



SETRAC EMS Committees

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CALL TO ORDER

Allen Sims called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DSHS EMS COMPLIANCE 6/5S UPDATE

Shelly Cino reported that GETAC meetings will be taking place in June and the Texas EMS Conference in Fort Worth is scheduled for November 24th – 27th.

CEO UPDATE

If the governor signs off on the bill, the Drivers Responsibility Program will be go away but will be replaced with a new, larger source of funds for RACs and EMS. The funds will be tied into population increases because the source comes from auto insurance and other sources.

The Texas Senate has a plan for \$30 million to be reserved for trauma (\$5 million going to RACs and EMS and \$25 million to hospitals.) This bill is currently under debate and needs to be voted on in senate and house and approved by the end of month.

The Texas Comptroller announced that there will be approximately \$500 million in additional funds coming into state than was previously envisioned. The items in Article 11 may be considered for this money.

The SETRAC Board approved a mental health committee. Additional information will be going out on the topic and stakeholders are encouraged to join the meetings. SETRAC is determining what organizations already exist so there is no duplication in efforts.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u> <u>Old Business</u> • New DSHS EMS Rule – RAC Participation No report given. • EMS County Funding Reimbursement packets for FY19 pass through funds are due. At the July meeting, the committee will be asked to authorize	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.



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reallocating funds for which no reimbursement packets were received. Dues invoices for FY19 will be sent out and are due by August 31st. • EMS Run Affidavits No report given. • New DEA Regulations No report given. • Local Project Grant Funding A decision was made to use this funding for EMS education. Two classes on Situational Awareness for EMS Operations, presented by Dr. Rich Gasaway will be held on July 15th and 16th. There are additional funds left in LPG account that need to be spent by July 31st. Suggestions are requested for training ideas for DSHS licensed providers. <u>New Business</u> • Legislation Update See CEO Report • GETAC The next GETAC meetings will take place in June. Body cameras for EMS and video recording of the side of apparatus itself will be added to the agenda. The goal is to have DSHS provide insight on what is protected, what isn't protected, and best practices. Other topics requested to be added to the agenda the EMS routing of behavioral health patients as well as behavioral health for EMS providers other than PTSD counseling.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Anyone with an idea for a location for the Situational Awareness course can contact Allen Sims, Chris Collier, or Dr. Cameron Decker, as well as ideas for other education topics. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS SQI</u> <u>Old Business</u>		



