



CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Local Project Grant Funding No report at this time. • EMS County Funding EMS pass through funding will expire at the end of the fiscal year. Packets for the next fiscal year will be sent out during the second week of September. • EMS Run Affidavit No report at this time. • EMS Wristband Initiative SETRAC will be issuing each agency a set of state-wide wristbands. This will initially be used to for those patients that need to be relocated to another facility due to a hurricane. This summer, a few agencies and hospitals will be selected to apply the wristbands to all 911 patients and track their care from first medical contact to discharge from the hospital. A process will be developed for using the wristbands.	No action items or recommendations. Agencies that have not submitted their paperwork will need to do so as soon as possible to receive reimbursement. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Update to be provided at next meeting



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Possible complications with implementing the initiative were discussed including how the wristband numbers will entered in patient records and how the initiative will be funded. A plan for distribution of the bands to each EMS agency will be created for use in the event of an evacuation. Several agencies have agreed to trial the process and feedback will be provided to this committee. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Leadership Update SETRAC is currently working with TX CARES on getting more in-depth data. New SETRAC BAAs may need to be completed for each agency. EMS data sets are beginning to be put together for the SETRAC data repository in order to do more regional quality improvement projects. The new RAC self-assessment tool for the SETRAC region with a large EMS component will be implemented in August 2023. The Texas legislature is allocating \$21.7 million for EMS workforce development. Some of the funds will be given to RACs to encourage EMS participation in training and increasing the volume of paramedics in the field. There will be a short timeline to put programs into place once the funding is received. The process for EMS to obtain a CHEMPACK or any of the drugs contained in the pack will be changed to allow the SETRAC duty officer to be contacted if needed.	A suggestion was made to have a workgroup, including the committee leadership, meet to begin reviewing the EMS components of the self-assessment to determine the regional baseline and develop plans to at least meet the minimum criteria. An update will be provided at the July meeting. Committee members are encouraged to begin thinking of what training, scholarships, resources, etc., are needed in the region.	Standing report.



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• Legislative Update No updates at this time; however, there is speculation that there could be bills that could have affect EMS. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update The staffing waiver is set to expire on August 26th; however, if the governor rescinds the emergency declaration earlier, the staffing waiver will expire at that time. • GETAC Update No report at this time. • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool See "SETRAC Leadership Update."	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) The program was recently rolled out at Cy-Fair. The SETRAC Trauma Committee has opted to push out the Thor AABW Working Group's article on how to achieve this process as well as some region-wide suggested protocols for best practices. The logistics of where the blood is stored and how to obtain the blood continues to be an issue in the region. • Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) The CARES report through April 2022 was presented to the committee. When compared to the state and nation, the SETRAC region's percentages are similar in gender, mean age, location, and sustained ROSC. The SETRAC region fares better than the	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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state and national averages in bystander CPR, AED application prior to EMS arrival, and survival rates.		
• Advanced Directives/DNRs from Nursing Homes (Trauma/MIH) See “MIH-CP Subcommittee” update.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple) No update at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Pre-Hospital Use of Ketamine (Trauma) No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Heart Healthy Community Program (Cardiac) Several agencies have been contacted to determine their interest and if help is needed with the application process.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Falls Prevention Awareness (Injury Prevention) The Falls Prevention Committee continues to hold Tai Chi courses. There are currently 3 openings for those interested in becoming certified in Tai Chi.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Over the White Line – Houston Transtar (Trauma) No updates at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) This group has not yet met; however, guidelines from around the region have been gathered in preparation to develop a plan.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• EMResource Language Update (All) During COVID, hospitals frequently used the “internal disaster” status in EM Resource (often at the same time) which made it	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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become less relevant for EMS providers to use when determining where to bring patients. SETRAC recently held a CNO/CNE quarterly round table with the topic of EMS wall times, diversion, and EMTALA. The CMS director in Texas was in attendance and answered questions related to these topics. <u>New Business</u> • ED Committee A new ED Committee is being formed by SETRAC to get their buy-in on processes to provide solutions for many of the clinical initiatives, allowing the EDs to be a part of the regional process to improve patient outcomes.	No action items or recommendations	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update The group continues to discuss the POLST and the alternative to DNR. Encompass gave a presentation on MIH facilitating direct admissions from home to in-patient rehab facilities. Preliminary discussions began about facilitating direct admissions for mental health patients to psychiatric facilities to navigate them away from hospital ERs. • EMS Education Workgroup Once the funding is received, this group will assist generating ideas on developing paramedics and other programs across the region, assisting with scholarships, building recruitment programs, and more. • EMS Data Workgroup No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMResource CAD Interface Update This project continues to move forward and will implement additional agencies. • Pulsara Although not an official regional standard, most of the healthcare systems have the platform or are in the process of adding the platform. The committee discussed if the committee needs to adopt the use of Pulsara as a regional standard. • OD Map Anyone interested in using the OD Map through HIDTA can reach out to Mr. Collier. • Drug Backorder Update No update at this time. If your agency is critically low on an item, SETRAC may be able to send information out to determine if any partners may be able to assist. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Committee Updates The Perinatal Committee has applied for a grant to help fund the neonatal resuscitation program training for EMS. • Type O Whole Blood and Assessment of AGE During Prehospital Resuscitation (TOWAR) Trial Dr. Lesley Osborn gave a presentation on this new study that will be kicked off soon. The purpose of the trial is to determine the efficacy and safety of prehospital low titer O+ whole blood resuscitation as compared to component (separate units of RBCs,	No action items or recommendations. A recommendation was made to survey the hospitals and EMS agencies to find out who is currently using Pulsara, considering using it, and not using/considering using it. 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. Standing report. Closed.



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plasma and platelets) prehospital resuscitation results in patients at risk of hemorrhagic shock. • HCA Houston Healthcare Case Review Dr. Mohammad El-Ghanem, Director of Neuro-endovascular Surgery at HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest, presented a patient success story involving neuro-endovascular interventions and quick actions performed by EMS and the hospital. • Bariatric Transports A survey will be sent out to see which agencies are able to transport bariatric patients and who may be interested in having a transport truck that can be shared in the region.	No action items or recommendations. A recommendation was made to have this topic brought up at the upcoming ED Committee meeting.	Closed. Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> • COVID Update The numbers continue to remain stable. Fluctuations are sometimes caused by inconsistent reporting. The state is going through audits with FEMA regarding reimbursements with each of the RACs. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update EMTF recently assisted with regional drills, provided medical care support in Ganado, was activated for the Kings Ranch fire, and assisted with the MS-150 bike ride event. A MIST initial training was held in April and an AST training was held in May.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.



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• Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Hurricane tabletop exercises are being held in each of the corridors. EMS involvement is encouraged. The annual symposium will be held the first week of November in Galveston. The preparedness boot camps are back and is focused on long-term care facilities.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Standardized Response Time Language No update at this time. • Critical Care Transport Matrix No update at this time. <u>New Business</u> HCA will relocate Air Life 11 to Livingston on June 1st. An open house will be held on June 17th.	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> Harris County ESD 5 will be hosting a free program on June 7th on post traumatic growth. Dansun, the City of Baytown, and Harris County ESD 48 are assisting with the program which is open to anyone who would like to attend.	No action items or recommendation.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Mr. Collier adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will take place July 15, 2022.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.