



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
QUARTERLY MEETING**

JANUARY 22, 2024



Chairman	David Persse, MD
Vice Chairman Hospital Services	Tom Flanagan
Vice Chairman Pre-Hospital Services	James Campbell
Secretary	Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P
Treasurer	Lon Squyres
Officer-at-Large	Brent Kaziny, MD MA
Chief Executive Officer	Lori Upton

SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (Trauma Service Area Q)

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

SETRAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

January 22, 2024 – 6:30pm

LOCATION – SETRAC Conference Center - 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008

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| 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL | David Persse, M.D./
Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P |
| 2) WELCOME | David Persse, M.D. |
| 3) OFFICER REPORTS | |
| A. Chairman | David Persse, M.D. |
| B. Vice Chair Hospital Services | Tom Flanagan, BSN, MA, LP |
| C. Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services | James Campbell |
| D. Secretary | Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P |
| E. Member At Large | Brent Kaziny, M.D. |
| F. Treasurer | Lon Squyres |
| a. Financial Reports | |
| 4) EXECUTIVE REPORT – Chief Executive Officer | |
| a. Preparedness and Response Report | Lori Upton, RN, BSN, MS |
| b. Emergency Healthcare Systems (EHS) Report | Lisa Spivey/Troy Erbenbraut |
| | Suzanne Curran/Melanie Aluotto/ |
| | Clayton Ehrlich |
| 5) REMAINING ACTION ITEMS/BOARD CONSIDERATION | David Persse, M.D. |
| A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes | |
| B. Approval of Reports (Financial, Executive) | |
| C. Resolutions/Other Action Items | |
| 6) GENERAL/OPEN DISCUSSION | David Persse, M.D. |
| 7) ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETING | David Persse, M.D. |
| 8) EXECUTIVE SESSION | David Persse, M.D. |



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Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Dr. David Persse, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The meeting was held in-person at the SETRAC Conference Center. Walter Morrow, Secretary, called roll and a quorum was established.

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Dr. Persse welcomed the board members and the stakeholders in attendance. No special guests were in attendance for this meeting.

3. **OFFICER REPORTS**

A. **Chairman**

Dr. Persse stated that the SETRAC bylaws will need to be revised as the activities of the SETRAC committees are becoming increasingly important and more complex.

The Urban Fire Forum has put out statements regarding neuroprotective CPR and the use of whole blood in the prehospital environment as new standards of care. These statements have been rescinded as more information is needed before they can be deemed new standards of care.

St. Joseph's Medical Center has closed its in-patient psychiatric facility. A meeting will be held on October 23rd in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) which will be attended by Dr. Persse (representing SETRAC and Houston Fire Department), Lori Upton (representing SETRAC), the Houston Police Department, CEOs from TMC member institutions as well as HCA and St. Joseph Medical Center to discuss the ripple effects of the closure on other hospitals and ideas on how to move forward.

B. **Vice Chair Hospital Services**

Tom Flanagan had no items to report.

C. **Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services**

James Campbell reported that the EMS Committee and its subgroups are starting to move things forward post-COVID and there is new traction on many of the projects.

D. Secretary

Mr. Morrow had no items to report.

E. Officer-at-Large Report

Dr. Brent Kaziny reported that the G7 Pediatric Disaster Network is being funded for its second year. Dr. Kaziny will be leading trauma ground rounds on October 17th on pediatric readiness for emergency departments.

F. Treasurer Report

Ms. Upton reported on the SETRAC financials on behalf of Lon Squyres.

All grant accounts are being spent as scheduled and as expected with no concerns.

Net revenue is currently at \$2.56 million. This does not include the \$629,000 from the COVID tax credit refund. The equipment expense account reflects a negative amount due to hospital radios that were invoice. The invoice has since been paid.

The EMTF budget was awarded an extra \$111,000 by the Texas Legislature. This will help offset the remainder of the warehouse rent and have Starlink systems put into the mobile command centers.

The general fund balance is currently \$1.2 million.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Ms. Upton introduced Shehzad Hassan, SETRAC's new finance manager.

A written report was provided to the board. Highlights include:

- The PCI status field in EMResource has been updated to show "SETRAC Compliant PCI" with the following definitions:
 - "Can this facility currently perform PCI?"
 - Yes – open and available
 - No – unable to perform

If the facility is not able to perform PCI due to resources or other reasons, they will need to contact SETRAC to change to the PCI field.

- SETRAC is applying for the 5-year HPP grant. Applications are due November 6th. With the permission of the board, SETRAC will also apply for the 5-year EMTF-SCO that is up for bid.
- The SETRAC Foundation met on September 6th. The financial health of the foundation was discussed as well as whether the warehouse space needs to be purchased. The foundation is needing a request from the SETRAC Board to purchase the property currently housing the SETRAC warehouse and begin a capital campaign to raise \$30 million to build a 3-story building that would be a training/research center and house SETRAC staff offices. The base station would be based at the location as well.
- Approximately EMS 118 scholarships have been funded in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 8.
- **Preparedness and Response** – Lisa Spivey and Troy Erbentraut provided the following update:
 - Coordinators have been actively engaging with stakeholders across the 25-county region with EMResource, EMTrack, WebEOC trainings and attending training exercises.
 - The training and exercise team is working on the 2024 spring exercise and chemical surge plan.

- The pre-symposium training for this year will be conducted by Sam Houston State University (SHSU). Attendees will receive a certificate from SHSU.
- Fidel Calvillo, Special Populations Coordinator, continues to work with long-term facilities to ensure plans are in place and provide trainings in EMResource.
- Decon courses continue to be offered for hospitals in the SETRAC region.
- SETRAC assisted with real world incidents at Prairie View A&M and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.
- SETRAC has recently partnered with EquuSearch in using EMResource to locate missing individuals that may show up at area hospitals.
- Philip Cutler has recently assumed the new title of Regional Logistics and Inventory Coordinator, resulting in the Mobile Assets Coordinator position being open. The current EMTF-6 Coordinator position will be vacated soon leaving that position open as well.
- **Emergency Healthcare Systems** – Suzanne Curran, Melanie Aluotto, and Lori Upton (on behalf of Clayton Ehrlich) provided the following update:
 - The Pediatric Committee is putting a work group together to look at pediatric mental health and put together resources for stakeholders.
 - A PI/QI discussion was held through a request from the Pediatric Committee.
 - A health fair will be held on November 10th with Precinct 2. SETRAC staff and partner hospitals and EMS agencies will be providing education on falls, firearm safety, and car safety for older populations.
 - A heat map has been created and added to the SETRAC website.
 - Recent SETRAC pediatric trauma data shows EMS are doing a phenomenal job of taking pediatric patients to the correct trauma center the first time.
 - A trauma registry workshop is scheduled for February 2024 and a validation exercise for registrars will be held prior to Christmas.
 - Revised trauma rules have not yet been released for public comment. SETRAC will set-up a meeting for trauma hospitals and EMS agencies to review the rules once made available.
 - The Stroke Committee is looking to develop a heat map similar to the trauma heat map that was recently published.
 - Dr. Chethan Rao submitted an abstract to the American Heart Association on the evolution of stroke care in the SETRAC region.
 - A stroke boot camp is planned for January 2024.
 - A hybrid hands only CPR/Stop The Bleed course is being planned.
 - The SETRAC regional cardiac plan has been developed and has been submitted for board approval.
 - SETRAC continues to work with the American College of Cardiologists on obtaining patient level chest pain data. A new agreement is being created to be able to access the information without PHI.
 - The placenta accreta spectrum disorder education that has been uploaded to the SETRAC learning site has been very successful.
 - Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) has been rolled out for prehospital providers. Three classes have been held and three additional classes will take place in the near future. A large training class will be held that can accommodate 100-200 participants.
 - The Pediatric Committee is putting a work group together to look at pediatric mental health and put together resources for stakeholders.
 - Some of the EMS wristbands have been received and will need to be used when the revised trauma rules go into effect. As of now, this will only apply to trauma patients. A discussion took place

