



SETRAC EMS Committees

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Sugar Land Fire Department – 10405 Corporate Dr. Sugar Land, TX 77478

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CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Joseph Gill called the meeting to order at 1404 and welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was held in-person at Sugar Land Fire Department and virtually via Zoom. The meeting attendance roster is attached.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by EMS Committee Chairs.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business:</u> No items to report. <u>New Business:</u> • Legislative Update: See “GETAC Update” section. No additional items to report. • GETAC Update: The next GETAC meeting is June 12 – 14th in Austin. On April 26th DSHS withdrew the Ch. 157 rule project that was the proposed rule revisions regarding Trauma, RAC and EMS rules. This was after the state received approximately 4,000 comments during open comment regarding the rule changes. The state stated they are still planning to make modifications to update the rules and will provide updates through GETAC about the timeline of these events. The next GETAC meetings will take place June 12th – 14th.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report Standing report



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• DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update: No official update but DSHS introduced a new point person with DSHS and who is now the representative who will now be attending the EMS Committee meetings. • EMS County Funding: 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.). The deadline for agency documents is 05/31/2024. • SETRAC EMS Committee Charter: SETRAC introduced the EMS Committee Charter. This Charter is to provide guidance for all the SETRAC Clinical Committees and to provide governance to the objectives that each SETRAC clinical committee should be performing. This Charter is specific to the EMS Committee and will be implemented once feedback is gained from the group. The Charter was given out to stakeholder as a handout during the meeting.	No action items or recommendations No action items or recommendations Provide document to the group for feedback.	Standing report Update to be provided at next meeting Update to be provided at next meeting
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business:</u> • Behavioral Health Workgroup: No update at this time. • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool: No update at this time. • Texas Cares Initiative (Cardiac): No update at this time. • MCI Workgroup (RHPC): No update at this time.	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 a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting



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<u>New Business:</u> • Safe Transfer of Balloon Pump Patients (Cardiac): The Cardiac Committee at SETRAC recently decided to form a workgroup that would evaluate the efficacy of our EMS partners being able to transfer balloon pump patients from facility to facility, to determine what current capabilities EMS has and what education is performed internally by all EMS partners. • Safe Transfer of Thrombolytic Patients (Stroke): The Stroke Committee at SETRAC recently decided to form a workgroup that would evaluate the efficacy of our EMS partners being able to transfer patients receiving thrombolytic therapy from facility to facility, to determine what current capabilities EMS has and what education is performed internally by all EMS partners/ The committee leadership encouraged members of the committee to join the workgroups if they are interested in assisting.	To join this workgroup please email Clayton Ehrlich or Melanie Aluotto to get added. To join this workgroup please email Clayton Ehrlich or Melanie Aluotto to get added.	Update to be provided at next meeting Update to be provided at next meeting
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update (EMS): Eric Steffel reported that the workgroup met this morning and met with APS and understanding the role of APS and what their resources capabilities are to understand where they can assist a community paramedicine program. • EMS Blood Products Subcommittee (EMS): Eric Bank reported that the subcommittee and workgroups met today and there has been a lot of discussion around beginning the regional best practices guidelines document.	No action items or recommendations. Any EMS agency wishing to participate in the whole blood can reach out to Clayton Ehrlich, Eric Bank, or Dudley Wait for more information. Workgroups dissolved.	Standing report. Standing report.



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Gulf Coast Blood Bank is going to being carrying low titer O blood soon but has not yet. NBC is running a news story this week about prehospital whole blood transfusion, at a national level, and encouraged members to view. Sugar Land reported they are beginning their program this week. There was a motion made to dissolve the EMS Blood Products Workgroups (Logistics & Clinical) which has passed.		
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business:</u> • EMResource CAD Interface Update: No update at this time. • Bariatric Transports: No update at this time. <u>New Business:</u> • SETRAC Committee Updates: No update at this time.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at next meeting.



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• National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) Assessment: It was reported that at the last EMS Committee meeting and at the GETAC meetings there was a reminder for this survey. An email out last week via the SETRAC prehospital listserv that provided the link to the assessment for all the SETRAC 911 EMS partners to complete. This is the first time EMS has been included in this national pediatric readiness assessment. Encouragement from our EMS Committee leaders to participate.	Recommendation from EMS Committee leadership and SETRAC to participate in this survey.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Pulsara & SETRAC: It was reported that SETRAC has signed an agreement with Pulsara to utilize the platform as the regional patient tracking system. SETRAC will begin Pulsara and expects regional partners to begin on July 1, 2024 for regional patient tracking on mass casualty events. SETRAC will be hosting Pulsara meetings EMS and Hospitals to participate in that will allow EMS and Hospital partners to discuss important Pulsara related issues and successes in the region. A patient information Minimum Data Set flyer will be presented to the committee soon. This flyer is for EMS partners to utilize that will explain what minimum patient information is required of EMS to put into Pulsara when notifying a hospital of an incoming high acuity patient or patient during a disaster.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting
• Body Cameras: Discussion about body cameras of which EMS agencies using body cameras to learn about what policies are in place for agencies using them. EMS agencies reported/discussed they utilize them a lot for QA/QI purposes to assist in employee performance.	Recommendation for a regional guideline for body cameras by potentially forming a SETRAC workgroup	Update to be provided at next meeting



