

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Kacey Cleveland and Dr. Hanna Eadel, representatives from Tele911, gave a presentation on their service. The representatives were thanked for their presentation as well as for providing breakfast for the committee.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS County Funding No updates at this time <u>New Business</u> • Legislative Update No update at this time. • GETAC Update The next GETAC meetings will take place November 18th – 20th in conjunction with the EMS Conference. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update No update at this time.	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>		



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• Behavioral Health Workgroup Lisa Spivey reported a new pilot initiative will be rolled out on Tuesday, November 14th for hospitals and psych facilities in the City of Houston. When HPD has an EDO and the NPC is full, the HPD officer will call the telemetry unit. The telemetry unit will locate a bed at the closest hospital based on the current hospital rotation. Acute care facilities will need to complete a psych form on EMResource daily how many EDOs were brought to the facility via HPD, other law enforcement agencies, and by EMS. While this will not solve the issue presented by the closure of St. Joseph Medical Center's psych unit, the goal is to not overwhelm the other hospitals in the vicinity. Psych facilities will have a daily report in EMResource that will show their availability for different types of patients and how many patients are in their ER. This pilot will be reevaluated at the end of a two-month trial period. • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool No update at this time. • Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) No update at this time. <u>New Business</u> • Texas Cares Initiative (Cardiac) Micah Panczyk presented 2022 data on the evaluation of disparities and prehospital process and patient outcomes in Texas CARES patients. For the SETRAC region, there was a higher percentage of Black/African American patients than across the state and nation while the percentage of White patients was less. There is a higher proportion of Hispanic patients in the region and state than across the nation. Across the three ethnicities, most patients experienced their cardiac arrest at home; however, white patients are more likely to have an arrest in a public setting or nursing home than the other two ethnicities. More white patients	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. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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had CPR initiated and AEDs applied by a bystander than the other two ethnicities. The CARES T-CPR Module allows EMS agencies participating in Texas CARES to collect key guideline direct preventative data points documenting T-CPR processes of care such as whether the dispatcher recognized the need for CPR and if the dispatcher was able to have bystander CPR initiated. EMS Wristband Initiative A few agencies are beginning to receive wristbands and will begin partnering with their local hospitals. Data will be captured for patients with the wristbands during a 3-month pilot program. Additional agencies will be added after the pilot program is completed. EMS Handoff Tool Survey (Trauma) A survey regarding EMS best practices for handoffs at the hospital was sent out via the listservs the day before this meeting.	No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made for this to be a practice for all patients, not specifically for trauma patients, and to possibly use STRAC's MIST form as a guideline.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update No update at this time. EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) Eric Bank announced that this group has meet a couple of times and the next meeting is scheduled for December 15th. There will be two subcommittees, an operations side and clinical side. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank is on board with this program and will have representatives attend future meetings. The blood bank is also beginning the BEST Program that will titer	No action items or recommendations. Mr. Bank will send an email for people to sign up for the operational and clinical subcommittees.	Standing report. Standing report.



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donors and move whole blood from a custom product to an on-the-shelf product. The blood bank has also agreed to take the blood back from EMS agencies and be the intermediary move the blood through the system. The goal is to have this program completely operational by the end of 2024.		
<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 The first meeting took place the Monday of the week prior to this EMS Committee meeting. Currently the workgroup is focusing on what the regional best practices are for current users of Pulsara. This meeting workgroup will eventually encompass the MCI patient tracking portion of Pulsara so education can be provided to hospitals and EMS agencies on the standards of patient tracking. Establishing minimum datasets for hospitals from EMS was a topic of discussion at the meeting. A report was created by STRAC was shared with the EMS Committee. Pulsara is working on creating a different sound for critical alerts. • SETRAC Committee Updates No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made to include stroke and LVO scales, last known well, witnessed, and additional information to signal a critical alert to the hospital. A recommendation was also made to have a standardized regional process that EMS and hospitals can agree on for calling trauma alerts from the field. These recommendations will be presented to the Trauma Committee. 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. Standing report.

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<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> No items to report. <u>New Business</u> Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Mikal Orr is no longer at SETRAC. Anyone interested in applying for the EMTF-6 Coordinator position can submit their interest and email to Troy Erbentraut. Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Attendees of the RHPC symposium were thanked for their attendance. The symposium would like to provide an award for EMS at the 2024 symposium to recognize efforts in preparedness.	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 No report at this time. Critical Care Transport Matrix No report at this time. <u>New Business</u> LZ Standardization Standardization is being developed state-wide via GETAC and on a national platform via AMOA. A presentation with a link will be accessible on the state's website containing air medical providers across the state, aircraft frames, how providers standardize from a	A recommendation was made to remove these two items from the agenda as there is no additional information to contribute and no additional information coming forth in the near future. These items will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.	Closed. Closed. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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safety standpoint, and itemized approach for each operator's offloading of patients.		
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> <u>Meeting Attendance Form</u> Attendance will be tracked via attendees submitting a form that can be accessed via the QR code presented at the meeting. Paper sign-ins will no longer be used. The form must be submitted within 24 hours of the meeting. <u>Partner Updates</u> City of Deer Park is hosting TEEX MGT 319 Medical Countermeasures Pod Training on January 17 th and 18 th . Spots may still be open and can be found on the TEEX website. The Fort Bend County EMS Symposium will take place March 25-28, 2024. <u>Survey</u> An survey will be 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.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made to include feedback on how to get virtual attendees join the meetings in-person.	Closed. Closed. Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19 th at SETRAC.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.