



CALL TO ORDER

Chris Collier called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) EMS COMPLIANCE 6/5S UPDATE

Chuck Rowe reported that surveys, inspections, and education site visits have been taking place virtually.

CEO UPDATE

Darrell Pile provided the following update:

- The COVID patient volume has decreased. SETRAC continues to work with the city, county and Texas Medical Center folks to make sure the positivity rates are well contained. Any increases will be reported as we learn them. More testing has been requested recently, especially for children as schools are beginning to reopen.
- A committee has been established to look at the pediatric population and the effects of COVID. This committee, which includes Mr. Pile, Dr. Brent Kaziny, Dr. David Persse, and Dr. Umair Shah, have had discussions of how COVID affects the mental health of children.
- The most recent governor's orders is being reviewed by SETRAC with DSHS so that it is similarly understood. From a broad sense, if a trauma service area has an admission rate less than 15%, liberties such as family members visiting nursing homes may be allowed. Information regarding the latest order will be sent out once SETRAC has the exact language that DSHS would like to have communicated.
- SETRAC is working on a public education through a messaging campaign that will prompt the public to call 911 in the event of an emergency. These messages would be shown to targeted audiences on websites, social media, and newspaper advertisements and the messages would also be read on local radio stations. The campaign will be reviewed by the SETRAC Executive Committee for approval to use the funds made available through the state legislature for public education.
- CMS has issued a new rule of participation for hospitals to submit COVID data. If a hospital does not submit data, they could be pulled from the Medicare and Medicaid system entirely. This is highly controversial and is being discussed on a regional, state, and federal level.
- The COVID-19 response may have caused some of the topics previously discussed by the committee to fall between the cracks. Any topics that should be revisited should notify the committee leaders or Darrell Pile.
- Prior to COVID, there was discussion about the state possibly paying for Pulsara to be implemented in all RACs. This topic will be revisited.



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"> • Local Project Grant Funding No update at this time. • EMS County Funding No update at this time. • EMS Run Affidavit No update at this time. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Update No update at this time. • GETAC Update <p><u>Air Transport – ETE vs. ETA</u> Due to reports of some inconsistencies between air medical providers when an ETE (estimated time enroute, does not include liftoff time) is provided versus an ETA (estimated time of arrival, liftoff time is included.) a recommendation was made at the GETAC level for all local communities to make the switch to providing ETAs and providing it in clock format. This was suggested for ground EMS agencies as well. The committee discussed the pros and cons of providing ETAs.</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>A meeting will be scheduled for air medical providers to further discuss this topic.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p>



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<p><u>Use of Lights / Sirens (Williamson County EMS Study and Methodology)</u> Allen Sims gave an overview of this study which looked at a list of potentially lifesaving interventions that were compared to dispatch categories to try to determine which categories were more likely to result in lifesaving care.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>EMS Systems Quality Improvement (SQI)</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Whole Blood Program This program is currently on hold due to COVID-19. • Stroke / STEMI Volume in COVID Era No update at this time. • EMS Public Education Campaign See “CEO Report”. <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Committee Update Mr. Sims presented to the committee the pediatric transport guidelines that are currently included in the SETRAC Regional Trauma Plan. The Trauma Committee has asked for assistance with writing a more simplified protocol. The committee is currently requesting Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2020 tourniquet data. The goal is to present the report at the next EMS Committee meeting. • Injury Prevention Committee Update No update at this time. 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Suggestions for the pediatric transport guidelines can be submitted to Mr. Sims.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediatric Committee Update The next meeting, scheduled for October 8th, will have a guest speaker who will present on the topic of human trafficking. • Perinatal Committee Update No update at this time. • Stroke Committee Update The committee is working on collecting data regarding large vessel occlusions (LVOs) with the goal of presenting the data to this committee and CEOs. • Cardiac Committee Update The committee continues to look at STEMI transfer times from non-PCI facilities to PCI facilities as many of the patients are not receiving treatment within the guidelines. • Mobile Integrated Health Workgroup Update Corey Naranjo reported the fire marshal's office is doing a collaborative project in regard to single use disposable medication systems. EMS agencies can participate in the program by having a box at their stations containing envelopes that the general public can take to mail their medications free of charge to a disposal center. • DNR's Nursing Homes See "CEO Update". • EMS Pain Management Use A best practice guideline regarding the usage of ketamine for pain control in trauma patients is being prepared for distribution to the EMS Committee. 	<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>Any agency that would like to participate in the program can contact Mr. Naranjo for additional information.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action times or recommendations.</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><u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u></p> <p>No items to report.</p> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Jon Clingaman reported EMTF has had a busy season which included assisting the state with COVID testing sites, providing strike teams for support in the Valley and Laredo area, and most recently the evacuation of nursing home patients in the Golden Triangle area due to Hurricane Laura, in which all four ambulances in the region were used.</p> <p>Virtual training is available ASMs, MISTs, and MMU participants.</p> <p>Mr. Clingaman will be leaving SETRAC and the EMTF program to join the TDEM team in the Lufkin region.</p> <p>Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update RHPC meetings, including corridor meetings, are being held virtually. EMS is encouraged to attend to be aware of what is being worked on with the hospitals through the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP).</p> <p>2020 Hurricane Season EMS was reminded to review agency plans and ensure they are prepared as a tropical disturbance is currently in the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>A survey was sent for agencies that participated in the Hurricane Laura response to complete. Feedback is needed for what went well as what didn't go well and needs to be improved upon.</p> 	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Agencies that are getting low on PPE, are encouraged to contact SETRAC as emergency orders can be resupplied.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p><u>AIR MEDICAL</u></p> <p><u>Old Business</u> No items to report.</p> <p><u>New Business</u> See "Air Transport – ETE vs. ETA" under "GETAC Update"</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>
<p><u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>No items for discussion.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>
<p><u>ADJOURN</u></p> <p>There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place November 13th.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>