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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Kowalik called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) EMS Compliance 6/5s Update

Fernando Posada retired from his position at the end of August after more than 30 years of service. Mr. Joey Ancelet has been named as the new EMS manager for Region 6.

CEO Update

The legislature approved funding for regional advisory councils (RACs) in the amount of \$2 million, of which approximately \$340,000 would be dispersed to SETRAC. Suggestions on how to use the funds (purchasing items, trainings, programs, etc.) are requested from the committee with the stipulation that SETRAC can show the accomplishments achieved through the use of the funds. A decision will be made by the SETRAC Executive Committee prior to the board meeting in January.

A request has been made for agencies responding during an Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) authorized disaster to send medical records of the patients treated to SETRAC in San Antonio. This is not a SETRAC request and Darrell Pile has sent an inquiry to DSHS about the subject and will notify the committee of DSHS's response. Agencies are encouraged to check with their legal counsel about this topic.

GETAC committee appointments will be announced at the upcoming GETAC meetings this month.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u> <u>Old Business</u> • New DSHS EMS Rule – RAC Participation No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.



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• Local Project Grant Funding Chris Collier advised committee members to start considering how to spend funds received for this grant. Funds will be released in the spring. <u>New Business</u> • Legislative Update No updates since legislation is not in session, but preparations for the 2021 session will be coming. • GETAC Update Meetings will take place next week. • EMS County Funding The SETRAC Finance Department has reached out to agencies that have yet to pay dues for 2019. Some invoices may have been sent to accounts payable departments instead of the SETRAC representative for the agency. This will be corrected for next year's dues invoicing. County funds packets will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. Packets are due by July 31st. • EMS Run Affidavit Affidavits for trauma runs will be accepted again this year as the state is not convinced they will be able to get all the information out of the repository that they should receive to accurately determine how the funds are to be allocated. Affidavits are due Wednesday, November 20th and can be sent to Donald Morrison at the SETRAC office who will forward them to DSHS. • EM Resource Trauma Diversion: It was brought to SETRAC's attention that some EMS transports may be bypassing hospitals when the hospital is shown as	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Agencies are asked to provide a copy of the submitted affidavits to SETRAC or submit affidavits to SETRAC who will then forward them to DSHS. A suggestion was made to review the different status levels shown in	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Closed.



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saturated or high volume but is not on trauma diversion.	EMResource and redefine them if necessary.	
<u>EMS SQI</u> <u>Old Business</u> EMS Hospital Door Codes SETRAC has been selected as a beta test site through FEMA to distribute ID cards to all first responders in the region. These badges would allow first responders access to ER doors. This would eliminate the need for first responders to enter door codes. Grant funding is being sought so cards can be issued to all first responders in the region. JCC Stroke Update LVO education via Brainshark will be rolled out in December. The link to the hour-long training will be sent out through the listserve. <u>New Business</u> Trauma Committee Update Eric Bank reported that Dr. Rob Tobb has relocated to Atlanta and Dr. Michelle McNutt has been selected to replace him as the chair for the committee. Injury Prevention Committee Update No meeting was held during the past month due to scheduling conflicts. This committee normally meets back-to-back with the Pediatric Committee meeting. Pediatric Committee Update The Pediatric Committee provides continuing education credits for EMS providers. Topics that will be presented over the next 6 months include CPS reporting for EMS and hospitals, a	Any agency or hospital interested in partnering with SETRAC to test out the ID system can speak with Mr. Collier. 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. Standing report.