regarding the number of wristbands needed for the region, financing for the wristbands, and looking at the possibility of SETRAC providing wristbands as a funding opportunity.

- A Pulsara workgroup comprised of hospital and EMS representatives has convened to determine minimal datasets that can be sent to hospitals. Although Pulsara has an MCI component, EMTrack will still need to be used in the region for patient tracking at this time.
- The Whole Blood Work Group met on October 5th. A request has been made by the EMS Committee to have this work group become a subcommittee of the EMS Committee.
- **Business Operations** – Chris Collier provided the following update:
 - SETRAC is reviewing ways to create partnerships and funding sources alternate to grants and legislature.
 - To generate additional revenue, SETRAC is considering having a casino night in the spring of 2024.
 - If there are any opportunities that stakeholders are aware of that SETRAC should be involved with, stakeholders are encouraged to get in touch with Mr. Collier.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Prior Meeting Minutes

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the minutes as presented.

B. Reports (Officer, Finance, and Executive)

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the reports as presented.

C. Resolutions and/or Other Action Items

- a. *Request the SETRAC Foundation to move forward with purchasing the current warehouse property leased by SETRAC and begin a capital campaign to raise \$30 million in the next 5 years to build a new SETRAC building on that site.*

There being no objections, the board approved to make the request to the SETRAC Foundation to take the next steps with this initiative.

b. *Approval of the RAC Annual Report*

The report was provided to the board members prior to the meeting.

There being no objections, the board approved the annual report.

- c. *Approval to have the EMS Committee's Regional Blood Products work group become a subcommittee.*

There being no objections, the board approved to have the work group become a subcommittee of the EMS Committee.

- d. *Vote to revise the SETRAC Bylaws section concerning "Meetings and Reports" in reference to subcommittee meetings.*

A request has been made to change the section of the bylaws (Section 5.7) to where participation in subcommittees would be limited to invited or appointed members.

Members of the board and the audience voiced concerns about having subcommittees being exclusive to a specific group (ex: Stroke Coordinators Subcommittee only for stroke coordinators, RHPC Symposium subcommittee only being open to those chosen to be on the subcommittee).

Mr. Flanagan will convene a meeting of the Bylaws Subcommittee to discuss the proposed revision to the bylaws. This action item will be tabled until the Bylaws Subcommittee is able to review the bylaws and provide feedback.

6. GENERAL / OPEN DISCUSSION

Mental Health Patients with Emergency Detention Orders

Dr. Steven Brass raised the question of how the San Antonio area cares for mental health patients with EDOs. An overview of the system used in San Antonio was provided by Dr. Persse and Dudley Wait. Chief Wait reiterated that RACs are integral to the success of the program. SETRAC is working to have a small group composed of representatives from the Harris Center, HPD, and local politicians to travel to San Antonio in the spring to meet with their peers and gain insight on how the program is run in that region.

ER Wall Times

Ms. Christy Gonzales inquired if documentation is available about safety issues regarding EMS wall times. Dr. Persse stated that GETAC is currently circulating a draft document on EMS wall times that will reference the letter put out by CMS about not holding onto ambulances for too long.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Persse adjourned the general board meeting at 8:10 pm.

SETRAC Board - Secretary: _____

SETRAC - November 30, 2023 YTD Expenditure Report (FY24)

(See Grant Summaries on Page 3 & 4 for Categorical breakdown of the grants)

	Grant	YTD Expenditures	Approved Budget	Variance	% Remaining	Month of Fiscal Year
*1	ASPR 24 - TSA Q	\$ 894,965	\$ 2,183,912	\$ 1,288,947	59.0%	5/12
*2	ASPR 24 - TSA R	\$ 190,609	\$ 469,004	\$ 278,395	59.4%	5/12
*3	ASPR 24 - TSA H	\$ 67,280	\$ 164,668	\$ 97,388	59.1%	5/12
*4	ASPR 24 - EMTF 6	\$ 76,058	\$ 131,736	\$ 55,678	42.3%	5/12
*5	ASPR 24 - EMTF 6 (State funds)	\$ 84,434	\$ 236,111	\$ 151,677	64.2%	5/12
*6	RAC/EMS 2024	\$ 118,737	\$ 653,239	\$ 534,502	81.8%	3/12
*7	RAC Systems Development 2024	\$ 92,960	\$ 219,637	\$ 126,677	57.7%	3/12
*8	County Pass Thru 2024		\$ 412,655	\$ 412,655	100.0%	3/12
*9	HFD Base Station	\$ 288,384	\$ 1,843,106	\$ 1,554,722	84.4%	2/12
*9	G7 Baylor Pediatric Disaster Care	\$ 51,952	\$ 236,684	\$ 184,732	78.0%	2/12
	Total	\$ 1,813,427	\$ 6,314,068	\$ 4,500,641	71.3%	

*1-4 ASPR Contracts for FY24 are expending in accordance with budget.

*5 ASPR EMTF 6 (State funds) are expending in accordance with budget.

*6 FY 24 RAC EMS funds are expending in accordance with budget.

*7 FY24 RAC Development funds are expending in accordance with budget.

*8 FY 24 County Pass Thru funds for eligible EMS agencies has no allowable carryforward from FY23

*9 Houston Fire Department Base Station - Reimbursement for actual payroll expenses incurred. Net Revenue is listed on Page 2.

