



## SETRAC EMS Committees

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### **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. The meeting attendance roster is attached.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

LifeGift provided lunch for the EMS Committee and gave a presentation entitled “EMS Crucial Role in Donation.”

| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ACTION/RECOMMENDATION               | FOLLOW-UP        |
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| <b><u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u></b><br><br><b><u>Old Business</u></b><br>No items to report.<br><br><b><u>New Business</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Legislative Update</b><br/>See “GETAC Update” section. No additional items to report.</li><li>• <b>GETAC Update</b><br/>The GETAC meetings took place March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in Austin during the past week. The state reported that Senate Bill 8 has given out \$13.8 million to 2,602 recipients to date. Funds are still available for those agencies who would like to sponsor an employee for paramedic school.<br/><br/>The national 2024 Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessments will be released in May by Texas EMS for Children. The survey will gauge any pediatric vulnerabilities in the state and nation. Handouts containing the checklist and QR code for the toolkit were provided to the committee.<br/><br/>GETAC’s white paper regarding EMS wall times has been</li></ul> | No action items or recommendations. | Standing report. |



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| DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ACTION/RECOMMENDATION                                                                 | FOLLOW-UP                                         |
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| <p>published and printed copies were provided to the committee. Committee members are encouraged to read through the white paper. The paper includes definitions and steps to take to help address wall times.</p> <p>Public and oral comment has been closed for the revised trauma rules. A special GETAC meeting will take place on March 20<sup>th</sup> where the revised rules will be presented. Meeting information is available on the GETAC and TETAF websites. More information will be provided when available.</p> <p>The GETAC Trauma Committee has pulled all EMS records for gunshot wound patients that have been transported to hospitals, which indicates that RAC Q has the most patients listed as “undetermined”. Additional information has been requested of DSHS.</p> <p>The next meetings will take place June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update</b><br/>No update at this time.</li><li>• <b>EMS County Funding</b><br/>SETRAC is currently sending out the county funding documents. A new agreement is included which will allow agencies to have funds deducted from county funds for initiatives (Texas CARES, wristbands, etc.)</li></ul> | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> | <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Behavioral Health Workgroup</b><br/>No update at this time.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>                                            | <p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool</b><br/>No update at this time.</li></ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EMS Handoff Tool Survey (Trauma)</b><br/>The Trauma Committee sent out a survey regarding a handoff tool and best practices. A document is being created based on the answers provided in the survey and include references.</li><li>• <b>Texas Cares Initiative (Cardiac)</b><br/>The Texas CARES initiative is now being handled by the RAC Data Collaborative (RDC) as of January. Agencies wishing to participate can have their funds deducted from county fund reimbursements.</li><li>• <b>MCI Workgroup (RHPC)</b><br/>The purpose of this workgroup is to involve EMS to create a MCI response strategy for the region including levels of response.</li></ul> | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> | <p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> |
| <p><b><u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update</b><br/>Eric Steffel reported that Harris Health presented on mental health services they provide. A consortium will meet on May 20<sup>th</sup> with leaders from each organization to discuss resources, programs, and free training available for first responders.</li></ul> <p>The subcommittee discussed strategies for augmented funding for MIH operations.</p> <p>ESD 11 will begin their MIH program in a week or so.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>Standing report.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EMS Blood Products Subcommittee (Trauma)</b><br/>The subcommittee will meet directly after the EMS Committee meeting.<br/><br/>A whole blood task force has been created at the GETAC level with the purpose of every patient in every county to have access to whole blood. Although this is a state initiative, it will most likely be run at the RAC level.<br/><br/>HCA Clear Lake has a rotational program that is being worked on.<br/><br/>Gulf Regional Blood Center is close to being able to provide low titer on the shelf; however, demand needs to be increased to keep the blood product on the shelves.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Logistics Workgroup – no items to report.</li><li>- Clinical Workgroup – no items to report.</li></ul></li></ul> | <p>Any EMS agency wishing to participate in the whole blood program can reach out to Eric Bank or Dudley Wait who can share information with the blood center.</p> | <p>Standing report.