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CALL TO ORDER

Chris Collier 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 No updates at this time. • EMS County Funding The list of eligible entities was received from the State and the packages will be distributed during the next week. • EMS Run Affidavit No updates at this time. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Leadership Update SETRAC has entered into an agreement with Texas CARES. The EMS data workgroup can help determine which data would be of interest to present at future meetings. DSHS may be providing an FTE to assist with championing more EMTs and paramedics to come into the workforce. If an FTE is provided, SETRAC will work with agencies and may supplement the program.	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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Planning for 2022 has begun. Anyone with suggestions for new items to review or discontinue should notify SETRAC. • Legislative Update No updates at this time. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update No updates at this time. • GETAC Update All EMS professionals attending the Texas EMS Conference are encouraged to attend the GETAC EMS Committee meeting which will be taking place in-person. • EMS Wristband Initiative SETRAC is working on gathering information from other RACs for this statewide initiative which involves EMS applying wristbands to each patient transported to a hospital. Each wristband has a unique identifier that can link EMS patient care records with hospital electronic medical records. Additional information will be provided to all EMS agencies in the region once SETRAC has additional information on the initiative.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made to have agencies in the southern part of the SETRAC region pilot the program as some hospitals and agencies in RAC-R are implementing the initiative.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) There are many agencies in the region that are now implementing whole blood or blood products. A meeting is being planned with the Gulf Coast Blood Center.	Consideration for setting up a prehospital blood registry for administrations will be discussed at the January meeting.	Update to be provided at next meeting.

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• Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) See “SETRAC Leadership Update.”	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Advanced Directives/DNRs from Nursing Homes (Trauma/MIH) This topic continues to be discussed in the MIH Subcommittee. No updates since the previous meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple) This topic will need to be addressed by a workgroup as not all 911 providers have the capabilities required for inter-facility transport.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Pre-Hospital Use of Ketamine (Trauma) No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Heart Healthy Community Program (Cardiac) The toolkit was presented at the RHPC Symposium and received good responses. More agencies and communities are desired for participation. Interested agencies can reach out to Cindy King at cking@sugarlandtx.gov for assistance with the toolkit.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Falls Prevention Awareness (Injury Prevention) Tai Chi training courses will be held next week for those interested in leading classes to assist with falls prevention in older adults. November 18th is Injury Prevention Day. Unified social media messaging has been created by the Injury Prevention Committee for stakeholders to use on their organization’s social media pages.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• EMS LVO Assessment Review (Stroke) No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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Trauma Transport Algorithm (Trauma) The final draft of the algorithm was presented to the committee during the September meeting. The algorithm combines what was previously separate algorithms for pediatric and adult trauma patients. The algorithm was approved by the committee with no voiced opposition. <u>New Business</u> It's Only a White Line – Houston Transtar (Trauma) Josh Shideler, Public Information Officer for Houston Transtar, presented a driver safety campaign to prevent deaths of stranded motorists and pedestrians on freeways. Additional information can be found at https://www.houstontranstar.org/itsonlyawhite/line/	The algorithm will be presented to the Trauma Committee for approval and for inclusion in the regional trauma plan. A suggestion was made to have a small group from the committee discuss petitioning NEMSIS to have a field included for capturing stranded motorist data or capture the data regionally to assist with the campaign.	Closed. Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update Due to an unforeseen conflict with the subcommittee leaders, this meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will take place in January prior to the EMS Committee meeting. EMS Education Workgroup Free training courses developed through committee input will be provided online through "RAC EDU". Continuing education credits will be available for applicable courses. The website can be accessed at racedu.com EMS Data Workgroup 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.



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<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMResource CAD Interface Update The project continues to move forward. Developers are currently working on mapping data from Montgomery County Hospital District to EMResource. • Inter-Facility Transfers See “Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple)”. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Committee Updates An email was sent regarding an open position for an EMS representative in the Perinatal Committee leadership. Anyone interested can submit a nomination as a reply to the email that was distributed prior to the meeting. • Prehospital Burn Management Dr. John Harvin of UTHealth provided an update on prehospital burn care guidelines as well as burn center transfer criteria and the changes to the burn unit structure. For feedback on patients brought to the John S. Dunn Burn Center or on updating prehospital guidelines, Dr. Harvin can be reached at John.Harvin@uth.tmc.edu. • EMS Ultrasound Education Dr. Joseph Gill of UTHealth presented on the topic of prehospital ultrasounds, including why using ultrasounds in the field can assist with quicker care for the patient.	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. Standing report. Closed. Closed.



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A reproduceable training is being developed that is validated across multiple agencies and the dataset may be used to evaluate where prehospital ultrasound is making a difference. Anyone wanting additional information on prehospital ultrasounds can reach Dr. Gill at joseph.p.gill@uth.tmc.edu. • Pre-Hospital Child Abuse / Neglect Reporting Practices (TCH) Katherine Gautreaux and Dr. Marcella Donaruma from Texas Children's Hospital gave a presentation on the following education and resources available for prehospital providers: Identifying Abuse Module Child Protector App A subcommittee of pediatric and EMS representatives is being created to focus on regional best practices for ensuring children and EMS are protected and the system isn't overwhelmed by multiple reporting on the same incident.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> • COVID Update The state is demobilizing the additional nurse staffing provided at the hospitals as well as DME. The state will continue to maintain DME and will make the equipment available should another surge occur. The state is no longer buying Binax tests and is looking to obtain CareStart in its place. Any agency needing PPE can reach out to SETRAC who will reach out to the state. With some hospital systems requiring COVID vaccines for all staff and vendors, EMS agencies may be affected when transporting patients if a provider has not received the vaccine.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.



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<u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Reimbursements have been submitted totaling approximately \$4.4 million that has been returned to agencies that have been a part of the EMTF missions. There is currently a border support mission taking place in which eight total agencies participated. This mission has been extended through December 15th. The ambulances have been busy with conducting load balancing missions and responding to patient evacuations and relocations due to Hurricane Ida, a chemical leak, a plane crash, and other regional MCI events. SETRAC is working on an after-action report regarding the Astroworld MCI event. The responders and hospitals were recognized for their amazing work in saving many lives during the event. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Sean Simmons with the Montgomery County Hospital District has been selected as the RHPC EMS representative. He will serve as the liaison between the EMS Committee and RHPC.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Standardized Response Time Language No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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• Critical Care Transport Matrix Input has been solicited from other RACs. An update will be provided once additional information is received. <u>New Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at an upcoming meeting. Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> No items to report.	. No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Chief Reed adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will take place January 21, 2022.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.