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presentation from the medical examiner, and human trafficking. • Perinatal Committee Update Patrick Vermaas reported the committee would like to have more EMS representatives in attendance as there are items of discussion that would be of interest for EMS. • Stroke Committee Update Donald Garrett reported that the committee now has goals to administer tPA within 45 minutes and 30 minutes. Feedback has been received from Genentech (provider of Activase) and SETRAC data shows that this region is one of the best place in country to be treated for a stroke due to focusing on the issue and care provided by EMS. A stroke education blitz took place on the northside of the region with a goal to increase the number of patients that arrive at ERs within 3.5 hours or less. This education will next be planned for the westside of the region. • Cardiac Committee Update The committee is making strides with lytic administration. Cardiac data collection has been revised to provide a better drill down on patients that didn't receive lytics at the initial hospital and did not receive PCI within the guidelines. The list of PCI facilities in the region is being updated. • Stop the Bleed Update Kat Samuel reported that hundreds of schools have reached out for training due to the new law that was passed in this year's legislation. More trainers are needed in areas outside the Houston area. Anyone interested in being training to teach a class can register for a class. Venues are being sought for public classes in May as part of the National Stop the Bleed month initiative. Ms. Samuel was recently selected as the state coordinator for Stop the Bleed Month. Over 30,000 people have been trained in bleeding control since its inception.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Anyone interested in becoming an instructor, assisting with trainings, or can assist with providing a venue for trainings can reach out to Ms. Samuel.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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• Mobile Integrated Health Workgroup Update Corey Naranjo reported that the workgroup meets an hour prior to the EMS Committee meetings. Topics that are discussed include community paramedicine, community interventions, mental health, and older populations with health disparities. Currently, the biggest problem is getting everything started as a state. The workgroup is developing standards for the region and discussing how to do metrics and data collection. • Sepsis Workgroup No update. • Whole Blood Product Mr. Bank reported that three ambulance providers and three airmedical providers carrying whole blood as well as only one Level I trauma center. Regionally this cannot be supported by the current blood bank and current process. A work group within the Trauma Committee is being proposed to regionalize this initiative. • Heart Safe Community – Richard Engdorff gave a presentation on the program which aims to recognize communities that have unified efforts to curve cardiac disease and sudden cardiac arrest. The program is being piloted with Sugar Land Fire and EMS. • CARES Micah Panczyk presented on the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) program. The registry collects EMS process data and patient outcomes in an effort to help communities measure and improve their performance with respect to out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) and survival after OHCA.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Anyone interested in participating in the work group can reach out to Mr. Bank.	Standing report. Standing report. Closed.



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<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Communication Systems Update No items to report. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force Update Jon Clingaman thanked the providers who responded during Imelda. Acadian Ambulance should take delivery of the AMBUS for the Beaumont area in December. Corpus Christi will also receive an AMBUS in the near future, which will bring the total number of AMBUSes available in the state to sixteen. In March, component of the ambulance strike team (AST) and a couple of medical incident support team (MIST) partners will set-up the MMU and participate in a school extrication day. The MMU may be included for the next "Astroworld" event and Jeep Weekend in Galveston to help provide support. Teams for wildland fire responses are looking to be established. TMORT was deployed to El Paso in August. There is a need for justices of the peace to be a part of the team, especially for deployment to rural areas. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update The annual region-wide exercise will take place in April. EMS representation and input is needed so the exercise can test the prehospital system. EMS involvement is also requested at corridor meetings.	No action items or recommendations. Anyone interested in participating with the EMTF events or joining any teams can contact Mr. Clingaman. EMS representatives interested in participating in corridor meetings can sign up for the notifications through the applicable corridor list serve(s).	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.



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<u>New Business</u> No items to report	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> EMS Meeting Attendance Committee members must sign in when attending meetings to receive credit and receive funding. Sign in sheets will be placed outside the conference room in the SETRAC lobby. Infectious Disease Exposures Justin Reed reported that there have been approximately 25 exposures already this year. Providers are not tested until patient results are received, but hospitals are not always willing to share. An online reporting process has been created to assist with this issue. HFD currently has a regional tactical group. A small group will meet to discuss if a SETRAC group is needed. Medical Directors The National Association of EMS Physicians (Texas Chapter) will be holding a Texas medical director conference on March 27th-28th in San Antonio at the Menger Hotel. Harris County Health The Harris Cares report includes information on the EMS data that was submitted, ET3 and SETRAC. One of the takeaways from the report is how to further coordinations such as SETRAC. A MRC group will be formed after the beginning of the year one. EMS is encouraged to participate.	. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Closed. Chief Reed was invited to give a presentation on this topic at the next meeting. Closed. Closed.
ADJOURN There being no items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.		