Financial Status

Cash Status: November 30, 2023

Frost Bank Checking	\$ 302,086.15	-This account is the main operational account.
PNC Bank Checking	\$ 1,924,403.57	-This account is our primary depository account for grant funds.
PayPal Account	\$ -	-Funds transferred to Chase revenue account
Investment Account #1		Liquidated at \$454,564.99
Investment Account #2	\$ 1,551,217.74	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit.
Investment Account #3		Liquidated at \$505,066.19
Investment Account #4	\$ 1,551,229.62	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit.
Investment Account #5	\$ 516,809.81	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit
Investment Account #6		
Chase Bank-EMS/RAC	\$ 782,989.54	This account supports SB8 and EMS RAC business
Chase Bank-Revenue	\$ 201,877.56	This account supports general fund business

Cash Status: November 30, 2023

SETRAC Foundation Checking	\$ 304,847.10	-This account supports Foundation business
SETRAC Foundation Inv. Acct.	\$ 1,041,259.45	-Monies invested in 28-day maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit
Maestro Svcs. Checking Acct.	\$ 92,842.99	-This account supports Maestro Svcs operations

SETRAC Operating Fund FY24 YTD September- November

Revenue (non-grant)	FY 24	Revenue (non-traditional)	FY 24
General Revenue	\$ 204	General Revenue	\$ -
FY 2024 Dues			
Conference registration	\$ 194,561		
STB Kits	\$ 8,650		
TXTF-1 Response Income	\$ 2,611		
HFD Base Station	\$ 38,932		
Total Revenue	\$ 244,958		
Expenses (non-grant)			
Contract Services	\$ 160		
Business Expenses	\$ 256		
Equipment			
Operational Supplies	\$ 220		
Other	\$ 15,585		
Personnel	\$ 10,972		
Base Station Expenses	\$ 236		
Travel	\$ (1,466)		
Indirect Fringe benefit	\$ 3,734		
Total Expenses	\$ 29,697		
Net Revenue	\$ 215,261		

Financial Summary - Categorical Budget Detail

	YTD	Budget	Variance
ASPR 24 - TSA Q			
Contract Services		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 12,576	\$ 9,076
Other	\$ 392,292	\$ 745,736	\$ 353,444
Personnel	\$ 399,650	\$ 1,165,356	\$ 765,706
Travel	\$ 11,010	\$ 41,853	\$ 30,843
Indirect Costs	\$ 88,512	\$ 218,391	\$ 129,879
Total	\$ 894,965	\$ 2,183,912	\$ 1,288,947
ASPR 24 - TSA R			
Contract Services		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 506	\$ 1,374	\$ 868
Other	\$ 34,873	\$ 72,180	\$ 37,307
Personnel	\$ 133,739	\$ 344,857	\$ 211,118
Travel		\$ 3,693	\$ 3,693
Indirect Costs	\$ 21,491	\$ 46,900	\$ 25,409
Total	\$ 190,609	\$ 469,004	\$ 278,395
ASPR 24 - TSA H			
Contract Services		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 134	\$ 200	\$ 66
Other	\$ 2,390	\$ 1,271	\$ (1,119)
Personnel	\$ 56,423	\$ 146,248	\$ 89,825
Travel		\$ 484	\$ 484
Indirect Costs	\$ 8,333	\$ 16,466	\$ 8,133
Total	\$ 67,280	\$ 164,669	\$ 97,389
ASPR 24 - EMTF 6			
Contract Services		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies		\$ 200	\$ 200
Other	\$ 20,746	\$ 16,290	\$ (4,456)
Personnel	\$ 47,374	\$ 95,768	\$ 48,394
Travel	\$ 710	\$ 6,305	\$ 5,595
Indirect Costs	\$ 7,228	\$ 13,173	\$ 5,945
Total	\$ 76,058	\$ 131,736	\$ 55,678
ASPR 24 - EMTF 6 (State General Revenue)			
Other	\$ 84,434	\$ 236,111	\$ 151,677
Total	\$ 84,434	\$ 236,111	\$ 151,677

Financial Summary - Categorical Budget Detail

	YTD	Budget	Variance
RAC/EMS FY 24			
Operational Supplies	\$ 237	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,523
Other	\$ 5,038	\$ 135,839	\$ 130,800
Personnel	\$ 85,505	\$ 231,246	\$ 145,741
Indirect Costs	\$ 27,957	\$ 127,194	\$ 99,237
Travel		\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200
Total	\$ 118,737	\$ 503,239	\$ 384,502
RAC Development Funds FY24			
Operational Supplies	\$ 643	\$ 880	\$ 237
Other	\$ 22,954	\$ 54,292	\$ 31,338
Personnel	\$ 52,464	\$ 98,468	\$ 46,004
Indirect Costs	\$ 15,447	\$ 63,597	\$ 48,150
Travel	\$ 1,452	\$ 2,400	\$ 948
Total	\$ 92,960	\$ 219,637	\$ 126,677
County Funds FY24			
Contract Services		\$ 412,655	\$ 412,655
EI Funds FY24			
Personnel		\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
HFD Base Station			
Personnel	\$ 288,384	\$ 1,843,106	\$ 1,554,722

Unrestricted Assets Growth

	GenFY15	Gen FY16	Gen FY17	Gen FY18	Gen FY19	Gen FY20	Gen FY 21	Gen FY 22	Gen FY 23	Gen FY 24	TOTAL
Revenue (Unrestricted)	114,868.11	122,415.57	112,130.48	458,767.59	357,970.13	828,743.55	495,286.00	787,368.00	115,462.00	244,958.41	3,995,929.26
Expense (Grant Offsets)	110,196.24	88,944.99	190,844.81	334,373.01	469,327.17	569,818.67	176,453.00	806,477.00	83,154.00	29,697.26	3,101,329.66
Unrestricted Net Asset	4,671.87	33,470.58	(78,714.33)	124,394.58	(111,357.04)	258,924.88	318,833.00	(19,109.00)	32,308.00	215,261.15	894,599.60
Symposium											52,552.85
Total Fund Balance											947,152.45

Notes:

Preparedness and Response

Lisa Spivey-Director of Preparedness

TSA Q-West Corridor – Kat Samuel

TSA H-Gary Litton

TSA R- Jeremy Way

Training & Exercise – John Wingate & Open

Special Populations - Fidel Calvillo

Overview:

I am incredibly proud of our Preparedness and Response team. They have worked tirelessly this past year, engaging in training, responding to emergencies, and actively engaging in face-to-face conversations with our stakeholders. Their unwavering commitment and dedication to their region consistently exceed my expectations. Collaborating with their corridor chairs and ensuring that the goals of the coalition are being met.

- Actively involving all partners to boost participation in corridor meetings and conducting regular radio checks.
- Providing on-site training sessions on EMResource, EMTrack, and WebEOC for hospital staff.
- Sustaining successful collaborations with hospitals, EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and City/County EMCs to cultivate robust partnerships.
- Engaging school districts Emergency Management in Region 4, socializing EMTrack
- Working with local partners in the planning process for the CCTA Full Scale Exercise.
- Finished the year with 958 STB classes and over 42,549 people trained in the region.
- Working with Lamar University nursing program Dean of Students to coordinate MCI triage training for the students and assist in developing an MCI exercise for that area.
- Collaborating with HFD and HPD on a new regional psychiatric process.
- Created a new reporting board for Psychiatric hospitals.
- Working with City of Houston public works in pre-determining which roads near hospitals that need to be de-iced in the event of an ice storm.
- T&E team are working on 2024 Spring Exercise (Operation Solar Storm)
- T&E team are working on Chemical Surge Plan as required by ASPR
- Collaborating with Walker County OEM in their planned Active Attack FSX

- Our Special Populations Coordinator continues to engage long term, home health, rehab, and FSEDs into the coalition.
 - a. Meeting with local OEM's
 - b. Attended the Center for Domestic Preparedness course in Anniston, AL
 - c. Attended the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference.
 - d. Created an End of Year survey for this group to gain better understanding of their training needs.
 - e. Will be presenting at HHSC Provider Meetings

Community Events/Exercises:

- Participated in the CCTA Exercise in Montgomery County.
- Participated in the DSHS 6/5 FAC planning meeting.
- Participated in Houston Methodist Baytown Safety Fair
- Participated in Disaster District Committee 15 (Beaumont) meeting.
- Participated in All Hazards- Emergency Operations Center training.
- Continue offering DECON courses for hospitals.
- To date: 9 classes of DECON training has been conducted with 170 personnel trained.
- Technology training: EMTrack/EMResource/WebEOC classes has been conducted across the region.

