



SETRAC EMS Committees

Friday, November 10, 2017
 SETRAC, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77024

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update

No items to report.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<p><u>AIR MEDICAL</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u> No items to report.</p> <p><u>New Business</u> No items to report.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>EMS SQI</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u> No items to report.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SETRAC Database SETRAC is working with a local company (Improving) to build a database that will allow agencies to upload EMS data. The data can be used by the EMS Committee for performance improvement and review the number of trauma runs. Development will begin 	<p>No action items or recommendations</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p>



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<p>once approval is given by the SETRAC Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Committee Update No update. • Injury Prevention (IP) Committee Update No update. • Pediatric Committee Update No update. • Stroke Committee Update Quarter 1 2017 reports were recently sent out to EMS agency representatives who have viewed the required explanatory video. <p>The Stroke Committee will be expanding its data collection to include information on large vessel occlusions (LVOs). A physician meeting was held in July and the attendees opted to revise the pre-hospital screening tool to include LVOs, which will be reviewed and assessed prior to implementation. A draft of the revised tool was provided to the committee.</p> <p>A boot camp for stroke coordinators will be held in December. EMS agency educators are welcome to audit the first half of the program to determine if the topics will be beneficial for EMS education.</p> <p>The Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU) now has an additional unit in service in Houston's west side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac Committee Update Quarter 1 2017 reports were recently sent out to EMS agency representatives who have viewed the required explanatory video. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>RSVP with Catherine Bissell (SETRAC) if interested in attending the boot camp.</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"> • Free Standing ER Update The November meeting has been postponed. Notification of the new meeting date will be distributed once scheduled. • A Matter of Balance Sarah Schwaller gave a presentation of the “A Matter of Balance” falls prevention program. EMS agencies are encouraged to be participants in the SETRAC falls prevention work group and provide ideas. • Memorial Hermann MC / SW Comprehensive Stroke Program Donald Garrett gave a presentation of the expanded stroke capabilities at Memorial Hermann Memorial City and Southwest facilities. Both facilities are pursuing comprehensive stroke center designation. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</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"> • New DSHS EMS Rule After the first of the year, DSHS will send out deficiency letters for agencies requiring licensing but have not been meeting RAC participation requirements. As a result of this, attendance at future EMS Committee meetings may rise significantly. • EMS County Funding The committee approved the disbursement of county pass through funds using historical formulas with no objections. Packets will be distributed during the next week. <p>The state will soon be sending out affidavits for reporting trauma runs. Everyone will need to complete the affidavit and ensure numbers are accurate. The SETRAC region was shorted \$80,000 in funding due to under reporting of trauma runs.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>All EMS agencies are requested to complete the affidavit and send to Donald Morrison to verify the number of runs.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Closed.</p>



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<p>Documentation for this fiscal year is due July 31st. After that date, funds available due to other agencies not submitting their paperwork will be reallocated to other eligible agencies in the corresponding counties.</p> <p>Affidavits for calendar year 2016 EMS runs need to be submitted so SETRAC can ensure all runs are accounted for. There will be affidavits for calendar 2017 runs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional EMS Transport Alert System One of the goals for 2018 is to establish a work group to discuss having one communication system for EMS to alert hospitals about incoming patients. Fentanyl Responder Best Practice Information about this topic can be found on the SETRAC website. Anyone with questions regarding fentanyl response can contact Bob Royall with the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO Update A recent mental healthcare meeting led by law enforcement was recently held. EMResource may be expanded to include mental healthcare beds and provided to law enforcement officers so they can take patients to the most appropriate facility. <p>Kudos to everyone for their assistance with the Harvey response. Coverage of SETRAC and what was taking place in the region was shown around the world.</p> <p>The SETRAC Awards Banquet will be held on January 17th. EMS agencies are encouraged to apply for the EMS Partner of the Year award and the Multi-Agency award. More information about the</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>banquet, including award applications and table reservations, will be posted on the SETRAC website next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation Update GETAC has provided information to DSHS regarding the Harvey response and economic impact in the region. The Texas House of Representatives recently held a meeting in Houston regarding the response. GETAC The next GETAC meeting will take place next weekend prior to the EMS conference in Fort Worth. The schedule is posted on the DSHS website. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>EMS DISASTER</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Systems Update No update at this time. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMTF Update EMTF was activated statewide for Hurricane Harvey. In our region, 19 agencies provided a total of 39 individuals to provide support in various roles from August 22nd through October 18th. <p>As a result of the hurricane response, MIST and AST courses are being restructured statewide. Rehab crews were established during the response and may become a part of the EMTF team.</p> <p>SETRAC is working on the reimbursement process for those that were deployed.</p> <p>Anyone who still has an iPhone that was issued during the</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>deployment will need to return them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (RHPC) Update No items to report. • Hurricane Harvey Response See <i>CEO Report</i> section. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>
<p>AHA Mission Lifeline Awards The AHA presented awards to the EMS agencies that met the recognition requirements for stroke and cardiac care.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>NEXT EMS COMMITTEE MEETING</u> The next meeting will take place on January 19, 2018 at 10:00am at Houston Transtar.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>OPEN DISCUSSION</u> No items to discuss.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u> East Houston Regional Medical Center will not reopen at its current location. HCA has been working with EMS transports to its free-standing emergency rooms.</p> <p>West Houston Medical Center has expanded its stroke capabilities and is pursuing a comprehensive stroke center designation. Programs are available for RACE training.</p> <p>Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center has been acting as a Level II trauma center for a few months. Houston Northwest Medical Center will follow suit in early 2018.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN</u> There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p>		