

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gander called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was held in-person at SETRAC and virtually via Zoom. The meeting attendance roster is attached.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> EMS County Funding SETRAC will be sending out the documents during the next month. These are being distributed earlier than previous years so that the funds might be able to be distributed. <u>New Business</u> Legislative Update The RAC has approved a guidance document and algorithm regarding HB 624 (firefighters transport of certain patients to hospitals.) The document is located on the SETRAC website on the EMS Committee page. EMS agencies with rates set by an elected body will need to submit their information to the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) via the database on their website. The program is expected to go into effect on February 1st. Those agencies who do not submit their rates to the TDI will be reimbursed at 350% above Medicare. Balance billing will no longer be allowed for TDI plans.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.

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with the Trauma Committee to establish best practices and obtain feedback from this committee.	STRAC's MIST form as a guideline for all patients, not just trauma patients.	
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update This group did not meet prior to this meeting. • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) The date/time of the next meeting will be scheduled. Eric Bank will meet with Clayton Ehrlich to set a date/time for the operations and clinical subcommittees to meet as well. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank continues to be on board with the program.	No action items or recommendations. Mr. Ehrlich proposed having all EMS meetings take place on the same day, similar to the other SETRAC service lines.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMResource CAD Interface Update No update at this time. • Bariatric Transports No update at this time. <u>New Business</u> • Pulsara Workgroup Pulsara has agreed to have a meeting during the first quarter of this year. Information will be sent to committee members once the date/time is determined. Close to 13,000 patients were entered into Pulsara in December 2023 for the SETRAC region, which is an increase from November 2023. The CHI system has signed and agreement with Pulsara for the state of Texas.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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SETRAC Committee Updates Flyers and sign-up sheets were distributed for agencies to sign-up to participate/host Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) courses and to participate in SETRAC's new Heart of the Matter program, which will provide hands only CPR courses and education on risk factors related to stroke, maternal mortality and cardiac disease in high-risk areas.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> No items to report. <u>New Business</u> Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Grant Kelley introduced as the new EMTF-6 coordinator. Chris Collier is no longer with SETRAC. Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update No items to report.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> No report at this time. <u>New Business</u> No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Closed. Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> <u>EMS Committee Medical Director Position</u> Dr. Lesley Osborn has transferred to another state, therefore	Anyone interested in serving as the	Update to be provided at the next



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vacating the medical director position. An email was sent out the day prior to this meeting for nominations. <u>Partner Updates</u> Dudley Wait reported that The Federal Department of Justice has released its report on the response to the Uvalde shooting. Prehospital items of note included: - EMS not able to plug into a unified command. - EMS not able to position assets as they were not notified by DPS and border patrol when they were reaching the room. - DPS and border patrol began moving and triaging patients without involving EMS. - EMS referred to several times as ambulance drivers. Chief Wait sent an email and asked the committee if any EMS professionals and law enforcement agencies are routinely using substance abuse emergency detention orders and if anyone has expertise in these patients that go somewhere other than an emergency room. It appeared that members of the committee did not have much expertise with this topic. Mr. Gander proposed the idea of a sepsis criteria for the region. Mr. Gander also proposed the idea of identifying resuscitation centers of excellence, mainly centered around cardiac arrest patients. Criteria would need to be developed including, post-arrest care, percent of post-arrest STEMI's go to the cath lab, target temperature management, cardiac care rehab, etc. Attendees at the meeting felt this would be a good initiative to pursue. Feedback included how to get different facets of the hospital to be involved and who could champion the initiative. <u>Walker County EMS Presentation</u> Rachel Parker, Chris Toman, and Dr. Jay Kovar on "A Paradigm	committee's medical director can reach out to Mr. Ehrlich. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Anyone interested in being on the task force for this can contact Mr. Gander. A recommendation was made for the EMS liaisons for the hospitals identify champions that could take on this initiative, possibly the chest pain coordinators. Anyone interested in being a part of the workgroup can contact Mr. Gander. No action items or recommendations.	meeting. Closed. Closed. Update to be provided at an upcoming meeting. Update to be provided at an upcoming meeting. Closed.



