



SETRAC EMS Committees

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CALL TO ORDER

Allen Sims called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was held in-person at SETRAC and virtually via Zoom.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

SETRAC Leadership Update

Chris Collier is now the Director of Business Operations for SETRAC. Clayton Ehrlich is the SETRAC EMS Coordinator and will be the point of contact for all EMS initiatives.

EMS Committee Co-Chair Nominations

The terms for the leadership positions of the committee are expiring. A list of nominated individuals was shown to the committee members in attendance. A survey will be sent out for committee members to vote for the medical director, physician, EMS, and hospital representative positions.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS County Funding Packets were recently sent out to Harris County agencies. Other agencies will receive packets in the next week or so. A meeting was held with Harris County agencies to decide on how to divide the funds among each eligible agency. • EMS Run Affidavit Run affidavits will be included with the funding packets. DSHS will accept affidavits for trauma runs when there is a discrepancy with the trauma registry.	Harris County agencies that would like to review the distribution of funds were invited to meet with Mr. Ehrlich following the EMS Committee meeting. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.



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<u>New Business</u> Legislative Update Dudley Wait provided an update on the current EMS related bills introduced at the state legislature. (A listing of bills was sent out via the list serv after the meeting.) DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update No update at this time. GETAC Update A white paper is being developed for wall times to assist areas who may need guidance in alleviating hospital wall times.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) Eric Bank shared that the rotation issue is beginning to get better. The program is getting attention on a national level, including possible reimbursement through CMS. Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) There continues to be a push to get more hospitals to actively participate in the initiative. Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple) This continues to be an issue in the area and will remain on the agenda. Not all 911 providers are able to provide transfer service between hospitals. SETRAC can assist with educating hospitals that are using 911 for inter-facility transports.	A suggestion was made to put together a committee for the whole blood program and developing a regional process. 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.



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• Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) The workgroup will reconvene after SETRAC's annual exercise in April. • ED Committee The committee continues to meet. EMS is encouraged to bring issues that may affect emergency departments. • EMS Wristband Initiative The initiative has not begun in this region. Hospital systems continue to work with their electronic medical record systems to have a field to enter the wristband numbers. Once hospitals are ready, the initiative will be piloted in our region. This may become a part of the trauma registry as a required field. • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool No report at this time. <u>New Business</u> • Behavioral Health Workgroup An email will be sent regarding a meeting on April 6th with EMS and law enforcement regarding the challenges with transporting mental health patients. SETRAC and several partners will meet with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) to learn more about the program in-place in their region.	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. 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 discussed psychiatric patient transports.	Anyone interested in attending the meetings (held immediately before the EMS Committee meeting) is invited.	Standing report.



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EMS Education Workgroup No updates at this time. EMS Data Workgroup The SETRAC database is being developed to upload EMS data. Data metrics will need to be determined by the committee soon so the SETRAC database can be configured to receive the data.	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 This project continues to be worked on. A future goal is to provide hospitals with information showing which agencies are enroute as well as which units are currently at the facility. Pulsara The SETRAC board has formed a workgroup to discuss the possibility of recommending the software across the region. Agencies are reminded that hospitals will continue to use EM Track for MCI patients in our region. Bariatric Transports There continues to be a lack of bariatric transport trucks available in the region. <u>New Business</u> SETRAC Committee Updates Most of the focuses of the committees are on the EMS data metrics. Some of the proposed data metrics, including basic patient and transport information such as dispatch time, arrival time, and hospital destination decisions, were shown to the	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Any facilities that are capable of transporting bariatric patients are asked to notify SETRAC in case their services are needed by others in the region. EMS in encouraged to attend any of the SETRAC committee meetings.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Closed.



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committee. The Trauma Committee is reviewing the metrics they would like to receive from EMS. The Stroke Committee is reviewing the number of stroke patients arriving outside of 4.5 hours of last known well to determine ways to increase lytics administration among that population. Meeting invites will be sent to all clinical meetings for EMS to participate in. Additional NRP classes are available for agencies interested in educating their staff. CHI St. Luke's / Houston Fire Case Presentation Olga Ortega and Richard Engdorf gave a presentation on a couple of STEMI case studies brought to CHI Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center from Houston Fire. In-house cath labs and advanced notification were credited to the successful treatment of the patients. HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress – Level 4 Designation Presentation Mark Kelton gave a presentation on the facility's services, accreditations, and trauma program. The facility went into "in active pursuit" status on March 7th for a Level 4 designation.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Closed. Closed.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> COVID Update The public health emergency (PHE) is scheduled to end in May. <u>New Business</u>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.



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• Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Mikal Orr expressed his thanks for everyone's assistance with mutual aid and willingness to assist across the region. EMTF support continues for severe weather events, wildfires, and special events/exercises. A list of upcoming events and courses was distributed to the committee. A new platform will be used to send out notifications. Agencies may see a request for updating agency and contact information. The Houston ambus is currently out-of-service due to an upgrade being performed. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update The Clinical Advisory Committee is developing a radiological surge plan that includes information on the response procedure and example guidelines on how hospitals are going to receive and treat patients in the region. A screen shot of the drafted plan was displayed to the committee members. The drafted plan will be distributed after the April functional exercise.	Information regarding upcoming exercises and trainings will be sent out via the EMTF-6 listserv. Anyone interested in being on the list serv can email Mikal.Orr@setrac.org. EMS agencies are encouraged to attend the corridor meetings to participate in the tabletop exercises.	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.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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<u>New Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> <u>EMS Week</u> Mr. Collier presented the possibility of having the May committee meeting at another location in celebration of EMS week. <u>Houston Astros Parade</u> A thank you was expressed to SETRAC and everyone who assisted with contributing resources before and after the Astros parade in downtown Houston in November 2022. <u>Data Breach</u> Zoll recently experienced a large data breach.	Information regarding the next meeting location will be sent out via the list servs. No action items or recommendations. Any agency using Zoll that would like additional information can reach out to Chief Wait.	Closed. Closed. Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Mr. Collier adjourned the meeting at 12:03pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19 th at a location to be determined.	Information regarding the next meeting date will be sent via email.	Closed.