



SETRAC EMS Committees

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CALL TO ORDER

Chris Collier called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Mr. Collier reminded everyone to sign in in order to get credit for participation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Tonya Carter was introduced as the newest member of the SETRAC staff. She will be assisting Amy Iademarco with the clinical service lines.

DSHS EMS COMPLIANCE 6/5S UPDATE

Beginning in 2020, MICU ambulances will be required to have a transmitting 12-lead capability cardiac monitor/defibrillator. A handout with the new rule was provided to the committee. A copy will also be sent out via email.

CEO UPDATE

The state legislature is now in session in Austin. Cory Chapman, who was unable to attend this meeting, will be at the EMS Committee meeting in March to discuss a united EMS effort to retain funding for EMS. The Driver Responsibility Program (DRP), which provides some funding for trauma systems, is expected to be abolished in this session; however, one of the three bills to remove the DRP has an approach that includes funding for trauma. Rep. Greg Bonnen (Angleton) is the Speaker of the House and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick is the President of the Senate. The state has yet to organize the committees.

This year will be Dr. Ken Mattox's last term serving as the SETRAC Board Chair. He will continue for one year in an emeritus role to serve as an advisor to the new board chair, who will be elected in June.

NEW RAC BY-LAWS / RESTRUCTURE

SETRAC Board passed revisions to the by-laws at the October board meeting. One revision requires each committee to have a physician, EMS, and hospital representative that will serve as leaders.

The by-laws also no longer require stakeholders to attend board meetings for meeting participation requirements. Stakeholders will need to attend six meetings per year in addition to paying dues and submitting data. EMS agencies will need to attend three EMS Committee meetings along with three other meetings during the fiscal year, which can be additional EMS Committee meetings, board meetings, other service line meetings (trauma, stroke, cardiac), etc.



EMS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS / VOTING

Elections were held for the three committee leadership positions. Nominations for the positions were accepted beginning in December. All agencies and hospitals that were present and in good standing were given the opportunity to vote. The results of the election were:

- Physician representative: Dr. Cameron Decker (Harris County Emergency Corps)
- EMS representative: John Kowalik (Wharton EMS)
- Hospital representative: Allen Sims (HCA Houston Healthcare)

Election results will be ratified by the SETRAC board at the January 28th board meeting.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP		
<p><u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New DSHS EMS Rule – RAC Participation No items to report. • EMS County Funding County reimbursement fund packets have been distributed and are due by July 31st. When submitting the completed packets to SETRAC, proof of payment must be included. • EMS Run Affidavits Funding for the region is determined by the data submitted to the trauma registry. Due to technical glitches with the state's registry, affidavits may be used again to ensure that all runs are accurately accounted. • Local Project Grant Funding No updates have been received at this time. The funds from the previous year were used to purchase tourniquets. A plan will be created to distribute the tourniquets which will be determined by an agency's number of units. 			<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>Closed.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>Twelve training mannequins were also purchased with the funds and can be used in the region by agencies by request.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation Update See "CEO Report" section. • GETAC No update at this time. • STAR Safety Net Initiative Private providers in the state (for-profit and non-profit) are working with legislature this year to maximize the amount of Medicaid dollars that come to the state and distributed for EMS transports. Although not currently available for government providers, it is similar to the Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>More information will be provided by Cory Chapman at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>
<p><u>EMS SQI</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tactical EMS Workgroup The workgroup has not yet met due to other similar meetings taking place in the county and region. Updates for this topic will be relayed to the committee as received. • EMTrack Prehospital Patient Notification No update at this time. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Committee Update The committee continues to review the topics of spinal motion restriction and open long-bone fractures. 	<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>Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 AHA Mission: Lifeline Allison Capetillo (AHA) gave a presentation on the Mission: Lifeline program. The deadline to submit 2018 data is in March. A webinar will be presented next Friday about the program. Ben Leonard is no longer at AHA. The new EMS Liaison will be Alicia Webster. • 12 Lead Transmitting: TAC 157.11(k)(3) MICU (c) See “DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update.” • Community Health Paramedicine Workgroup Community health paramedicine has been growing over the past few years in the region. A collaborative workgroup has been created that currently consists of 15 agencies. A handout was provided that provides a purpose statement and goals on this topic. The workgroup requested that Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine be created as a subcommittee of the EMS committee. 	<p>Agencies who are interested in participating in Mission: Lifeline can contact Ms. Capetillo. The slides from the presentation will be emailed to the committee following the meeting.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>The committee voted and unanimously approved the request to create the Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine Subcommittee.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>EMS Disaster</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Systems Update No items to report. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Medical Task Force A handout was provided to the committee with an update and list of upcoming events. A two-day hospital augmentation IDRU training is planned for the spring. The second strategic oversight meeting of the wildland fire group took place recently to determine how EMTF can provide medical support to wildland firefighters and eventually to all TDEM responses. This initiative, known as the MMU Type 7 on the state level, is based on the MUR-C team. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Committee members are requested to take a survey to help fill medical gaps with wildland fire support. Survey can be taken at survey.setrac.org.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>Houston Marathon events will begin on January 19th. No action is needed but agencies need to be aware in the event of an incident.</p> <p>A MMU Type 1 team will be sent to South Padre Island from March 14th 17th to provide 24/7 operations for spring break.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Hospital Preparedness Coalition Update No updates at this time. • Regional Exercise – EMS Participation John Wingate discussed the upcoming regional functional exercise (May 1-2, 2019) and the medical countermeasures exercise (October 25-26, 2019.) SETRAC needs assistance from a couple of EMS representatives to be on the committee for the May exercise for input and determine what EMS requirements can be met by this exercise. <p>Trainings are taking place on mass casualty triage tags.</p> <p>If an, agency is interested in hosting a TEEEX or LSU training program, SETRAC can help arrange to meet minimum attendance requirements.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Agencies who do not have the regional triage tags can reach out to Mr. Collier.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<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 actions items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</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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<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u></p> <p>HCA Gulf Coast Division is now known as HCA Houston Healthcare. Announcements have not yet been made, but hospital name changes will be taking place.</p> <p>Kingwood Medical Center will be starting a trauma center.</p> <p>The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) created a Texas chapter to engage Texas medical directors. STRAC will host the first annual conference on March 29th-30th in San Antonio.</p> <p>Memorial Hermann will be hosting a two-day trauma symposium on March 29th-30th. Registration fee for EMS is \$25.</p> <p>AHA's Strive to Revive will take place on April 12th. CEs and breakfast, snacks, and lunch will be provided. Registration is \$30.</p> <p>A stroke lab brain dissection will take place on April 1st at Pearland Fire Department.</p> <p>Chief Legoudes (Humble Fire Department) retired on January 31st.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN</u></p> <p>There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p>		