



CALL TO ORDER

Justin Reed 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 There is no funding this year with this grant. The topic will be monitored should it be reinstated this upcoming legislative year. • EMS County Funding Agencies that have not submitted reimbursement packages must do so by the end of July. Information regarding packages for the new fiscal year, which begins September 1st, will be provided at the September meeting. • EMS Run Affidavit It is not known at this time if affidavits will be accepted by DSHS for the upcoming fiscal year. Agencies are asked to ensure the files are meeting the requirements of the trauma registry so runs are not undercounted. • EMS Wristband Initiative Cy-Fair and Northwest will be running a pilot of this initiative for a week in August and will provide feedback prior to legislators prior to a mandate for its use being implemented. After the trial period, wristbands will be provided by SETRAC to EMS agencies for	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



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patients involved in evacuations and MCIs. This initiative is currently unfunded. If mandated, a distribution plan as well as monetary costs to implement the initiative if will be drafted. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Leadership Update A nationwide search will be held for the SETRAC CEO position. The SETRAC Executive Committee recently approved the profile which will be distributed through the listservs. • Legislative Update The next legislative session will begin in January. There are no updates at this time; however, there is speculation that there could be bills that could affect EMS and RAC funding. • 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 The American Rescue Plan has allocated \$27 million to Texas to develop EMS workforce (building out the program, education programs, scholarships, etc.) Each RAC will receive a portion of the funds. The program will begin September 1st.	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. Standing report.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.

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Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) The CARES report through June 2022 was presented to the committee. When compared to the state and nation, the SETRAC region's percentages are similar in gender, mean age, and location of the cardiac event. The SETRAC region fares higher than the state and national averages in bystander witnessed events and survival rates.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Stop The Bleed Initiative (Trauma) SETRAC has received an influx of requests for Stop the Bleed training and is need of instructors and assistants. SETRAC will reach out for assistance to agencies in the areas of the organizations that have requested training.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Advanced Directives/DNRs from Nursing Homes (Trauma/MIH) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Utilizing 911 for STEMI/Stroke/Trauma Inter-Facility Rapid Transports (Multiple) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Pre-Hospital Use of Ketamine (Trauma) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Heart Healthy Community Program (Cardiac) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Falls Prevention Awareness (Injury Prevention) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
Over the White Line – Houston Transtar (Trauma) No report for this meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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• Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) No report for this meeting. • EMResource Language Update (All) No report for this meeting. • ED Committee The newly formed ED Committee recently held its first meeting and will meet monthly. Attendees felt the current priorities of the committee should be mental health and disaster planning. SETRAC will be reaching out to mental health authorities about programs and funding in the region to help create a different paradigm on where to bring mental health patients instead of a hospital ED. <u>New Business</u> • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool DSHS has developed a self-assessment tool for each of the RACs in Texas. Any RAC scoring less than a “3” in any of the criteria will need to develop an action plan for improvement. SETRAC has preliminary gone through the tool to highlight areas that may need to be improvement and presented the findings to the committee. Additional information is needed for some of the items and have been sent to DSHS for clarification. Areas of clarification/improvement include: - Inviting public health officials to participate in injury and disease risk assessments. (Area of improvement.) - Stakeholder input into financial decisions. (Clarification needed.)	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. Input is requested from agencies across the region. Items needing clarification have been sent to DSHS and SETRAC is waiting for a response.	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.



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- Ensure prehospital providers arrive promptly to the scene and transport to the appropriate facility. (Clarification needed.) - Rehab facilities participate on the board and are included in the RAC bylaws. (Clarification needed.) - Regional guidelines for interfacility transfer to expedite patients with acute or other time-sensitive disease processes are established. (Area of improvement.) - System performance improvement plan defining the review process, level of harm, and level of review to include identified opportunities for improvement. (Area of improvement.) SETRAC and its participants are protected from discovery by Texas legislature for doing case reviews and performance improvement as long as confidentiality statements are signed.		
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update A couple of agencies in the region have begun a program that takes mental health patients not needing physical medical care directly to behavioral health facilities. The subcommittee will prepare a draft of the guidelines in use by the agencies and see if additional funding may be available to support the regional program. Additional psychiatric facilities and agencies are needed for participation. The subcommittee is reviewing a telehealth model for treat-in-place and billing. • EMS Education Workgroup No report at this time.	Any psychiatric facilities and EMS agencies that would like to participate can reach out to Corey Naranjo. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.



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• EMS Data Workgroup This group will come together to review what EMS data should be collected to show to the committee as well as a data dictionary to be able to ensure all agencies are pulling the same data.	No action items or recommendations	Standing report.
<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 and many agencies are using them as well. The committee discussed if the committee needs to adopt the use of Pulsara as a regional standard including legality and ethics. • OD Map Work on the interface between several of the agencies and the CAD system is currently in progress. • Drug Backorder Update Nephron recently released a voluntary recall. There is currently a shortage of dialysate which can affect dialysis patients. If your agency is critically low on an item, SETRAC can send information out the region to determine if any partners may be able to assist. • Bariatric Transports Only one agency has a true bariatric truck that may or may not be available in the region. Issues regarding funding can be a barrier	No action items or recommendations. A recommendation was made to review any legal, ethical, funding issues regarding making a recommendation to use Pulsara as a regional tool and to also get feedback from the ED Committee. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. A recommendation was made to have this topic brought up at the upcoming ED	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. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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to having a bariatric truck (cost of the truck, servicing other jurisdictions, etc.) A discussion took place including costs of retrofitting a truck, work arounds, and the possibility of SETRAC acquiring a bariatric truck. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Committee Updates Kristen Beckworth (Texas Children's Hospital) presented a pediatric suicide prevention initiative. Public safety and first responder organizations are encouraged to complete a needs assessment survey so that Texas Children's can learn more about their experience with the population and what resources are available, as well as identify gaps. • Monkeypox Dr. Linda Yancy gave a presentation on the current Monkeypox outbreak including symptoms, treatment, and prevention.	Committee meeting. Any agency that may have a bariatric truck should notify Chris Collier. A link to the survey will be sent out via the prehospital listservs. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Closed.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> • COVID Update Cases are slightly rising and will continue to be monitored. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Any agency interested in having a wildland paramedic unit or rapid extraction module (REM) rescue team can reach out to Mikal Orr. SETRAC is looking at how to get more people trained in our region without having to travel long distances.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.



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• Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update The annual symposium will be held the first week of November in Galveston. Speakers are still needed. SETRAC is happy to assist with MCI training and exercises in the 25-county HPP region.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Standardized Response Time Language This item can be removed from future agendas. • Critical Care Transport Matrix No update at this time. <u>New Business</u> No items for discussion.	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> ALERRT AAIR training classes are being scheduled in the region. Locations to be able to train (weekdays, nights, and weekends) are needed for these training classes. Holistic Assistance Response Teams (HART) are currently running and is dispatched through the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Some data has been received regarding this initiative.	Anyone wishing to host or attend these classes can reach out to Chief Reed who will provide the information for the contact person with the program.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Chief Reed adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will take place September 16, 2022, at Sugar Land Fire and EMS.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.