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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.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following were introduced as the new EMS Committee Leadership:

- **Medical Director:** Dr. Lesley Osborn, Memorial Hermann Life Flight
- **Physician Representative:** Dr. Joseph Gill, Harris County ESD 48
- **EMS Agency Representative:** Kevin Leverence, Sugar Land Fire Department
- **Hospital Representative:** Jason Gander, Memorial Hermann Hospital

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DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
○ HB 471 ○ HB 624 ○ SB 1588 ○ HB 1740 ○ HB 2476 - The following bills still have life: ○ HB 617 ○ HB 683 ○ HB 1236 ○ HB 1592 ○ HB 4147 ○ HB 3848 ○ HB 2233 ○ HB 4273 - The following bills have died: ○ SB 660 ○ HB 3467 • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update No update at this time. • GETAC Update The next meetings will be held in June. The GETAC EMS Committee will be finalizing their white paper on wall times.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) New agencies are coming on board with the program, including HFD. The group of agencies that are part of the program will begin meeting again in the near future.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.

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Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) There continues to be a push to get more hospitals to actively participate in the initiative.	SETRAC will reach out to Micah Panczyk about presenting data at the next meeting.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
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 based on their capabilities and jurisdictions and the patient may be transported to a facility other than where the referring facility has an MOT. A workgroup may be formed in the near future to discuss this topic.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
ED Committee The committee continues to gain steam. The goal is to bring topics that may affect the ED to the committee for joint discussions.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
EMS Wristband Initiative The initiative has not begun in this region. The SETRAC is reviewing how to implement the initiative. Hospital systems continue to work with their electronic medical record systems to have a field to enter the wristband numbers.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool DSHS has required RACs to perform a self-assessment each year. The self-assessment will be reviewed with committee leadership to see how prehospital service is faring in the region.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>New Business</u>		
Behavioral Health Workgroup Meeting have been held with behavioral hospitals and law enforcement along with some EMS agencies. A meeting may be	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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held in the next couple of months with all parties involved with a goal of implementing a regional program. 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. • Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) This has been postponed due to work being done on putting together the regional radiological surge plan earlier this year. This topic will be revisited later this year.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update The subcommittee did not meet today. Unlicensed boarding homes continue to be an issue in the region. Work is being done to find a way to place the residents when the homes are being immediately shut down instead of sending them to hospital EDs. More information will be shared regarding this topic as they arise. • EMS Education Workgroup SETRAC would like to know what topics and education is wanted or needed by EMS in our region. The SETRAC EMS page can be updated with information the committee would like to have posted. • EMS Data Workgroup The committee has a goal to start collecting data. Several of the SETRAC committees have provided metrics they would like to see collected from EMS.	No action items or recommendations A suggestion was made to discuss wall times with the ED Committee. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u>		



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<u>Old Business</u> EMResource CAD Interface Update This project continues to be developed. Pulsara Pulsara will be coming out with new updates related to MCIs. SETRAC recently met with Pulsara and provided input; however, EMResource continues to be the regional software in use for MCIs. Bariatric Transports Several agencies have reached out to say they are willing to be bariatric provider. SETRAC is looking to identify funding for bariatric transports and what the process would look like for requesting a transport. <u>New Business</u> SETRAC Committee Updates The Cardiac Care and Trauma Committees are joining to present CPR/Stop The Bleed hybrid course for the community. EMS providers are welcome to participate in the events as well as be a part of the work group to develop the courses. Harris County Public Health Presentation – Immunizations for First Responders Harris County Public Health (HCPH) gave an overview of the recommended vaccines for first responders and shared a vaccine self-assessment tool to help determine what vaccines a person may need. HCPH has wellness clinics where vaccines can be provided for free or at low cost as well as other services. HCPH is currently monitoring trends of infectious diseases including MPOX, Dengue, Chikungunya, Marburg virus, and measles.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations EMS in encouraged to attend any of the SETRAC committee meetings. 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. Standing repot. Closed.



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Houston Methodist Hospital Stroke Case Presentation Fiona Smith and Dr. W. Ahmed of Houston Methodist Sugar Land presented a case study regarding a patient with a large vessel occlusion. The case showed a great example of identifying a possible LVO via the use of a stroke severity score by EMS, pre-notification to the hospital, and inter-organization communication leading to exceptional outcomes for the patient.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> COVID Update No report at this time. <u>New Business</u> 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 is supporting Jeep Weekend in Galveston. Historically, extra help has been needed during the event for transporting patients. The Magnolia Days event in Columbus will be supported as well. EMTF support was provided for unlicensed boarding homes, the San Jacinto search operation, and The Woodlands Iron Man event. WebEOC training will take place on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Pulsara training will take place on the 4th Thursday of every month.	No action items or recommendations. Anyone interested in being added to the EMTF-6 listserv to receive updates information on upcoming events/trainings can email Mikal.Orr@setrac.org.	Standing report. Standing report.



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The TDEM full-scale hurricane exercise was recently completed. Real-time polling and interaction with the TMORT team was included. An initial planning was held for next year's NCAA college football playoffs. A new platform will be used to send out notifications. Agencies may see a request for updating agency and contact information. The Houston ambus has received its upgrades. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update The regional radiological surge plan has been completed as well as the annual functional exercise. The AAR and toolkits will be pushed out.	No action items or recommendations.	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. <u>New Business</u> No items to report.	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. Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> There were no items presented for discussion.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.



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<u>ADJOURN</u> Mr. Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 11:47am. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21 st at SETRAC.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.