



## SETRAC EMS Committees

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### **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 updates.

### **CEO Update**

No updates.

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> The annual Texas EMS Hall of Honor bowling event will be taking place during the upcoming EMS conference. Space is still available for teams to register. Money raised from the event is used to provide transportation and lodging to the Hall of Honor for families of EMS personnel who have died in the line of duty.</p>	<p>No actions items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</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>• <b>Community Health Paramedicine Workgroup</b> The initial meeting was held last month with 15 agencies represented. The next meeting will take place immediately after this EMS Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tactical EMS Workgroup</b> The initial meeting for this workgroup will be scheduled for the beginning of January.</li> <li><b><u>New Business</u></b></li> <li>• <b>Trauma Committee Update</b> The committee met yesterday and reviewed drafts of the proposed guidelines for spinal motion restriction and administering antibiotics in the field for open fractures. (Handouts provided.) Both guidelines are supported by trauma physicians in the region. Once the guidelines have gone through the approval process, they will be distributed throughout the region.  The Trauma Committee suggested using lime green arm bands to identify a patient as having received antibiotics for open fractures. Due to a conflict with one agency's use of a lime green arm band for another reason, a suggestion was made to use a neon blue color instead. SETRAC is hoping to be able to purchase the bands for agencies to be able to distribute to EMS agencies.</li> <li>• <b>Injury Prevention (IP) Committee Update</b> No update.</li> <li>• <b>Pediatric Committee Update</b> No update.</li> <li>• <b>Stroke Committee Update</b> See "<i>Prehospital Stroke Guidelines Update</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Cardiac Committee Update</b> The education subcommittee meeting is meeting today to update the PCI hospitals in the region. As part of the initiative to have lytics administered to STEMI patients prior to transfer, the hospitals and freestanding emergency rooms that provide lytics</li> </ul>	<p>Chris Collier will send out several dates for the initial meeting on which those interested in attending can vote.</p> <p>Feedback on the guidelines for spinal motion restriction and administration of antibiotics for open fractures can be sent to Amy Iademarco.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</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>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>will be published on the SETRAC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Prehospital Stroke Guidelines Update</b>            A meeting was recently held to further review the guidelines. Suggested revisions are currently in progress.         </li> <li> <b>EMTrack Prehospital Patient Notification</b>            Harris County Emergency Corps (HCEC) will assist SETRAC in trialing the new feature which allows EMS to notify hospitals about incoming stroke, cardiac, and trauma patients. (Handout provided.). The trials will begin with the transport of general patients first. The new system allows the ability to scan driver's licenses, upload photographs, and provide two-way communication between EMS and hospitals. The trial will include patients that are transported by HCEC to Kingwood Medical Center and Houston Northwest Medical Center.         </li> <li> <b>Glasgow Coma Scale in Trauma Triage</b>            The state is revising the Glasgow Coma Scale. Once finalized, all agencies will be required to use the revision. (Handout provided.)         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Feedback about the revisions to the GCS can be sent to Amy Iademarco.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b><u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>New DSHS EMS Rule – RAC Participation</b>            No items to report.         </li> <li> <b>EMS County Funding</b>            SETRAC will be receiving a new list of EMS county money distribution in the next week or two. Information will be sent out to agencies after the beginning of year. The committee was reminded that to receive these funds, they must meet the SETRAC participation requirements, including meeting attendance.         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMS Run Affidavits</b> Affidavits should continue to be turned into the state and SETRAC. Funds provided to our region is based on the number of trauma runs each calendar year. The state database is currently not able to collect all the data and therefore should not be solely relied upon.</li> <li>• <b>Local Project Grant Funding</b> Previous money provided through the local project grant was spent on new triage tags and the purchase of 12 training mannequins to use during MCI exercises.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legislation Update</b> No items to report.</li> <li>• <b>GETAC</b> No update at this time.</li> </ul>	<p>Affidavits should be turned into SETRAC by the end of May.</p> <p>Any agency needing the new triage tags or wanting to borrow the training mannequins for exercises can contact SETRAC.</p> <p>Agencies are asked to stay alert about possible legislative updates that could affect EMS.</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><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> No items to report.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emergency Medical Task Force</b> Last year, several EMS agencies in the region worked together to develop the Medical Unit Rehab Crew (MUR-C) to provide medical services to first responders during a significant event. A meeting was recently held in College Station to have a state version of this program. Two new AMBUSes for our region are almost completed. One will</li> </ul>	<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>be located in Fort Bend and the other will be in Beaumont.</p> <p>New equipment has been received for the Mobile Medical Unit (MMU). Training will be taking place next week.</p> <p>Initial training for the state's IDRUC will be held in December. The two-day training will be located at the SETRAC warehouse and the SETRAC office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Regional Hospital Preparedness Coalition Update</b>            The symposium was recently held in Galveston and went well. The dates for 2019 will be October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. CEs are provided.         </li> </ul> <p>The CMOC plan is currently being reviewed and will be posted to the website when finalized.</p> <p>Upcoming trainings include topics such as pediatric disaster and how to write exercises.</p> <p>The initial meeting of the exercise planning team for the 2019 regional exercise will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A medical countermeasures exercise will be held to test the distribution of medicines. The exercise will involve hospitals, public health, and EMS.</p> <p>SETRAC is looking into bringing training on violent extremism. Other initiatives that are being pursued include determining which facilities to bring mental health patients and sexual assault victims.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Americares – MHPSS Program</b>            Alex Edwards gave a presentation on free trainings available through Americares to assist in the rebuilding of communities.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>Teams are currently in Beaumont and Corpus Christi but will go where needed.</p> <p><b>Verizon – Mobile Command Center and Public Safety LTE</b> A presentation was given to the committee about Verizon’s product that allows agencies to set up a small mobile command center that allows phone and internet connectivity as well as their new broadband feature that allows public safety customers priority for data connectivity when needed.</p>		
<p><b><u>OPEN DISCUSSION</u></b> No items for discussion.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u></b> No updates.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>ADJOURN</u></b> There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p>		