



SETRAC EMS Committees

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CALL TO ORDER

Allen Sims called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was held in-person at SETRAC and virtually via Zoom.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS County Funding The county funding from the previous fiscal year and current fiscal shows a decrease of \$26,800. A meeting will be held with Harris County agencies to decide on how to divide the funds among each eligible agency. • EMS Run Affidavit DSHS is no longer accepting affidavits for trauma runs. SETRAC has appealed the formula used for funding that is being provided by the state for our region. • Senate Bill 8 – EMS Education Approximately 280 inquiries and 50 applications have been received; however, most of the application packets are being submitted incomplete. A position has been created at SETRAC to assist with this program. • EMS Wristband Initiative The required implementation of this initiative is delayed to July 2024. Hospitals are working with their electronic medical record vendors to have the field activated for the wristband numbers.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.

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<u>New Business</u> SETRAC Leadership Update Lori Upton has been named as CEO of SETRAC. The quarterly board meeting will be held on Monday evening at SETRAC. Board meeting documents and RSVP can be found on the SETRAC website. - A trauma clinical manager position, EMS coordinator position, and operations director position is being created at SETRAC. Legislative Update Several bills of interest were presented to the committee which include emergency telemedicine medical services and telehealth services in rural areas, benefits for first responders related to illness and injury, emergency medical transport by fire fighters or certain patients, and authority of an emergency services district to provide preventive health care services. DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update The staffing waiver expired in November. Those needing a waiver will need to complete and application for a variance. GETAC Update GETAC meetings will be held the first week in March. Lisa Spivey at SETRAC has been chosen to serve on the GETAC Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.

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Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) One of the barriers to getting more hospitals to actively participate including voluntary buy-in, the resources available, and how it will be funded.	EMS agencies are encouraged to reach out to their hospital partners to encourage participation and to attend the Cardiac Committee meeting to discuss the CARES initiative.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Advanced Directives/DNRs from Nursing Homes (Trauma/MIH) No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple) No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Pre-Hospital Use of Ketamine (Trauma) No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Heart Healthy Community Program (Cardiac) The program is still available for those interested in becoming a Heart Healthy Community.	Those wanting additional information or need assistance with collecting data for the application can reach out to Tonya Carter at SETRAC.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Falls Prevention Awareness (Injury Prevention) The Tai Chi program is being pushed to assist with falls prevention.	Those wanting additional information for falls prevention can reach out to Tonya Carter at SETRAC.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
It's Only White Line – Houston TranStar (Trauma) The Injury Prevention Committee is working with TranStar to provide community education.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC)		



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No report at this time. • EMResource Language Update (All) No report at this time. • ED Committee The committee raised the concern about behavioral health patients presenting at the ERs. An initiative, headed by Lisa Spivey, is being developed to focus on mental health patients and will include meetings with hospitals, psychiatric facilities, EMS, and law enforcement agencies. • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool No report at this time. <u>New Business</u> • Perinatal Planning WG – NRP Course Presentation Traci Dauwe gave a presentation on the Newborn Resuscitation Program and the course that was recently held at Harris County Emergency Corps. Take home packets were distributed to each student that attended the course. The next course will take place on March 29th at the 3rd Annual Fort Bend County EMS Symposium (registration is now closed.)	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Anyone interested in hosting a future course can email: tonya.carter@setrac.org, tracie.dauwe@memorialhermann.org, martin.delaney@hcahealthcare.com, or heather.lozada@commonspirit.org.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Closed.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update The subcommittee continues to discuss mental health issues as they pertain to EMS. Several EMS agencies are taking patients from the field directly to behavioral health facilities when extensive medical assistance is not needed.	Anyone interested in attending the meetings is invited to do so. Meetings are held one hour prior to the EMS Committee meetings.	Standing report.



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• EMS Education Workgroup An update will be provided at the next meeting. • EMS Data Workgroup Data points have been received from the Trauma Committee that they would like from EMS. SETRAC will pull the information together and work with PCR vendors to determine a way to obtain the data as easily as possible.	No action items or recommendations. Committee members are encouraged to provide suggestions for EMS data they would like to see reported at future meetings.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMResource CAD Interface Update No report at this time. • Pulsara This topic is being reviewed by the SETRAC board among hospital providers to determine if this is able to be rolled out regionally. • Bariatric Transports This continues to be an issue in the region. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Committee Updates Included in “Joint Committee Initiatives” section. • HCA Case Presentation Dr. Yafei Ouyang and Dr. Chivas Guillote gave a case presentation on the Code EMS to OR (ETO) protocol in place at HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest and the results of the first patient where the protocol was used.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Any facilities that are capable of transporting bariatric patients are asked to notify SETRAC in case their services are needed by others in the region. EMS is encouraged to attend any of the SETRAC committee meetings. 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. Closed. Closed.



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<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> • COVID Update TDEM is looking to keep a cache of PPE in the state for future use if needed. More information will be sent out from TDEM regarding burn rates for PPE. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update There are currently no activations ongoing. Past activations include wildfire responses, hospital evacuation exercises and trainings, active shooter workshops, the World Series Parade in downtown Houston, and a potential chemical exposure in Brazoria County. An update was provided on upcoming regional trainings. The Houston ambus is currently out-of-service due to an upgrade being performed. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update The Clinical Advisory Committee is developing a radiological response plan that includes information on the response procedure and example guidelines on how hospitals are going to receive and treat patients in the region. Tabletop exercises regarding a radiological response will be held at corridor meetings and the annual functional exercise will be held in April.	No action items or recommendations. Information regarding upcoming exercises and trainings will be sent out via the EMTF-6 listserv. EMTF members are asked to go onto the EMTF WebEOC server and update contact information and past activations. EMS agencies are encouraged to attend the corridor meetings to participate in the tabletop exercises.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u>		



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• Standardized Response Time Language No report at this time. • Critical Care Transport Matrix No report at this time. <u>New Business</u> No items to report.	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. Standing report.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> <u>Committee Leadership</u> Nominations are open for the EMS Committee leadership positions. Chief Justin Reed and Dr. Lesley Osborn will not be seeking renominations for their current positions. A vote will be taken once nominations are received.	Anyone interested in serving in the EMS or physician roles are encouraged to email chris.collier@setrac.org.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Chief Reed adjourned the meeting at 11:57am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17th at SETRAC.	Information regarding the next meeting date will be sent via email.	Closed.