Real World Events:

- On November 8th, 2023, at 10:42am, an MCI event occurred at Sound Resource Solutions in Shepherd, TX when an employee received injuries while operating a forklift when a fire began and subsequently an explosion. A total of 2 patients were transported with complaints of respiratory issues.
- On November 12, 2023, at 18:34, an MCI event occurred at the Cole's Flea Market in Pearland where a shooting occurred between individuals in a dispute. A total of 3 patients were transported with complaints of GSW's.
- On December 4th, 2023, at 12:46, an MCI event occurred at the ALTIVIA Chemical Complex in La Porte due to a chemical leak. A total of 8 patients were transported with complaints of chemical exposure.



Troy Erbentraut – Director of Response

EMTF 6 Coordinator – **Grant Kelley (start date 01/16/2024)**

Regional Logistics and Inventory Coordinator – Philip Cutler

Mobile Assets Coordinator – Jarad Moreno

Overview:

I’m pleased to report that our warehouse continues to be on track and aligned with project plan set in this quarter. Our team is making progress in receiving, organizing, and making our packages “mission ready”.

To further strengthen our response, we have hired a new EMTF Coordinator. With his experience and oversight, we aim to implement a robust plan and keep the disruptions to a minimum.

Efforts continue to analyze responses, optimize communication workflows, and set measurable goals and objectives. By learning from our past experiences and setting ambitious goals along with creating KPI’s we are going to raise the bar on SETRAC’s abilities and responsiveness to the region.

Real World Incidents:

Event	Location	Type	Date	Assigned resources
Shepherd, TX	Regional	Chemical fire	11/08/2024	MVP 601
Severe weather standby	State	Severe weather	11/30/2023 1/8/2024	Taskforce Leader, MVP 603
FUTURE EVENTS				
CFP Championship Game	Regional	Major event	01/08/2024	CMOC, EOC Support
Houston Marathon	Regional	Major event	01/14/2024	CMOC, EOC Support, medical equipment support



RHPC Board

Dr. Kevin Schulz – RHPC Board Chair

Toni Carnie – RHPC Co-Chair

New Business

Drill Policy

Carrie Cox (SETRAC) reviewed the drill policy. After review, the coalition members unanimously agreed to approve the policy (*copy of the policy filed in the RHPC Board minutes binder*). The policy will go into effect January 2024.

End of Year Survey

Lisa Spivey (SETRAC) announced the End of Year survey will be sent out on December 4th with a month to complete (due January 6th).

New HFD Rotation

Ms. Upton announced a new initiative involving an Emergency Detention Order (EDO) is set to begin on November 13th, because of a collaboration between SETRAC, the Houston Fire Department, and the Houston Police Department. The process is initiated when the Houston Police Department issues an EDO and contacts the Neuropsychiatric Center (NPC). If the NPC is at capacity, the police will then contact the Houston Fire Department's telemetry unit, asking for the closest acute care facility to transport the patient.

At the telemetry unit, both an EMS and a police officer will work together to ensure no single facility is overwhelmed with EDOs. Initially, this initiative will only cover areas within the Houston Fire Department's transport jurisdiction, with plans to expand the program in the future.

Hospitals in the area are required to fill out a status form at midnight daily, which can be found in EMResource. Additionally, an update status for psychiatric facilities has been added to the EMResource homepage. These facilities are asked to update their status daily or as needed.

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

Long Term Care Update (C102)

Fidel Calvillo highlighted some of the items in the Special Populations update as listed below (*filed with RHPC Board minutes binder*).

Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps have been completed for all Corridors meeting grant requirement 6 in total;
Continue to on board new facilities into the Coalition;
Providing guidance and SETRAC training to new facility administrators;
Presented at the HHSC Annual Provider meetings in October and upcoming in early November;

End of the Year Survey created for the Special Populations and to be distribute to Special Populations Stakeholders in December. This will collect the latest information from our stakeholders and assist with planning for this year's initiatives.

RHPC Board

An LTC speaker presented lessons learned during a hurricane evacuation at our upcoming Symposium this year. There was an increase in attendance for Special Populations.

Training and Exercise Update (C104)

Ms. Cox reviewed the July Training and Exercise Schedule distributed to the coalition members (*copy filed with RHPC Board minutes binder*), and highlighted some of the classes as follows:

PER-211 Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive Events classes facilitated by TEEX scheduled for December 5th-6th and December 11th-12th at SETRAC.

The 2024 Regional Exercise (Operation Solar Storm) planning is underway. Ms. Cox gave the coalition members a brief overview of how the exercise will play-out and stated more details are to come. Registration emails will be forthcoming.

HAM Radio 101 is scheduled for November 8th and HAM-in-a-Day is scheduled for November 15th at SETRAC. The Off-the-Grid exercise is scheduled for December 19th.

EMResource training continues to be held online; however, special classes can be scheduled by emailing requests to exercise@setrac.org.

EMTF Update (C104)

Troy Erbentraut introduced himself as the new Director of Response. He reported Mikal Orr (SETRAC EMTF-6 Coordinator) took another position with the Texas Forest Service so this position is open should anyone know of someone interested; the position is posted on the SETRAC website for them to submit their resume.

Inventory Update (C104)

Philip Cutler introduced himself as the new Logistics Manager replacing Kyle Ericksen. Going forward, should anyone have questions regarding inventory and assets, please email him at philip.cutler@setrac.org. Ms. Upton announced Jarrad Moreno will be starting next week to fill Mr. Cutler's position as the Mobile Asset Coordinator.

Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

The small facility award went to CHI St. Luke's Livingston, the medium facility award went to Christus St. Elizabeth/Beaumont, and the large facility award went to Memorial Hermann TMC.

Symposium Planning (C101)

The coalition members took some time to share some symposium feedback with SETRAC. Ms. Upton advised anyone interested in serving on the Planning Committee should email Ms. Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Ms. Cox reported the committee members are currently working on the Chemical Response Plan.

Corridor Updates (C101)

Downtown Corridor

Michael Olivier reported the Downtown Corridor met on August 4th at the City of Houston OEM where the corridor members learned more about their operations. The Houston Fusion Center gave a presentation and Texas Children's Hospital also gave a presentation regarding their decontamination event in July. The Downtown Corridor radio check was conducted this morning with increased participation and the corridor members continue to work on their participation. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1st at SETRAC.

