within 30 minutes, which indicates there is more work to be done as well as the need to have more administration of lytics. • Free Standing ER Update Free standing ERs will begin submitting cardiac, stroke, and sepsis data beginning with January 2017 numbers. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to have F.A.S.T. clings for their ambulances or has ideas for topics for the conference are asked to contact Ms. Catherine Bissell.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Reports The stroke quarter 3 2016 report has been unblinded as will be the cardiac quarter 4 2016 report. A video has been created to show EMS agencies how to interpret the report and agree on its usage and confidentiality. Those who view the entire video will receive copies of the reports as well as hospital representative contact information to discuss the reports Identification of Preventable Death After Trauma Dr. Stacy Drake provided a brief overview of a project that is analyzing 2014 trauma death data in Harris County to determine preventability of death and assessment of under and over triaging patients. The current goal is to have a preventable death after trauma rate of 0%. Case studies will be brought to the Committee in the future to gain an EMS perspective of preventability. 	<p>Those wishing to receive a link to the video are asked to e-mail their name, agency, and contact information to Ms. Bissell.</p> <p>Anyone with questions regarding the study or requests for information are asked to contact Dr. Drake.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO Update / Legislation Update Rep. Sarah Davis filed a bill that would consolidate the 22 RACs under 8 hubs that will serve to facilitate discussion and economies of scale amongst RACs. Each hub would need to meet state expectations and will need to write a 25 year plan to promote all lines of care. The interest previously collected from the tobacco grant is no 	<p>A contact list of legislators will be sent through the list serve once the legislative committee assignments have been set. Talking points will be sent out periodically.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>longer available to use to fund RACs. In addition, funds received for trauma funding from the Drivers Responsibility Program may be going away.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GETAC <p>The largest discussion taking place is in regards to the new CMS rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SETRAC Website Pre-Hospital <p>No update.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Project Grants <p>RACs will now be in charge of distributing local project grant funds. Due to the amount of money available to agencies in the SETRAC region, the Committee discussed possible ways to use the money for RAC initiatives and education including cadaver labs, conference scholarships, Stop the Bleed training, and other regional education and professional development.</p> <p>A motion was made to develop a grant process for agencies to use the money for tuition for continuing education opportunities that will assist EMS in this region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Committee Goals <p>The Committee discussed the distribution of the local project grants for education for the region's EMS personnel as a goal. See "Local Project Grants" section above.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously approved of having a workgroup created to develop a process for agencies to use the grant money for education and create a list of courses.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>



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<p><u>EMS DISASTER</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Systems Update <p>No update.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMTF Update <p>An Everbridge contact list was distributed during the meeting for attendees to review and revise.</p> <p>A list of 2017 upcoming EMTF events was provided to the committee members.</p> <p>A soft activation occurred during the UTMB fire event. The regional ambulances were dispatched to assist in moving patients and the Regional Network Operations Center established a mutual aid channel that enabled successful communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super Bowl 51 Planning Update <p>No update.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>NEXT EMS COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on March 17, 2017, at SETRAC.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>OPEN DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>No items for discussion.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>



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<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u> No announcements or upcoming trainings.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
ADJOURN There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.		