



CALL TO ORDER

Chris Collier called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees. Anyone calling into the meeting will need to email Grace Farquhar to receive credit for attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) EMS COMPLIANCE 6/5S UPDATE

Chuck Rowe reminded agencies using the staffing waiver granted by the governor's declaration that a letter of approval by the agency's medical director is required. The letter must name the individuals that are given permission to ride on ambulance units.

DSHS is performing random continuing education audits. Agencies are asked to remind their staff that ultimately it is each person's responsibility to maintain all documents related to their continuing education credits in their own personal file.

CEO UPDATE

Mr. Collier provided an update on behalf of Darrell Pile.

More focus will be placed on quality improvement issues in all SETRAC committees. This will involve more joint conference committee meetings and provide EMS representatives opportunities to provide feedback on topics that pertain to prehospital care.

Hospital data presented at SETRAC committee meetings show the tremendous improvements that have been made in prehospital response such as use of tourniquets and delivering patients to specialty hospitals (PCI centers, designated stroke centers, etc.)

Justin Reed has been selected as the new chair for the EMS Committee. Allen Sims and Dr. Lesley Osborn will serve as the committee's vice chairs. A survey was sent out via the listserv for committee members to provide input on topics for performance improvements, education, and projects.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Local Project Grant Funding The EMS Committee has a little over \$58,000 available now	Committee members are asked to provide	Standing report.



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through August 31st for local projects that meet DSHS's approval. The committee chair and vice chair will need to develop a spending plan with input from committee members. EMS County Funding Agencies are reminded to submit their packets for pass through funds. Once received, SETRAC will follow-up if any additional information is needed. EMS Run Affidavit The new fiscal year begins on September 1st. Packets will be sent out once additional information is received from DSHS. <u>New Business</u> Legislative Update Legislation is now in session. SB 999 places restrictions on how EMS providers bill clients. Additional information can be found in previous email correspondence. GETAC Update GETAC meetings continue to be held virtually. Meeting invites will be sent out via the listservs.	input for use of these funds via the survey sent out via email prior to the meeting. Those who have not received their packets should contact Donald Morrison at SETRAC. No action items or recommendations. SETRAC will keep EMS providers updated on any new legislation by which they may be affected. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS Systems Quality Improvement (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> EMS Whole Blood Program The region will implement this program as a component therapy program due to the lack of area hospitals carrying whole blood. The program is progressing well and is using the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center donor centers to restock. The eventual goal will be to have a whole blood program as additional hospitals begin to use whole blood.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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• Texas Cares Initiative The initiative is moving forward with hospital partners for providing data. The Texas Cares board is looking at approaches for long-term funding. There is optimism that by the end of the year EMS will be able to participate in data submission for this initiative and get high quality outcomes from the data. • Advanced Directives (DNRs from Nursing Homes) Meetings continue to take place regarding this topic. Best practice checklists may be developed that show which documents should be collected during patient transfers. Also, the group is looking into ways for facilities to gather paperwork faster to send with EMS as well as ensuring the paperwork does not get lost in the transport process. <u>New Business</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update The subcommittee is working on developing a workgroup to bring COVID-19 vaccines to homebound patients located in the unincorporated areas of Houston. STEAR listings are available to assist agencies in determining where homebound patients are located. This information can be used to assess who may still need COVID-19 vaccinations as well as knowing who may need assistance during a hurricane or other event. • Trauma Committee Update The committee continues to work with the Pediatric Committee on standardizing the pediatric transport guidelines that are included in the regional trauma plan. An abstract on the impact of Level II trauma centers was submitted in March. A white paper on the usage of tourniquets in the SETRAC region will be submitted in July.	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. Standing report.

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Injury Prevention Committee Update The committee is working with Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis's office for a possible partnership on a hospital-based prevention program for firearm safety. Water safety tips and drowning prevention tips for apartment complexes and HOAs were published and can be found on the SETRAC website for printing and distribution.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
Falls Subcommittee At this time, the only falls data collected in the SETRAC region are patients that reported to the hospitals submitting data. To obtain a more accurate number for falls our region, an inquiry was made to the EMS Committee about the possibility of EMS agencies submitting data for 911 calls related to falls patients that are not transferred to a hospital. The committee discussed possible ways of submitting the data including using an online form and the SETRAC EMS database.	SETRAC will begin looking into how to receive data from EMS agencies electronically.	Standing report.
Pediatric Committee Update Xavier De La Rosa (ESD 11) has been selected as the EMS representative for the Pediatric Committee. Speakers are being finalized for the upcoming PECC symposium.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
Perinatal Committee Update SETRAC is assisting in providing NRP training for EMS providers. This class would provide education about additional skills for caring for babies that are less than 30 days old. The committee is also putting together a recommended neonatal code kit. The current cost for an NRP card is \$30. A request has been made to SETRAC to sponsor the initial pilot and supplies needed.	Members of the committee recommended using funds from the local projects grant to possibly sponsor the initial pilot course and supplies.	Standing report.



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• Stroke Committee Update Large vessel occlusion (LVO) data continues to be collected from comprehensive stroke centers and endovascular capable facilities to determine if patients are being transported to the appropriate level of care.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
• Cardiac Committee Update See "Heart Healthy Community Program" and "Non-PCI Hospitals/FSEDs to PCI Rapid Transports"	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
• Heart Healthy Community Program The Cardiac Care Committee recently approved this program which allows communities to promote the coordinated actions they take to reduce heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest. The overall goal is to have communities bring awareness to sudden cardiac events and input processes that improve the quality of life for their residents. The toolkit for this program can be accessed at www.setrac.org/cardiac.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
• Non-PCI Hospitals/FSEDs to PCI Rapid Transports The Cardiac Care Committee is looking at ways to improve the transfer times of cardiac patients in the region when a higher level of care is needed. One possible solution that the committee requested EMS feedback regarding is the use of 911 agencies to transport the patients from a non-PCI center or FSED to a PCI center as sometimes there are unanticipated wait times with contracted agencies. The EMS committee discussed potential issues regarding this process including EMTALA, hospital diversions, and rural vs. urban settings.	This item will be further discussed at the next Cardiac Care Committee. EMS representatives are encouraged to attend to provide input for discussion.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
• Houston HIDTA Mr. Wendell Campbell gave a presentation on the Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. The program targets the opioid epidemic and provides an overdose response strategy and	No action times or recommendations.	Closed.

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overdose mapping software. Agencies interested in accessing the ODMAP can request access by going to www.odmap.org.		
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> COVID Update The push-pack distribution of PPE has ended and all PPE requests will need to be completed by STAR request only. Agencies without Web EOC access will need to work with their local jurisdictions' emergency manager to submit the STAR request. An emergency supply of PPE is available if needed. <u>New Business</u> Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update EMTF has been active in responses to multiple state mission assignments, including the COVID response and the winter weather storm in February. A Wildland Fire Support medical unit leader training was just completed. Other trainings, including AST and MIST courses, are scheduled for the remainder of the year. An ambulance strike team is currently deployed in Orange and is on standby for assistance due to the current weather situation. Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Tabletop exercises were held in preparation of the upcoming hurricane season. Agencies are reminded to review their plans. There is still availability for EMS providers who would like to attend CMOC training. SETRAC would like to have more EMS	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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filling some of the seats in CMOC, especially with load balancing patients. SETRAC is currently working with the Houston Fire Department in testing the ability to integrate the CAD system with EMResource to view real-time data on the number of ambulances at any given facility and the amount of time the ambulances are parked at the location.		
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> No items to report. <u>New Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> No items for discussion.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> There being no additional items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place July 16, 2021.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.