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South Corridor

Michael Nixon reported the next South Corridor met on September 8th at Houston Methodist Clear Lake where they discussed the SNP full-scale exercise held a few weeks ago. Christy Gonzalez (Wharton EMS) was announced as the South Corridor co-chair. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th at the HCA Southeast.

East Corridor

Lydia Worthen reported the East Corridor met on September 15th at Chambers County Public Health with good discussion regarding upcoming events, lessons learned, and best practices. They are working to pull a group together to go to the FEMA training in Anniston, Alabama. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8th.

North Corridor

Stephen Bennett reported the North Corridor met for an in-person meeting on September 13th at the Pitser Garrison Civic Center in Lufkin. Jon Clingaman (TDEM) gave an overview of the County Liaison Officers Program and the new regional changes. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8th at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital.

West Corridor

Dena Daniel reported the West Corridor met on September 22nd at Memorial Hermann where Waller ISD was present to give a presentation on emergency management through the eyes of education. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday (December 15th) at Texas Children's Hospital West Campus. Ms. Daniel announced the West Corridor will be adjusting the 2024 meeting schedule to be scheduled the fourth Friday of every even month (February, April, June, August, October/Symposium, and December) versus odd months as in the past.

Partner Updates (C101)

Public Health

- **DSHS 6/5 South** – Ms. Spivey gave Justin Woodard's report in his absence as follows:

DSHS is experiencing a 'Red Tide' bloom in our waters last month, poisoning some shellfish in the Gulf and causing respiratory problems. We released alerts and fact sheets, but I am happy to report that the waters are now cleared and as "clean" as normal.

RSV numbers are on the rise statewide and within our region. As of 10/21, the positivity rate for PCR tests for RSV was 14.05% in Texas and 23.39% in Region 6. CDC released a HAN due to the limited availability of nirsevimab (the new monoclonal antibody for RSV to be given to infants during their first RSV season to protect against the infections) in the United States. CDC recommends prioritizing available nirsevimab 100mg doses for infants at the highest risk for severe RSV disease: young infants (age <6 months) and infants with underlying conditions that place them at highest risk for severe RSV disease.

There is a nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella* (strain *Salmonella Thompson*): Gills Onions is voluntarily recalling Gills Onions branded fresh diced onions products because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Recalled onions were sold in select stores and were also sent to restaurants and institutions nationwide and in Canada. There have been 73 associated illness and 15 hospitalizations in 22 states (including 1 case in Texas).

COVID numbers are also increasing. COVID case numbers are up 3.5% for last week (10/22-10/28) compared to the previous week in Texas. In Houston the COVID wastewater has been increasing since the report for 10/9. The latest report on the website from 10/23 shows 124% of the baseline compared to 98% the previous week.

OEM

- **City of Houston OEM** – Tom Munoz reported they are preparing the Veteran's Day Parade.

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- **Harris County OEM** – Mark Sloan reported they are working with the state on the College Football Championship scheduled for Monday (January 8th), the marathon in January, and monitoring the current protests. He reminded the hospitals to closely pay attention to the cyber activity that continues to be very high for the healthcare systems.

EMS

- **Wharton EMS** – Christy Gonzales reported they will be conducting a free radio 101 training with Harris County in December open to other agencies. Life Flight is hosting a pediatric course and advance cardiac life support training. Reach out to Ms. Gonzales for more details.
- **SETRAC** – No current update.

Other Partners

- **UTMB** – Mike Mastrangelo reported UTMB participated in an Arkansas-based hemorrhagic fever exercise. Working with Maritime Industries to develop an infectious diseases exercise. Also working with Texas City ISD on a hydrofluoric acid release plan and working with Port of Galveston on a phosphite release incident plan. In May, they will conduct a chemical symposium and exercise.
- **Harris Health System** – Santonio Hoke reported he is no longer the Emergency Manager for LBJ, and they are currently interviewing for this position.

Open Discussion/Other

Proposed 2024 RHPC Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Upton requested review and approval of the 2024 RHPC Board meeting schedule (*copy filed with RHPC Board minutes binder*). Toni Carnie suggested the July meeting be rescheduled for July 12th to avoid the July 4th holiday week. The coalition members agreed and approved the schedule with the July meeting change.

Bariatric Patients

There was discussion regarding the availability for bariatric patient equipment. Anyone with more information regarding this matter, please forward it to Ms. Spivey at lisa.spivey@setrac.org.

Whole Blood Workgroup

Clayton Ehrlich reported the EMS Committee has a new subcommittee called the EMS Blood Products Subcommittee. This subcommittee is looking to regionalize the processes of prehospital blood administration to ensure that we as a region are being good stewards and reducing waste of blood. The subcommittee had its second meeting recently where we created two workgroups of the subcommittee were established; they are the EMS Blood Products Clinical Workgroup and the EMS Blood Products Operations & Logistics Workgroup. Gulf Coast Blood Bank was also in attendance at the meeting to get the regionalization process implemented with them as a partner. More to come on this initiative and we are excited to get this regional process in place.

Information Technology

Jeremiah Williamson – Director

System Analyst – Jason Nolin

Infrastructure Development:

- The IT group has migrated ticketing to a platform providing more IT Service Management functionality than the previous ticketing system. In addition, this platform also provides scalability for growing operations. The new SETRAC Support portal brings a more modern ticket creation and tracking, vendor contract management, a self-support portal for Staff, workflow automation, and asset and lifecycle management.
- IT is assisting Preparedness in developing a Behavioral Health Report utilizing an electronic form for data collection and Microsoft's Power Automate, Dataverse, and Power BI to create the reports. This is intended to provide necessary visibility on behavioral health activity for more informed decision-making.

Service Continuity:

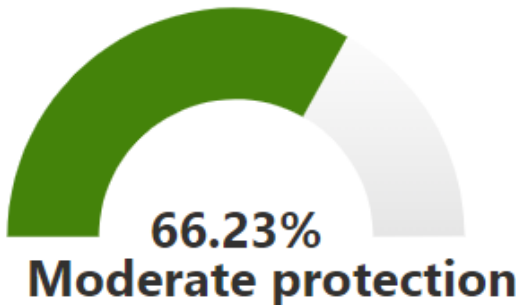
- A much-needed update to the IT Policy has been published with the revised employee handbook. This new Acceptable Use Policy recognizes the critical importance of information security and is committed to protecting sensitive data. This policy outlines the acceptable use of the devices and services within the organization. To also accompany this policy is an Acceptable Use of Microsoft Teams and an Identity Protection Guideline.
- IT is developing a plan to onboard Low Earth Orbit satellite connectivity to replace the older, more expensive VSAT technology.
- IT has continued rolling out on-premise server upgrades. This is necessary to maintain the appropriate security posture of SETRAC's infrastructure by staying current with security standards.

Training:

- To better support SETRAC's Staff, IT is developing a self-help knowledge base in the new Support Portal to provide SETRAC staff with access to policies, technical articles, and how-to documentation. This is an effort to help resolve common questions or issues and allow IT staff to focus on more complex problems and projects.