</p>                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b><u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EMResource CAD Interface Update</b><br/>No update at this time.</li><li>• <b>Bariatric Transports</b><br/>No update at this time.</li></ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SETRAC Committee Updates</b><br/>No update at this time.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>                                   | <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <p>No items to report.</p> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update</b><br/>Grant Kelley reported that EMTF sent ten wildland fire teams to the Smokehouse Creek and other named fires. A wildland package and wildland paramedic unit from Humble Fire Rescue were deployed as well as an ambulance from Fort Bend County. A team from Humble Fire Rescue was also sent to the Revelry Peak Ranch for wildland fire medical support team training. EMTF-6 participated in the Texas A&amp;M Disaster Day, which included MIST personnel from Fort Bend County, Cy-Fair Fire Department, and Acadian Ambulance.</li></ul> <p>A DPMU orientation will be held at the medical examiner's office, possibly in early June.</p> | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><p>No action items or recommendations.</p>                                                                        | <p>Standing report.</p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><p>Standing report.</p>              |
| <p><b><u>AIR MEDICAL</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <p>No report at this time.</p> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>GETAC LZ Presentation on Helicopter Safety and Landing Zone Training</b></li></ul> <p>The GETAC Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee is in the process of developing a presentation project for statewide education. The state is requesting feedback on the presentation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><p>The presentation will be sent to EMS chiefs for review. Photos are requested of air medical organizations.</p> | <p>Closed.</p><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>EMS EDUCATION / PARTNER PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><u>Ground EMS to OR Pathway</u><br/>Dr. Mike Wandling and Dr. Kevin Schulz gave a presentation on the ground EMS to OR pathway that was recently rolled out at Memorial Hermann TMC. The pathway was developed as a way to decrease time to hemorrhage control and has had one successful activation and one aborted activation. This is a new process and any and all feedback is welcomed and appreciated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>A request was made for the presentation to be shared with the committee.</p>                                                                                         | <p>Closed.</p>                         |
| <p><b><u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u></b></p> <p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fort Bend County will host an EMS symposium March 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The symposium will include CEs.</li> <li>- Christy Gonzales provided information on the following events in Wharton County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Wharton County EMS and TEEX will be hosting a course August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> regarding gross thinking and success for leadership. The class is limited to 25 attendees.</li> <li>o An ICS training with a focus on EMS providers will be held in the future. The training will be limited to 40 to 50 attendees.</li> <li>o A field day will be held at Wharton County Junior College with a job opportunity section from 9am to 11am and a scenario section afterward.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Cypress Creek will be AAIRs in April and May. There are many law enforcement seats to be filled.</li> </ul> <p><u>EMS Wristband Initiative</u><br/>SETRAC has paid for initial wristbands that are currently being distribute to agencies across the region. Additional wristbands will</p> | <p>Information regarding the classes and events can be sent to Mr. Ehrlich for distribution through the SETRAC listserv.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> | <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p> |



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| <p>need to be paid for by each agency. Hospitals will need to purchase their wristbands as well.</p> <p><u>EMS Leadership Communications</u><br/>A non-moderated listserv was created by SETRAC for EMS leadership to communicate via email. The committee discussed and agreed to have a GroupMe list created as well.</p> <p><u>Ketamine Shortage</u><br/>There is still a large shortage of ketamine. An emergency drug manufacturer, FDA licensed, in Arizona as well as a manufacturer in Florida is able to provide ketamine.</p> <p><u>Prehospital Day</u><br/>A proposed schedule was presented to the committee (see meeting agenda for times and future meeting dates.)</p> <p>The committee approved the changes for future meetings.</p> | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Committee members can reach out to Dudley Wait for information on these companies.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> | <p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p> |
| <p><b>ADJOURN</b><br/>The meeting was adjourned at 11:32am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at a location to be announced.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>                                                                                                                                      | <p>Closed.</p>                               |