



CALL TO ORDER

Allen Sims called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Local Project Grant Funding Notice will be received at the end of April on how much money will be allocated to this funding stream. The goal is to have a consensus by the March meeting to decide how to spend these funds once they are made available. • EMS County Funding All packages have been sent to eligible agencies. • EMS Run Affidavit At this time, DSHS is planning on using the numbers reported in affidavits from two years ago in addition to data pulled from the state database. SETRAC numbers should remain somewhat constant. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Dues There are currently 12 agencies that are not current on dues for 2021. Those agencies will be contacted after the meeting. Dues for 2022 will go out in March/April. Agencies must be current on	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
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dues for 2021 and 2022 in order to be eligible for passthrough funding going forward. • Leadership Update The state has \$21.7 million allocated from the American Rescue Plan that will go towards EMS workforce development. A proposal will be submitted to the governor's office on how the money will be spent. Input from the region will be accepted. Ideas discussed include how to increase EMS recruitment and maintain their careers in the EMS workforce. • Legislative Update During the previous legislative session, a rule was passed requiring the development of protocols by EMS for the transport of dialysis patients. The state is reviewing the intent of this law with the authors as the language is vague. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update The governor has extended the waiver for the staffing variance to August 26th at 12:01am. • GETAC Update The GETAC EMS Committee met during the Texas EMS Conference in November. One of the main topics of discussion was the workforce development initiative. Meetings are again being held in-person. • EMS Wristband Initiative SETRAC just ordered 10,000 bands for the region. This initiative will be piloted with a few agencies, including those that serve SETRAC and RAC-R or RAC-H if interested. Cy-Fair has agreed to serve as one of the pilot agencies. Committee leadership will review documents and information for this initiative which will then be shared with this committee.	No action items or recommendations. More information regarding the rule will be distributed as received. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) The program was recently rolled out at Cy-Fair. Gulf Coast Regional and other blood banks are experiencing shortages with is leading to barriers to expanding the program. • Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) A quarterly report will be provided at the next meeting. More agencies in the region have joined the initiative or have expressed interest. • Advanced Directives/DNRs from Nursing Homes (Trauma/MIH) The work for this topic has been completed by the MIH-CP Subcommittee and has been moved to the Special Populations department at SETRAC. • Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple) This continues to be an issue by stroke, trauma and cardiac committees. A position has not been formalized by this committee. This topic will need to be addressed by a workgroup as not all 911 providers have the capabilities required for inter-facility transport. • Pre-Hospital Use of Ketamine (Trauma) No updates at this time. • Heart Healthy Community Program (Cardiac) Interested agencies can reach out to Cindy King at cking@sugarlandtx.gov for assistance with the toolkit.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. 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. Closed. 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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• Falls Prevention Awareness (Injury Prevention) Over 20 people have been certified as trainers for teaching Tai Chi with an additional 5 people to be certified soon. This train-the-trainer program will continue if there is additional interest. • EMS LVO Assessment Review (Stroke) The Stroke Committee will be reviewing LVO data including door to puncture times and the number of patients that are transferred to receive thrombectomies. The data collection can be used to report on how many LVO patients were transferred by 911 and their outcomes, which can be reported at a future meeting. • It's Only a White Line – Houston Transtar (Trauma) This program is also being discussed in the Trauma Committee. SETRAC is currently waiting on the specific data points that need to be collected for the program so it can be determined how the data should be collected. <u>New Business</u> • Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma / RHPC) Following a recent MCI event, and after-action report indicated that there are differences in the region for the leveling of MCIs. The workgroup will be formed to put together a description of each level of MCIs, standardizing the messaging in the alerts that are sent to hospitals and other providers, and determining additional information to be included when notifications go out (such as road closures.)	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Additional information will be provided as received.	Closed. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update The subcommittee presented the committee with the idea of having a standardization of board certification for community	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.



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paramedicine throughout the region and create a community paramedic course (or review course). • EMS Education Workgroup No updates at this time. • EMS Data Workgroup No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMResource CAD Interface Update The site will be going live soon with Montgomery County Hospital District data. Other agencies with dispatch centers will be added. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Committee Updates The clinical database will be upgraded so users can upload cardiac and stroke data. The pediatric committee will begin looking at pediatric trauma data. • Pediatric Trauma Case Review – HCA – Conroe The SETRAC trauma protocols were recently revised with a lot of change in discussing the role of adult trauma centers caring for unstable pediatric patients who may not make it to a pediatric trauma center in time. HCA Conroe, Allegiance Mobile Health, and HCA AIRLife gave a presentation of a case which involved a critical pediatric patient that was treated at their facility. The patient was later transferred to a Level I pediatric trauma center, had no additional surgeries, and was released home.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Standing report. Closed.



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• Pulsara During the COVID pandemic, the state entered into a contract with Pulsara which would assist RACs and hospitals to transfer patients to other areas of the state. Although not covered by the state, SETRAC can look into having hospitals and EMS providers use Pulsara for regional needs if there is interest. • OD Map Use A presentation was made at a previous meeting. Anyone interested in participating can reach out to Chris Collier. A request to add a checkbox has been requested to ESO as it is a national program. • Harris County Public Health HDE Harris County Public Health has a new Public Health Director who is working on some initiatives including: HART – Holistic Approach Response Team. This team will respond to situations where fire, EMS, and law enforcement may not be needed. Grant program for hospitals and agencies in Harris County to tie into ESO's HDE to get outcomes on patients. • Unlicensed Group Home Enforcement During the last session, legislation made it a Class B misdemeanor to operate a boarding facility. This allows fire marshals and law enforcement to shut down unlicensed group homes. A work group has been formed that includes adult protective services, HHSC and various law enforcement agencies to help determine where these patients should go when the unlicensed group home is shut down.	A small group will meet to discuss this topic and provide a briefing to the committee at the next meeting. No action items or recommendations. A small group will meet to discuss this topic and provide a briefing to the committee at the next meeting. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Closed. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.
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<u>Old Business</u> • COVID Update Nurse staffing and distribution of testing kits continues in the region. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update There are currently two ongoing missions: an ambulance provider supporting the operations for the immigration enforcement actions on the border and deployment of a wildland paramedic unit providing care for firefighters assisting with the fire in Bastrop. Training courses that were postponed due to COVID will be pushed out again. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update No updates at this time.	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> • Standardized Response Time Language The new language should now be in place to include clock time and estimated time. • Critical Care Transport Matrix This topic continues to be reviewed at GETAC. <u>New Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Closed. Update to be provided at an upcoming meeting. Closed.



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<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> Committee members with topics they would like addressed during committee meetings are welcome to submit the topics to the committee leadership for inclusion at future meetings.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Mr. Sims adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will take place March 18, 2022.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.