Information Security Summary:

Your organization's overall cybersecurity strength has **improved by 2.74%** since last month. A higher number indicates more recommended actions have been taken, which minimizes your risk from attacks.



Your score is 18.16% higher than other organizations



Phishing protection hasn't changed
Ransomware protection increased by 0.44%

Attack name	Your score
Phishing protection	88.41% (0%)
Ransomware protection	75.49% (+0.44%)



Trauma Committee

Medical Director: Dr Michelle McNutt

Chair: Dr Chad Wilson

Vice Chair: LeAnne Young and Adam Fitzhenry

The committee met in person on 01/4/2024. This was our first Trauma Day Trauma Committee meeting. We had 81 stakeholders in attendance.

The next committee meeting will be held on 03/14/2024.

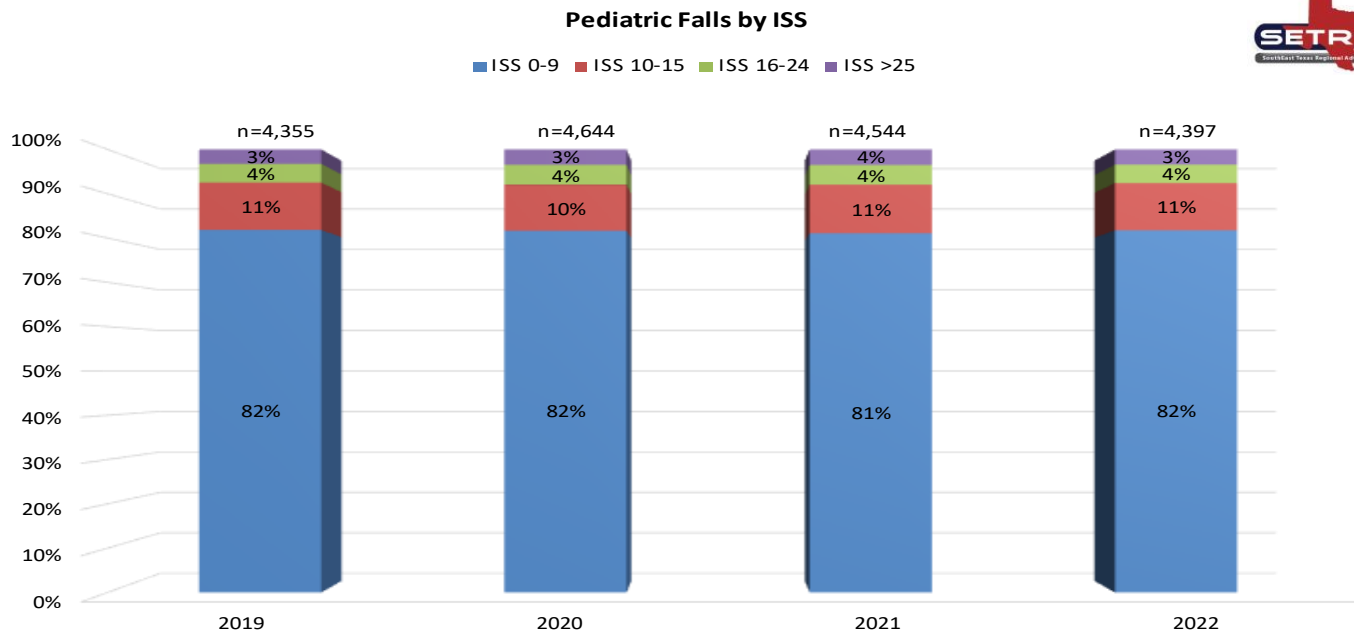
The focus of the committee includes:

- Our 2024 goals
 - Our completed 2023 goals are:
 1. Completed MCI/Medical Surge Plan
 2. Impact Level II Abstract
 3. Tourniquet usage White Paper
 4. Trauma Registry Workshop 2023
 - Our 2024 goals are:
 1. Understand the scope and distribution of patients.
 2. The SETRAC Blood Product workgroup having an operational program by the end of 2024.
 3. Support smaller Level III and IV Trauma Facilities with standardized policies, guidelines and mentoring.
 4. Assist the EMS Committee with the development of the Pre-Hospital Registry.
 5. Standardize the “Follow Up” process for our Region.
- Trauma Rules
 - The new Trauma Rules are expected to be released for public comment on January 19th, 2024. We have an open meeting planned for January 30th to allow us to delve into them as a region. Public comment will close on February 19th.
 - Hospitals that survey under the American College of Surgeons will now be surveyed from the Grey Book rules.
 - We have several facilities that have completed successful surveys, but the designation is being delayed by over 100 days in some instances. We are also continuing to see “clean” surveys from TETAF but the hospital will be given contingencies or focused reviews by the State.
 - The common themes for Contingencies and Focused Reviews are:
 1. Nursing documentation
 2. Identification of all deviations
 3. Actions taken to address deviations

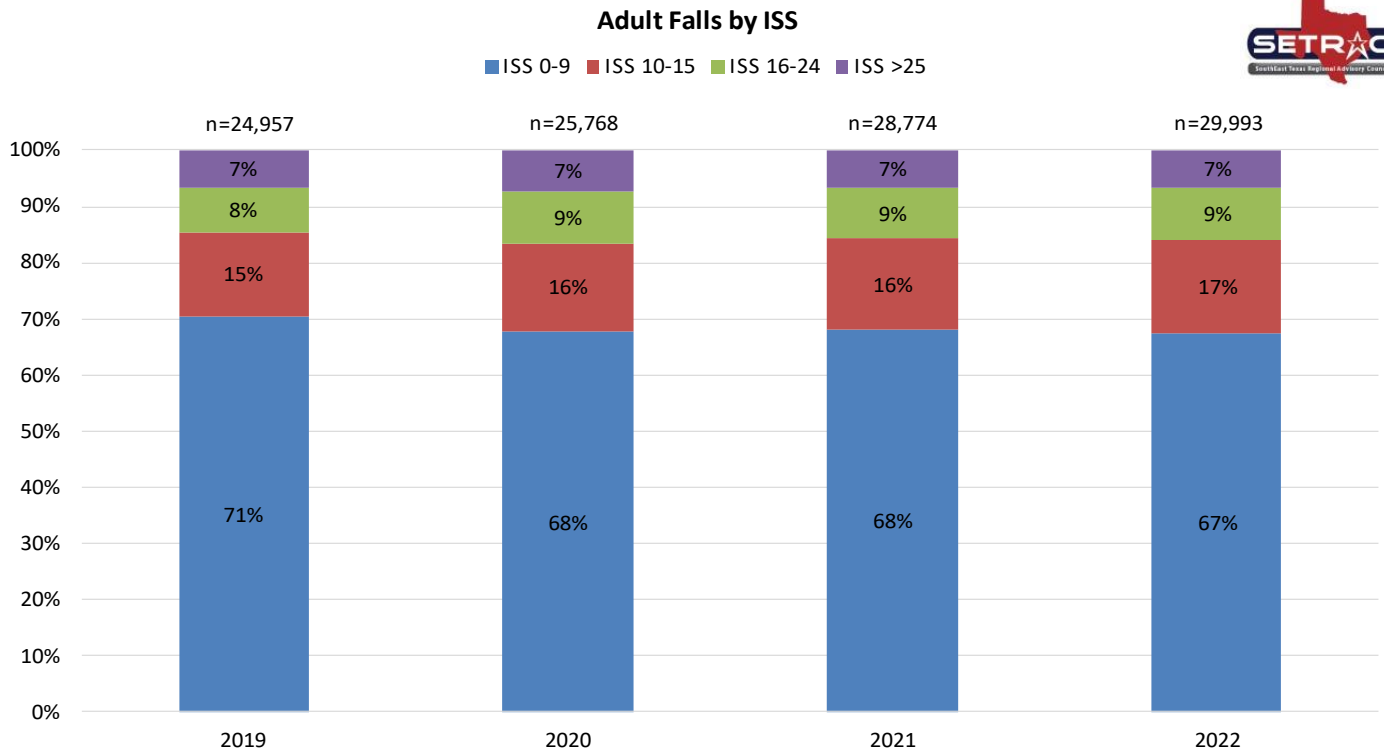
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4. “Loop closure” resolution
5. TMD credentialing and program participation
6. Continuous PI for the 3-year cycle
7. TMD participation in PI
8. Specialty physician credentialing and education.