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<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business:</u> No report at this time. <u>New Business:</u> • GETAC LZ Presentation on Helicopter Safety and Landing Zone Training: The GETAC Air Medical & Specialty Care Transport Committee asked for feedback on project they worked on regarding helicopter safety and LZ training. SETRAC was able to send feedback to the GETAC committee chair on May 3rd. Once a final product is returned, it will be posted on the SETRAC website. There was discussion about EMS agencies wanting to gather regional blinded data from Air Medical partners on performance such as, on scene times, routine lift off times, response times etc. that would assist EMS partners in knowledge.	Post final product from GETAC Committee on the SETRAC website once received. Potentially holding a regional ad hoc meeting with Air Medical partners to discuss blinded data gathering to be useful for EMS partners.	Update to be provided at next meeting
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business:</u> No items to report. <u>New Business:</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update: Grant reported that EMTF has been active 13 different packages currently deployed. EMTF6 has personnel attending the Ambulance Staging Management Team class in San Antonio this week. Grant reported that he would like to have an EMTF6 training soon and to reach out if any EMTF6 questions arise.	No action items or recommendations	Standing report



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<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> Partner Updates: No updates at this time. <u>EMS Leadership Communication:</u> It was discussed that a GroupMe for the EMS agency leaders in the region would be beneficial to EMS partners for awareness purposes, as well as regular conversation of EMS centered objectives to allow for a better flow of casual communication. <u>EMS Personnel Exposure:</u> There was discussion around plans for first responders employees/medics having an exposure while on duty. The discussion around having a regional centralized process for exposures for employees needed prophylaxis from an exposure from a significant exposure. This process would allow a clear understanding of the laws and regulations of the process that needs to happen when an employee is exposed.	No action items or recommendations Recommendation to establish GroupMe for EMS Leadership Recommendation to explore having a regional process for exposure of employees.	Standing report Update to be provided at next meeting Update to be provided at next meeting
<u>ADJOURN</u> The meeting was adjourned at 1450. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2024, at CyFair Fire Department. Code Word: <i>Happy EMS WEEK</i>	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.



SETRAC EMS Committee Meeting Attendance Roster
May 15, 2024

Agency/Hospital	Representative	Date	Meeting Name
Acadian Ambulance	Chance Brown	May 15, 2024	EMS
Acute Medical Services LLC DBA Harris County EMS	Jason Gilliam	May 15, 2024	EMS
American Medical Response-Houston	Petra English	May 15, 2024	EMS
Austin County EMS	Walter Morrow	May 15, 2024	EMS
Baytown Fire Department	Dana Dalbey	May 15, 2024	EMS
Bellaire Fire Department	Albert Figueroa	May 15, 2024	EMS
Channelview Fire Department	Steven Adams	May 15, 2024	EMS
City of Pearland	Kelly Sears	May 15, 2024	EMS
City of Seabrook	Robert Turner	May 15, 2024	EMS
City of Sugar Land	Hunter Buie	May 15, 2024	EMS
City of Sugar Land	Jake Varner	May 15, 2024	EMS
City of Sugar Land	Kevin Leverence	May 15, 2024	EMS
Community Volunteer Fire Department	Josh Taylor	May 15, 2024	EMS
Cy-Fair Fire Department	Christian Arick	May 15, 2024	EMS
Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department	Andrew Smith	May 15, 2024	EMS
East Bernard EMS, Inc.	Christopher Kalmbach	May 15, 2024	EMS
El Campo EMS	Garret Bubela	May 15, 2024	EMS
Fort Bend County EMS	Robert Atripaldi	May 15, 2024	EMS
Galena Park Fire Department	Joseph Gill	May 15, 2024	EMS
Galena Park Fire Department	KATHY Kirkpatrick	May 15, 2024	EMS
Harris County Emergency Corps	Chivas Guillote	May 15, 2024	EMS
Harris County Emergency Corps	Keir Vernon	May 15, 2024	EMS
Harris County ESD #4	Cody Nance	May 15, 2024	EMS
HCA Houston Healthcare (regional rep)	Lisa Martinez	May 15, 2024	EMS
HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	Trey Urech	May 15, 2024	EMS
HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood	Collin Poole	May 15, 2024	EMS

Highlands Volunteer Fire Department	Theresa Young	May 15, 2024	EMS
Huntsville-Walker County EMS	Rachel Parker	May 15, 2024	EMS
Jacinto City Fire Department	Mike Bodak	May 15, 2024	EMS
Katy Fire Department	Matthew Ondruch	May 15, 2024	EMS
Matagorda County EMS	Robert Campos	May 15, 2024	EMS
Memorial Hermann Katy	Morakinyo Akintola	May 15, 2024	EMS
Memorial Hermann Life Flight	Aron Hanson	May 15, 2024	EMS
Memorial Hermann System	Jim Young	May 15, 2024	EMS
Northwest Community Health/HCESD8	Eric Steffel	May 15, 2024	EMS
SETRAC	Grant Kelley	May 15, 2024	EMS
SETRAC	James Meaux	May 15, 2024	EMS
SETRAC	Katherine Samuel	May 15, 2024	EMS
SETRAC	Troy Erbentraut	May 15, 2024	EMS
Southlake Houston EMS	C.J. Brown	May 15, 2024	EMS
UTMB Clear Lake	Richard Arocho	May 15, 2024	EMS
Wharton EMS	Christy Gonzales	May 15, 2024	EMS