



**CALL TO ORDER**

Darrell Pile called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

No introductions were made.

**DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update**

No items reported.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<p><b><u>AIR MEDICAL</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b> No items to report.</p> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b> As summer is a busy time for EMS, it is suggested that agencies have landing zone classes.</p> <p>No updates have been provided regarding the change of radio channels due to heavy traffic.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Anyone interested in having a class can contact PHI or Memorial Hermann Life Flight.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><b><u>EMS SQI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Reporting</li> </ul>		





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>CHI St. Luke's Stroke Education Program</b>            Suzan Styron and Romi Ogiso gave a presentation on free education provided to EMS for stroke, including sheet brain dissections and large vessel occlusions.             The Congress of Neurological Surgeons will be putting on a stroke conference on June 24<sup>th</sup> and will include information regarding the DAWN study.         </li> <li> <b>Community Paramedicine: Lessons Learned</b>            Karen Dupont provided a presentation on mobile integrated healthcare, which can include telemedicine, collaboration with other agencies, and a variety of other programs.         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><b><u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>New DSHS EMS Rule</b>            To be a licensed EMS provider in the state, the provider must be a participant in the RAC. See "CEO Update / Legislation Update" section in the minutes.         </li> <li> <b>LPG Grant</b>            The committee members previously decided to use the grant funds to provide education to EMS providers in the region.             There are two upcoming classes for EMS where the grant money can be used:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 12<sup>th</sup> – Bob Page "Multi-Lead Medic" class</li> <li>July 13<sup>th</sup> – Bob Page "Slap the Cap" class</li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>EMS County Funding</b>            Documentation for this fiscal year is due July 31st. After that date,         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>More information for the Bob Page classes will be sent out next week.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next</p>



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<p>SETRAC will meet with Lon Squyres and John Kowalik to determine the allocation of funds available due to other agencies not submitting their paperwork. Harris County agencies are asked to add \$1,000 to their invoices.</p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CEO Update / Legislation Update</b> Mr. Pile reported there will be new EMS agencies joining the committee meetings due to the new CMS rules. These agencies must fulfill the same participation requirements as current members, including meeting participation and payment of dues.</li> </ul> <p>The SETRAC Board recently approved having all EMS attend at least 6 meetings per fiscal year to fulfill meeting participation requirements. This includes attendance at a minimum of 3 EMS committee meetings. The remainder of the meetings can be additional EMS committee meetings, SETRAC board meetings, or other approved committee meetings.</p> <p>HB 1148 was not heard by the Texas Senate this session. Funding for the upcoming fiscal years is unknown at this time; however, signs point towards the same funding as the past two years.</p> <p>Below are additional bills presented at the state legislature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bill regarding continuation of rural EMS local projects grant (passed)</li> <li>- HB10, which will provide more funding for mental health services (passed)</li> <li>- State-wide texting and driving ban (passed)</li> <li>- HB280 which will help prevent violence in the workplace for nurses (passed)</li> <li>- Continued credentialing of physicians (in discussion)</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>meeting.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability for EMS agencies to create policies for their specific agencies regarding firearms on ambulances (passed)</li> <li>- Good Samaritan law for first responders rendering aid while off-duty (passed)</li> <li>- Vehicles resembling ambulances must have lights and labels removed (passed)</li> <li>- EMS personnel needing better access mental health care system (passed)</li> <li>- Assisting first responders to receive financial support for workers compensation incidents (passed)</li> <li>- Property tax relief for spouse of deceased first responder (passed)</li> <li>- EMS transport of mental health patients due to request from police (passed)</li> <li>- EpiPen use at schools (including private schools) effective immediately (passed)</li> <li>- Three-point seat belts on all school buses mandatory (passed)</li> <li>- Telemedicine to be an acceptable medical delivery system with regulatory requirements (passed)</li> <li>- The air medical funding bill did not get voted out of the senate health and human services committee in time (not passed)</li> </ul> <p>The Stop the Bleed project, previously a part of the Trauma and Injury Prevention Committees, is now a separate committee created at the last board meeting. Training has been provided to school districts in this region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GETAC</b> No items reported.</li> <li>• <b>Regional EMS Transport Alert System</b> Regionalizing the notification process for stroke, trauma, and STEMI patients was discussed at the recent Emergency Healthcare Conference. EMS agencies would be provided with a</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>If there is interest in pursuing a regional notification system, a workgroup will be created for the initiative.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p>



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<p>regional system that would be used by all hospitals. If this is an initiative the region would like to pursue, SETRAC could look into submitting grants requests.</p>		
<p><b><u>EMS DISASTER</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communication Systems Update</b> Harris County is no longer on the analog system. Agencies using analog systems will no longer work on the Harris County system.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMTF Update</b> No items reported.</li> <li>• <b>Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (RHPC) Update</b> A regional update meeting will take place on Tuesday for Ambulance Staging Managers (ASMs) and Medical Incident Support Teams at SETRAC to prepare for the upcoming hurricane exercise.</li> <li>• <b>Regional Exercise June 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> The exercise will be held in conjunction with the state-wide exercise. The Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) and RHPC will participate June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> with the medical side of evacuations.</li> <li>• <b>Austin County - Microburst Incident</b> Ron Dille provided an update on the microburst that occurred and the mutual aid response to the potential mass casualty incident.</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>A list will be provided to EMS agencies so they are aware of which employees have signed up to participate in the exercise.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>



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<p><b><u>NEXT EMS COMMITTEE MEETING</u></b>            The next meeting will take place on July 21, 2017. Due to the anticipated growth of the committee, suggestions for meeting spaces is requested, including the current location.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><b><u>OPEN DISCUSSION</u></b>            Recommendations are being sought for ways to improve communications regarding upcoming events and meetings. All notifications are currently sent through the list serves.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u></b>            No items presented.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><b><u>ADJOURN</u></b>            There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>