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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• EMS Run Affidavits SETRAC is requesting EMS agencies to send their trauma run affidavits. This will assist SETRAC in providing proof of trauma runs in the region should there be any inaccuracies with the trauma runs on record with DSHS.</p> <p>• New DEA Regulations No items to report. Although the DEA will not come to an open forum and make interpretations, they will come to EMS agencies individually.</p> <p>• Local Project Grant Funding The announcements for funds have not yet been made for this year. The money received last year was spent on purchasing tourniquets. A distribution plan will be developed along with how to pick up the tourniquets. Some tourniquets will be kept as part of a regional cache.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Legislation Update Darrell Pile recently testified about the need for more funding for RACs before the House and Senate subcommittees overseeing bills concerning healthcare. Local projects grants may be made available with more funds. There are many bills written for the legislature, which includes mental health, emergency preparedness, dam infrastructure.</p> <p>There are several bills written that are an alternative to the Drivers Responsibility Program, which currently is a source of funding for RACs. The bills, if passed, would provide alternative funding for RACs and EMS.</p> <p>Both the House and Senate are also discussing bills that could cap property taxes and have voters decide on any increase above the cap.</p> 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Chris Collier will reach out to attorneys or someone working with DEA law to do a presentation at a future meeting.</p> <p>Agencies are asked to notify Chris Collier if they do not need tourniquets.</p> <p>Mr. Pile will send an e-mail will the bills that may affect EMS agencies.</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"> • GETAC No updates at this time. • STAR Safety Net Initiative Corey Chapman gave a presentation on this initiative to include private EMS agencies in receiving money from Medicaid. HB2333 is currently a bill in the state legislature that would make this program similar to the CPE TASPP in place for public EMS agencies. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Additional information can be obtained by contacting Corey Chapman or visiting www.starsafetynet.org.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>EMS SQI</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMTrack Prehospital Patient Notification This notification system will be piloted by Harris County Emergency Corps (HCEC), HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood, and HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest beginning on Monday. The system will be tested for one month and will only involve general low acuity patients at this time. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Committee Update Texas Children's Hospital West campus and The Woodlands campus are in active pursuit of Level IV trauma designation. <p>The Trauma Research Subcommittee is working on a study related to the impact of Level II trauma hospitals in our region.</p> <p>May is National Stop The Bleed Month, for which the Stop The Bleed Ad Hoc Committee is working on a regional training event on May 18th. Over 10,000 people in our region have been trained in our region,</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>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Injury Prevention (IP) Committee Update SETRAC will host an ATS Injury Prevention Course on April 6th – 7th. The Falls Prevention meeting will take place on April 11th at 9:00am. EMS participation is requested.</p> <p>• Pediatric Committee Update The next meeting is April 11th at SETRAC. All hospitals and providers that care for/transport pediatric patients are requested to attend.</p> <p>• Perinatal Committee Update The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at Houston Transtar.</p> <p>• Stroke Committee Update The Stroke Committee has a regional goal to decrease by 25% the number of stroke victims not treated by tPA due to having too mild/rapidly improving symptoms. Genentech is hosting regional education dinners that may help in achieving this goal.</p> <p>• Cardiac Committee Update The next meeting will take place on April 26th at 8:00am at the American Heart Association. EMS attendance is encouraged.</p> <p>• Prehospital Stroke Guidelines Update The Stroke Committee has developed a prehospital stroke flowchart to be used as a guideline for EMS to use when transporting stroke patients. The flowchart was approved by the SETRAC board who also approved a motion to have the EMS Committee and Stroke Committee work together on implementing the tool. A Joint Conference Committee (JCC) will be created for this purpose which will include the medical directors from the Houston Fire Department (HFD) and Montgomery County Hospital District (MCHD). The JCC will also include the EMS Committee and Stroke Committee chairs (or designee), one vice chair from each committee, and one member from each committee.</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>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Kowalik will reach out to Dr. Sean Savitz (Stroke Committee Chair) for clarification on the makeup of the JCC. This item will be tabled until the makeup of the committee is determined and the JCC meets to discuss the tool.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p>



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<p>The committee discussed the makeup of the JCC, triaging of patients according to the tool, the feasibility of obtaining data for these patients (using a model similar to MCHD's), the need for baseline data, and training on stroke scores. A video is being produced that will help train EMS on stroke scores.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Health Paramedicine Workgroup The workgroup met prior to the EMS Committee meeting and will continue to meet prior to EMS Committee meetings. Sepsis Workgroup A workgroup has been formed to look at regional guidelines and data collection. An agenda is being created and the first meeting will soon be scheduled. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</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 team of 23 people went to South Padre Island to help support the mobile medical unit on site for spring break. The Fort Bend ambus will be on site as well. A statewide EMTF team is being developed for wildland paramedics and rapid extraction. Regional Hospital Preparedness Coalition Update Registration is now open for this year's symposium, which will take place in Galveston October 9th-11th. CEs are provided for EMS. There is a need more EMS providers to be trained to work the CMOC in case of activation. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Committee members are requested to take a survey at survey.setrac.org to help fill medical gaps with wildland fire support.</p> <p>Anyone interested in receiving training for working in the CMOC or would like to be an observer during the upcoming exercise should contact Chris Collier.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Exercise – EMS Participation The annual functional exercise, Operation Blindsight, will take place May 1st and 2nd. The exercise will simulate multiple terrorist attacks that will engage multiple jurisdictions. Tabletops will be conducted at upcoming corridor meetings. 	<p>EMS agencies in the areas where the simulated attacks will take place as part of Operation Blindsight are encouraged to participate and speak with hospitals in those areas.</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> Due to construction, both HCA and Houston Methodist have closed helipads in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) area. The committee discussed possible alternative landing zones that can be used near TMC other than Hobby Airport in case helipads are closed due to construction, weather conditions, etc.</p> <p>First responders needing landing zone safety training can reach out to PHI or Memorial Hermann Life Flight for information.</p>	<p>No actions items or recommendations.</p> <p>Committee members with ideas about alternative landing zones are asked to submit them to Don Wade.</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>
<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u></p> <p>The American Heart Association’s Strive to Revive will be take place on April 12th.</p> <p>Memorial Hermann will hold a trauma symposium on March 29th.</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>		