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Shift in C-Spine Immobilization. The presentation discussed the agency's reduction of using rigid cervical collars to using a soft collar or no collar at all. <u>Survey</u> A survey was sent to collect data on what agencies do for sepsis, trauma, carrying blood, etc., that will assist agencies networking with other agencies and standardizing practices in the region. The results of this survey will be provided at an upcoming meeting. <u>EMS Rules (County Pass Through Funding)</u> Lori Upton reported that the state's EMS rules for the county pass through funds are open for comments through February 19th. The rules have not substantially changed in comparison to the previous rules. <u>Regional Plan for Roads with Ice Conditions</u> Chief Wait inquired if there was a regional plan for when roads are closed due to icy conditions or other regional weather-related issues. RACs will soon be able to view the status of dialysis facilities in EMResource. The mobile dialysis unit has been developed and is waiting for agreements to be finalized with interested partners.	No action items or recommendations. The link to the rules will be sent through the listservs. All agencies are encouraged to read the rules and provide comment if necessary. Everyone is encouraged to respond separately and not as a RAC. A suggestion was made for the committee to develop guidelines for when roads are closed due to regional weather events. Once developed, the guidelines can be presented to the SETRAC board for approval.	Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15th at SETRAC.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.

EMS Committee Meeting Attendance - January 19, 2024

First Name	Last Name	Hospital/Agency
Ahmad	Abodeeb	Cy-Fair Fire Department
Steven	Adams	Channelview Fire Department
Mo	Akintola	Memorial Hermann Katy
Robert	Atripaldi	Fort Bend County EMS
Jay	Barrera	Harris County ESD #48
Mark	Bitz	Jersey Village Fire Department
Mike	Bodak	Jacinto City Fire Department
Chance	Brown	Acadian Ambulance
C.J.	Brown	Southlake Houston EMS
Garret	Bubela	El Campo EMS
Robert	Campos	Matagorda County EMS
Sean	Conley	Atascocita VFD
Joseph	Eber	Hatzalah of Houston
Darrell	Fales	Friendswood Fire Department EMS
Albert	Figueroa	Bellaire Fire Department
Trey	Frankovich	Public Health
Brandon	Glenn	North Channel EMS/ HCESD6
William	Godfrey	City of Pearland
Christy	Gonzales	Wharton EMS
Aron	Hanson	Memorial Hermann Life Flight
Christopher	Hardman	PHI Air Medical
Roland	Hobbs	North Channel EMS/ HCESD6
Marti	Ingvarsen	Colorado County EMS
Nathan	Jung	HCA Houston Healthcare (regional rep)
Christopher	Kalmbach	East Bernard EMS, Inc.
Jason	Kendall	Village Fire Department
Shannon	Lenox	Harris County ESD #4
Ramiro	Martinez	Channelview Fire Department
Lisa	Martinez	HCA Houston Healthcare (regional rep)
Chris	McQueen	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest
Thomas	Miller	Humble Fire Department EMS
Blake	Milnes	Harris County ESD #5
Walter	Morrow	Austin County EMS
Michael	Nixon	Fort Bend County EMS
Matthew	Ondruch	Katy Fire Department
Rachel	Parker	Huntsville-Walker County EMS
Justin	Reed	Cy-Fair Fire Department
Chuck	Rowe	DSHS
James	Sheffield	Houston Fire Department
Erik	Skow	Baytown Fire Department
Adam	Smith	West University Place Fire Department
Andrew	Smith	Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department
Eric	Steffel	Northwest Community Health/HCESD8

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Josh	Taylor	Community Volunteer Fire Department
Robert	Turner	City of Seabrook
Keir	Vernon	Harris County Emergency Corps
Dudley	Wait	Fort Bend County EMS
Theresa	Young	Highlands Volunteer Fire Department