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SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (Trauma Service Area Q)

Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller and Wharton Counties

Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Kenneth Mattox, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. The meeting was held at the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at the Houston TranStar facility in Houston, Texas.

ROLL CALL

John Kowalik, Secretary, called roll and a quorum was established.

WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Mattox welcomed everyone in attendance. SETRAC continues to be highly respected and is well represented at committee or special interest meetings. In the midst of politics, mergers and acquisitions, and competition, each SETRAC stakeholder compliments each other.

The Executive Committee will meet immediately after the conclusion of this board meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

Dr. Mattox reported that the Bylaws Committee has worked very hard in updating/revising the SETRAC bylaws. There will be more changes in healthcare in the next 10 to 15 years than in the past combined due to new innovations and technology. Change is good as it allows us to build upon the progress of the past and change those things that are archaic, such as with diagnosing bacteria and electrolytes, future use of un-manned ambulances, and DaVinci operating rooms within ambulances in rural area. Dr. Mattox thanked everyone for their participation, vision, cooperation, representation, and being a part of this dynamite cooperative community.

B. Vice Chair Hospital Services

Tom Flanagan reported that of the seven board member terms that were to expire this past July, only six were reinstated (a nomination for the Walker County EMS representative was not provided.) Kevin Bates has been nominated to continue to serve as a board member to represent Walker County EMS. The board unanimously approved the nomination with no objections or abstentions.

C. Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services

Lon Squyres reported the state legislature will be in session again in 2019. One of the items that will likely be presented is capping property tax increases. Stakeholders are encouraged to stay abreast of proposed legislation and educate their legislators about the pros and cons of bills affecting them.

D. Secretary Report

No items to report.

E. Member-at-Large Report

David Persse reported on two propositions that voters will see on the November ballot for the City of Houston: Proposition A (funding for draining fees and other infrastructure for flood mitigation) and Proposition B (firefighters pay parity.)

F. Treasurer's Report/Financial Update

Donald Morrison provided the report on behalf of Amanda Campos. Financial reports were provided to the board. Funding from the tobacco grant, which supplements the RAC budget, went into effect on September 1st as did the county pass through funds which is allocated to various agencies. Packets for the county pass through funds will be sent electronically to EMS agencies in the next two weeks.

Reminders for annual dues will be sent to all stakeholders in the next several days.

EMS affidavits for 2017 (calendar year) runs are due to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) by November 5th. Agencies are asked to provide SETRAC with a copy of their submitted affidavit so that SETRAC can ensure DSHS allocates the appropriate amount of funds.

Rebuilding Texas donated two Class C tow vehicles to SETRAC, which was received last week.

G. Leadership Report

Darrell Pile recapped his written report. He provided a favorable financial update. Mr. Pile emphasized that some monies from the general fund were used for short term needs (as expected) when grant funding declined but the general fund is again whole as a result of supportive actions taken by DSHS.

The SETRAC Foundation documents are ready for state approval. Jim McIngvale ("Mattress Mack") has donated \$50,000 to start the Foundation. MAESTRO Services has also been created and the paperwork is ready to be filed with the state.

The awardees of the ASPR grant are coalitions in Nebraska and Massachusetts. An answer has not been provided to SETRAC as to why our application was turned down. The head of ASPR has mentioned SETRAC in his presentations across the nation and has expressed interest in funding selected coalitions directly.

Recently, a Stop the Bleed training class was held that set a record for the number of people trained in this subject in one class in Texas. Approximately 1,200 people were trained during a major corporate event held by HCA (and incorporated stop the bleed training for attendees).

SETRAC continues to work closely with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), who recently met with SETRAC stakeholders to obtain feedback on the proposed trauma, stroke, and maternal rules.

The next session of the Texas legislature starts in January. There are plans by some to abolish the Texas Driver Responsibility Program (a major source of funding for the state's trauma program). Education of legislators to help identify other sources of funds may become critically important.

Mr. Pile shared that his team is considering the merits of periodically holding meetings in suburban areas to cover key topics with a variety of senior stakeholders serving that subregion. Three or four hot topics would be addressed and at each meeting.

H. Preparedness Report

Darrell Pile stated that Dr. Robert Kadlec will be the keynote speaker for the symposium. Presentations this year will include how Israel handles disasters and the rescue of the soccer team from the cave in Thailand. This will be the 10th anniversary of the symposium.

SETRAC is working more with Harris County Mental Health. Lori Upton has been appointed to a special committee via ASPR. A small staff works to bring many events and trainings (active shooter drills, IDRU training, etc.) for hospitals, EMS agencies, and special population facilities throughout TSA-Q, TSA-R, and TSA-H. SETRAC also is working with the Greater Houston Partnership to reassure businesses that actions are in place to take care of special population facilities.