- Trauma Registry
 - We had a successful first IRR (Inter rater reliability) quiz that we will expand on during our upcoming workshop. Our current overall accuracy is at 60%. We would hope to see an increase to at least 80% after the workshop education.
 - Our goal is to produce a poster presentation for TQIP on IRR at the RAC level. As far as we know we are the only RAC that is doing this currently.
 - Our next Regional Trauma Registry Workshop is scheduled for February 16th, 2024. We already have over 50 participants registered.
 - We are forming a small workgroup to work on a PI initiative from the State – we will be looking specifically at transfer out to HLOC times in the adult population with criteria specified by GETAC
- Trauma Data
 - Falls remains our number one mechanism of injury across all ages.



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Injury Prevention Committee

Medical Director: Dr. Shiree Berry, MD; FACS

Chair: Kristen Beckworth, MPH, CHES, CPST-1 Texas Children's Hospital

Vice Chair: Blake Milnes HCESD 5

The committee met in person on 01/04/2024. The next committee meeting will be held on 03/14/2024.

The focus of the committee includes:

- Community Education
 - We had a very successful Fall Fair in November in conjunction with Precinct 2. We welcomed over 100 members of the community from several zip codes. We are planning on having a Health Fair again in 2024.
 - During the fair, we provided education on home safety, fall prevention, firearm safety, safe driving for seniors, emergency preparedness, stop the bleed and well as blood pressure checks and healthy eating.
- We will be working on community education for swimming pool safety and fall prevention education.
- Continued collaboration with injury prevention for firearm safety in the pediatric population.

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- We currently have 2 hospitals involved in a HVIP (Hospital Based Violence Intervention) Program. The committee will continue to support this education across our region.

Pediatric Committee

The Medical Director: Dr. Brent Kaziny

Committee Chair: Dr. Nichole Davis

Vice Chairs: Andre Ruby and Eric Parmley

The committee met in person on 01/04/2024. We had 58 stakeholders attend our first Trauma Day Pediatric Committee. This is the largest number ever in attendance at the Pediatric Committee. The next committee meeting will be on 03/14/2024.

The focus of the committee includes:

- Continued collaboration with injury prevention for firearm safety in the pediatric population
- Education on Inflicted Injuries – the term Non-Accidental Trauma has been replaced with Inflicted Injury.
- We have 2 Nurses that have confirmed they will be our Regional PECCs (Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators) They will be helping to educate ER staff across our region on Pediatric Readiness.
- We will continue to work within the G7 Pediatric Readiness Grant to bring education and information to our stakeholders.



Stroke Committee

Medical Director: Dr. Sean Savitz

Chair: Dr. Chethan Venkatasubba Rao

Vice Chair: Christy Gonzales and Dr. Bryan Kharbanda

The committee met in person on 9/27/23. The next committee meeting will be held on 1/24/24. The focus of the committee includes:

- Extended Window Strokes
 - The committee has identified a trend of 70% of patients arriving to a designated stroke facility outside of the 4.5-hour window. Parameters for Extended Window Strokes have been identified as Last Known Well from 4.5 hours – 24 hours. Developing a heatmap to focus regional efforts in areas of high stroke incidence.
- Rehab Utilization
 - The committee aims to identify socio-economic indicators, to include rural vs urban, insured vs uninsured, ethnicity, etc. regarding rehab utilization. A Dashboard is published for the subcommittee to use in a PI project.
- Pre-Hospital Metrics for Stroke
 - Stakeholders have identified EMS metrics that would aide in achieving the committee goals. The metrics have been presented to the EMS Committee and are being evaluated through the EMS data workgroup.
 - The committee leaders are aware that Stroke CEO reports will be provided to EMS Medical Directors to improve care from all aspects.
- International Stroke Conference (ISC)
 - Dr. Rao submitted an abstract to ISC with a goal to present on the “Evolution of Stroke Care” within our region at the 2024 ISC. This will highlight gaps to increase transparency and performance improvement.
- 2024 Stroke Bootcamp
 - Planning this event for the January 2024, speakers and topics confirmed.
 - The bootcamp will be held for data abstractors and stroke coordinators.

Cardiac Committee

Medical Director: Dr. James McCarthy

Chair: Dr. Kevin Schulz

Vice Chairs: David Bernard / OPEN Physician Position

This committee meets quarterly and met on 10/20/23. Nominations are open for the Physician co-chair position. The next Committee meeting will be held on 1/26/24. The focus of the committee includes:

- Committee Goal: **Develop community education, including a regional hands-only CPR event.**
 - “Heart of the Matter” community education program in development in collaboration with the stroke and perinatal committees.
 - Program will offer hands-only CPR, Stroke, cardiac and maternal education related to blood pressure management, and BE-FAST.
 - High risk zip codes identified through data will be target audience.
 - Grant request for donation of home blood pressure monitors and logs are pending.
- Committee Goal: **Unified social media presence related to STEMI regional education.**
 - February Heart Health Month featured unified social media messaging.
- Committee Goal: **Develop Regional Cardiac Plan**
 - The Regional Cardiac Plan was approved by stakeholders on 4/28/23 obtaining Board approval 7/17/23. The Regional Cardiac Plan includes:
 - Data submission and meeting participation requirements to remain a member in good standing and maintain PCI status on EMResource and SETRAC’s Cardiac webpage.
 - Requirement to provide case feedback to EMS.
 - Responsibilities of the Medical Director position
 - NCDR Chest Pain-MI Registry: Pending revised agreements.
 - Patient level data, not to include PHI, will be available once access is obtained.
 - Data will be used to meet the data requirements of the RAC self-assessment tool, as well as assist in formulating data driven goals.

