

PRE-HOSPITAL / EMS COMMITTEE REPORT for the SETRAC BOARD

January 25th, 2021

Committee Chair(s): John Kowalik, Allen Sims, Dr. Cameron Decker

SETRAC Liaison: Chris Collier

Meeting Schedule:

Past:	November 13 th 2020
	January 15 st 2021
Upcoming:	March 19 th 2021
	May 21 st 2021

Subcommittees or Task Forces:

(MIH/CP) Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine:

- The group continues to meet prior to the EMS meeting.

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Participation: Meetings tend to include representatives from 4+/- hospitals and 60+/- EMS agencies.

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Year to Date Committee Highlights:

- **EMS Waivers due to COVID-** The governor's decree of a 90-day extension on certifications remains in effect. The allowance for EMS medical directors to permit qualified personnel who may not be currently certified to provide assistance in Texas is still in effect as well; however, a personnel file must be created for that person(s) with a letter from the medical director included.
- **EMS for Children – Gold Level Readiness La Porte EMS-** EMS for Children is an initiative that works with agencies to give recommendations and give assessments for agencies to be able to say they can properly provide care for children. La Porte EMS recently received Gold Level Readiness.
- **Regional Quality of Care** –the committee has addressed a variety of topics and has encouraged members to attend other SETRAC committee meetings and encouraged those members to attend our meetings (stroke, trauma, inj. prev., cardiac, etc.). The group has received presentation and discussion regarding the CARES program, Alternative EMS Transport Plans, Out of Hospital DNR, Antigen testing discussion, and discussion on Level I and Level II Trauma Center transport destinations by EMS.
- **EMS County Funding-** FY20 county funding packets will be going out to EMS eligible providers. Providers will have until July 2021 to submit for reimbursement. It is vital that all potential eligible providers routinely meet the attendance requirements set by the board to stay eligible for the County Funding. The state will not be accepting EMS Run Affidavits this year.

Issues/Concerns for Board Attention: ER wall times causing delays in Ambulances not able to return to service.