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• EMTrack IPN Trial / Survey Results A trial was initiated between two medic units of Harris County Emergency Corps, HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest and HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood in regard to using EMTrack for incoming patient notifications. The trial, which lasted about 60 days, was found to be easy to use but was not very time efficient and a majority of users preferred to use the phone instead of the app. The workgroup is currently discussing making changes to training and system set-up and re-trialing the initiative with a hospital that uses predominately one EMS agency. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the notification system and agreed that once the software is better developed and provides value to both EMS and hospital staff, the use of this type of system would need to be implemented fully across the system. <u>New Business</u> • EM Resource Survey A survey will be sent to each agency to determine how each is using EMResource. The focus will be on the administrative design for EMS agencies. • Trauma Committee Update The committee continues to look at the impact of Level II facilities in the region and tourniquet data. Stop the Bleed classes are being held on May 18th as part of National Stop the Bleed Week. • Injury Prevention (IP) Committee Update The committee now has subcommittees focused on firearms safety and submersion. • Pediatric Committee Update The committee has begun looking at pediatric best practices involving EMS instead of being trauma based and is encouraging	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 the next meeting. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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EMS involvement. Meetings will begin with education (including CEUs). The committee is working on identifying PEC leaders in each hospital and EMS agencies. • Perinatal Committee Update Perinatal data is now being collected. The committee is looking at maternal mortality resources. • Stroke Committee Update The committee will start looking at door-to-needle times within 30 minutes. The Stomp Out Stroke Festival will take place on June 8th at Discovery Green. • Cardiac Committee Update The committee will continue to look at lytics prior to transfer and door-to-puncture times. The committee is also looking at having a community-wide CPR course. • JCC Stroke Update The JCC has met twice to help develop an implementation plan for the stroke transport protocols that was approved by the SETRAC Board. The JCC wants to ensure that comprehensive stroke centers (CSCs) are receiving LVO and hemorrhagic cases, all others go to primary stroke centers (PSCs) unless a CSC is closer, and that if PSCs are bypassed, they are done so properly. Additional information is needed to track implementation and improvement. Hospital systems are being asked to submit aggregate data CSC data, mostly about transferring patients to the appropriate facility. Training expectation for all agencies is to have 80% of applicable staff trained by end of the year. This will be facilitated by a video developed by MCHD and use of whichever stroke scale an agency is using. The JCC is going to decide on specific EMS and questions for all designated stroke centers. This data will be used to improve or supplement training.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. EMS agencies are asked to determine a stroke scale on which to train their staff (LAMS, RACE, etc.)	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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Mobile Integrated Health / Community Health Paramedicine Update A mission statement has been written and the group is discussing how to share data, have a regional resource list, and regional definitions. The group is discussing the routing of mental health patients. Sepsis Workgroup A multi-disciplinary workgroup has been formed and has had an initial conference call. The group decided to start looking at EMS protocols and determine if there should be a SETRAC sepsis guideline. Of the protocols that have been reviewed, there are differences in the medicines that are given and IV fluid administration. Next steps have not yet been defined but may develop a suggested protocol. Texas Children's Hospital Trauma Program Christy Reeves and her team from Texas Children's Trauma Department gave a presentation on their trauma program. Texas Children's main campus is up for re-designation of their Level I status in July. Texas Children's West and Texas Children's Woodlands campuses are currently in active pursuit for trauma designation. ITC Fire Response This incident was the first time SETRAC and EMTF integrated with an industrial response. One of the lessons learned was determining who has authority to request and pull resources and who assumes liability. Two AMBUSES as well as Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department's rehab truck and personnel were activated to assist with responder rehab. There is a need to make contacts and meet with the leadership of industrial firefighters so they understand the concept of medical monitoring and determining which person(s) serve as the company's point of contact during these types of incidents. The	Any hospitals systems that wish to participate in this workgroup can contact Corey Naranjo. Anyone interested in participating in the workgroup can contact Allen Sims or Dr. Cameron Decker. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Closed. Closed.



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CIMA after action report calls for more participation with SETRAC. Internally, lessons learned include how request processes flow and keeping team members informed, dealing with surrounding agencies, and doing a better job of pushing out guidance to providers in the field.		
<u>EMS Disaster</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Communication Systems Update The old XTS 2500 radios are no longer supported by Motorola. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force Jon Clingaman is the new EMFT-6 coordinator. The upcoming Ambulance Staging Manager course is full but interested persons can be added to the waiting list. MIST and MIST refresher classes will be held in June as well as an Ambulance Strike Team leader class in the state. • Regional Hospital Preparedness Coalition Update No report given.	Agencies using these types of radios will need to purchase new ones. With hurricane season coming up, committee members are reminded to meet with hospitals and OEMs to make sure plans are in place. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> Alternative landing zones in medical enter continue to be researched. <u>New Business</u> No items to report.	Committee members with ideas about alternative landing zones are asked to submit them to Don Wade. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at the next meeting. Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>		



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<u>EMS Committee Structure</u> A suggestion was made at looking into livestreaming future meetings. While everyone is encouraged to continue to attend in person, this may make the meetings easier to attend. Another suggestion was made about possibly adding additional workgroups. Let committee leaders know if any of the meetings should be added on a regular basis and if EMS committee needs to meet more regularly.	Feedback from committee members is requested on the addition of additional workgroups and the frequency of EMS Committee meetings. The committee leaders and SETRAC will look at how to craft a subcommittee for Harris County specific issues.	Standing report.
<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<u>ADJOURN</u> There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.		