Perinatal Committee

Neonatal Medical Director: Dr. David Weisoly

Maternal Medical Director: OPEN

Committee Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Eason

Vice Chairs: Kendra Folh/ Zach Ward

The last meeting was held on 12/6/2023. The next meeting will be held on 3/13/24. EMS co-chair election was held 12/6/23 with Zach Ward approved for the position. The focus of the committee includes:

- The Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB)
 - This group is focusing on recognition and response to postpartum preeclampsia in the Emergency Department (PPED). Eight hospitals from our region have enrolled in the project. The goal is to obtain baseline data and increase the treatment of patients by 50%
 - This group also focuses on improving newborn admission temperatures. RAC Q has strong participation in this project with 76% of our hospitals enrolled.
- Maternal Morbidity & Mortality Workgroup Focus:
 - The new Maternal Rules and House Bill 1164 Placenta Accreta Spectrum Disorder are in effect. Dr. Toy developed an educational video on Placenta Accreta Spectrum to assist hospitals to comply with HB 1164, maternal designation, and preparation for PASD. The video is hosted on the SETRAC Learning Management System and has more than 500 learners. The education offers nursing and paramedic continuing education credits.
 - This group is encouraging all hospitals and clinics to look at the overall treatment of patients to see if we are identifying and diagnosing the conditions as early as possible. This can aide in positively changing the racial and ethnic disparities that lead to increased mortality rate.
 - Initial discussions have begun to collaborate with the March of Dimes on the implementation of a Maternal and Infant Mobile health clinic in Houston.
- Infant Morbidity & Mortality Workgroup Focus:
 - A list of QAPI triggers is being developed that all hospitals will be encouraged to follow as a way of quality improvement and tracking. Current practices are being reviewed to ensure regional best practices are utilized.
- Perinatal Planning Workgroup Focus:
 - Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP): Training for EMS
 - NRP instructors throughout the region have volunteered their time to teach our EMS partners. Nine classes have been held with 162 participants. Classes for 2024 are in planning. The goal is to reduce infant mortality through education and skills in the prehospital setting.
 - This group will begin focusing on ensuring bed reporting is accurate for disaster preparedness.
- Breastmilk at Discharge Workgroup:

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- Project Aim: By January 1, 2024, 75% of all NICU babies will discharge on mother's own milk. According to the Q1-Q4 2022 data, the region is currently at 68.4%.
 - Project Aim: By January 1, 2024, 55% of all VLBW babies will discharge on mother's own milk. According to the Q1-Q4 2022 data, the region is currently at 52.03%.
 - Neonatal designated facilities share their best practices at each meeting.
- Antibiotic Timeliness Workgroup:
 - The initial project goal was to achieve $\leq 31\%$ of babies receiving antibiotics more than one hour after order or birth. The latest data reflects the region is down to 26.8%. The goal for Jan 2024 is now 20%.
 - The "Beat the Clock" initiative was adopted to decrease the percent of NICU infants receiving antibiotics in the first week of life more than 1 hour after order/birth.
- Neonatal and Maternal Program Manager Subcommittee:
 - This group ensures regional neonatal and maternal program managers and medical directors are abreast of the Texas Administrative Code and support through designation surveys.
 - Review and discussion of new DSHS designation rules occurred at last meeting. Feedback is being captured to share with DSHS.



Prehospital / EMS Committee

Medical Director: Vacant

Chair: Jason Gander

Vice Chair: Kevin Leverence, Dr. Joseph Gill

The committee met in person on 11/10/23. The next committee meeting will be held on 1/19/24. Committee highlights include:

- **EMS Workforce Development Initiative (Senate Bill 8):**
The link/webpage on the SETRAC website for more information regarding the SB8/DSHS scholarship remains active and continues to gain attraction. Since its live date we have received over 1040 inquiries regarding the scholarship. To date SETRAC has distributed 149 scholarships (EMT=39, AEMT=7, Paramedic=103). Expenditures for the SB8 Initiative total \$917,112.08 and unexpended funds total \$654,673.26.
- **88th Legislative EMS Update:**
In the 88th Legislative Session, HB624 was passed that allowed a firefighter exemption for the transportation of certain patients, to a hospital, in a non-transport vehicle (fire apparatus). The SETRAC board has approved a HB624 Guidance document and Algorithm that is located on the SETRAC website under the EMS Committee page.
- **Texas EMS Wristband Program:**
Training and education on implementation are currently under development with the beginning stages of a pilot program. This pilot stage will last approximately 3 months with selected agencies. The pilot will assist in creating regional education and implementation throughout the remainder of the region. Over 500,000 wristbands were purchased by SETRAC and a set amount are currently being distributed to our pilot partners.
- **Pulsara Workgroup:**
The Pulsara workgroup met for the first time in November 2023. This workgroup incorporated EMS and hospital users to establish common usage trends within our region. The group is working on developing minimum data sets to send hospitals on different patient populations (trauma, stroke, cardiac etc.). The goal would be to ensure EMS and Hospitals are communicating regional best practices for this program. The next meeting is to be held in the first quarter of 2024.
- **SETRAC EMS Blood Products Subcommittee:**
The EMS Committee has recently formed a new subcommittee called the EMS Blood Products Subcommittee. This subcommittee was established to define best practices for prehospital administration of blood as well as implementation of a blood program into an agency. The subcommittee is looking to regionalize the processes of prehospital whole blood administration to ensure that the region is being good stewards of whole blood while reducing waste. The

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subcommittee has been meeting monthly. At the last meeting, on December 15th, the subcommittee established and defined two workgroups, the EMS Blood Products Operations/Logistics Workgroup, and the EMS Blood Products Clinical Workgroup. These workgroups of the subcommittee are tasked with developing the program with respect to the workgroup focus. The goal is to for there to be significant movement and implementation in the region by the end of 2024. Gulf Coast Blood Bank has been in each meeting and will work with the subcommittee and workgroups to create best practices for the rotation of blood.

- **EMS Data:**

SETRAC is attempting to find the best possible process in collecting this data. At the first EMS Data meeting the EMS members agreed for SETRAC to receive the NEMSIS data. This data would provide a significant resource and value to the region. We are working to continue to find a process that would allow SETRAC to receive the data that EMS submits to be able to make data driven decisions for regional performance.

- **Regional Quality of Care:**

The EMS committee has encouraged members to attend other SETRAC committee meetings and have encouraged members of other clinical committees to attend the pre-hospital meetings (stroke, trauma, inj. prev., cardiac, etc.).

EMS Committee Goals for 2023/2024	
Goals	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reengaging the EMS Whole Blood Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a list of providers using pre-hospital blood and creating best practices on being good stewards of whole blood.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMS Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin to collect data from EMS partners to make accurate data driven decision on best practices and regional guidelines.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional MCI Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To engage a group of agencies to determine/ establish common MCI nomenclature and terminology for guidelines to establish best practices for the region.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To distribute an engagement survey for quality purposes, and to ensure the pre-hospital committee is remaining relevant to its stakeholders.