The Forest Service is interested in having an on-site medical support during large scale fires/deployments such as wildfires. The state is looking at developing this service based on the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department's creation of the MUR-C team that has been successfully deployed in our region to help meet medical needs of first responders during large scale deployments.

Dr. Mattox discussed momentum to implement a standardized approach to "run, hide, fight, and contain" during an active shooter event. The "contain" piece was added for hospitals, nurseries, daycares, and other organizations where it may not be feasible to evacuate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (RHPC)

The RHPC Board continues to meet every other month and the strategic plan was updated last July. A vulnerable patients/special populations subcommittee has been created.

The 2018 Award of Excellence recipients have been selected and will be presented at next week's symposium. This year's symposium has the highest amount of registrations and will have one of the largest displays of assets to date. October 25th will be designated as VIP day.

B. Pre-Hospital Committee

A written report was provided to the board. The most recent committee meeting was one of the most attended. Speakers for the next meeting are being confirmed, which will include post-disaster items.

C. Pediatric Committee

A written report was provided to the board. No additional items were reported.

D. Trauma Committee

A written report was provided to the board. The committee is reviewing topics for research opportunities. Dr. Mattox suggested the committee consider the "contain" incentive he described earlier as an important step when faced with an active shooter, and he also encouraged the committee to identify key comparative statistics for unblinding/sharing.

E. Injury Prevention Committee

A written report was provided to the board. The committee has successfully met its 2018 goals, including the development of a strong educational course on falls prevention. The committee will discuss the goals for 2019 at the December meeting.

An upcoming A Matter of Balance (AMOB) lay leader course has a few spaces available for hospital and EMS partners to attend. The number of people trained in the Stop the Bleed continue to increase, including one event that trained 1300 HCA staff. The committee will have a distracted/impaired driving booth at the symposium.

The committee has a task force that will be working with Dr. Persse on the mayor's gun violence initiative.

F. **Perinatal Committee**

A written report was provided to the board. The committee has begun implementation of a standard quality measure data collection and will meet with SETRAC to continue to hone the data to ensure everything is accurately collected.

All neonatal facility designations in our region were completed within the required time period. Surveying for high-risk obstetrics and maternal designations have begun. The committee has a goal to have a Perinatal Quality Improvement Day in 2019.

G. **Cardiac Committee**

A written report was provided to the board. The committee is focusing on goals that involve the transfer of patients from non-PCI facilities and freestanding emergency departments, including the "10'/30' Initiative". A post-arrest tool kit and abstractor education is being developed. The committee is working to identify two to three additional data points to collect such as EKG times and post-arrest patients.

An invitation for the next meeting has been extended to physicians as the committee looks to increase physician participation and feedback. Topics that will be presented at the meeting include hands only CPR classes and sudden cardiac arrest hypothermia.

H. **Stroke Committee**

A written report was provided to the board. A new report has been created that reflects a better picture of hospital tPA administration rates by not including patients that received tPA at another location or didn't arrive at the hospital within 3.5 hours of last known well. The committee has a 2019 goal to reduce the number of patients not receiving tPA due to stroke symptoms deemed to be too mild.

New data provided to the committee from the American Heart Association compares SETRAC time metrics against Texas and the nation. The data shows SETRAC ahead of the state and nation in tPA administered within 45 minutes and complication rates less than the national rate. The committee and AHA will investigate publishing a paper around this data.

- I. **Bylaws Committee** – Tom Flanagan reported the committee met to draft revisions to the bylaws surrounding meeting attendance, committee leadership, and term limits. The drafted revisions were handed out to the board members and projected on a screen. (A copy of the revisions is on file with the board meeting documents.)

Each revised line item was discussed by the board and wording was revised if needed. All revisions were approved by the board with no objections. (There were four abstentions for changing the title of committee "co-chairs" to "vice chairs" (section 5.2.1); however, there were no objections and the majority voted in favor of the change.)

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Prior Meeting Minutes Approval** – In the RHPC report section, "Pediatric MCI" is incorrect and needs to be changed to "Vulnerable Populations". The remainder of the minutes were approved.
- B. **Financial Report** – There being no concerns or issues, the report stands approved as circulated.
- C. **CEO Report** – There being no concerns or issues, the report stands approved as circulated.
- D. **Resolutions and/or Other Action Items** –

- SETRAC Bylaws Revisions – the board approved written revisions delineated by Tom Flanagan, bylaws committee chair. The revised final version of the revised bylaws will be distributed and posted for reference by the membership.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/AUDIENCE Q&A

There were no items for discussion or Q&A.

ADJOURN

Dr. Mattox adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

John Kowalik, Secretary:


