



CALL TO ORDER

Justin Reed called the meeting to order and welcomed the meeting attendees. The meeting was held 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 The EMS Committee has a little over \$58,000 available now through August 31st for local projects that meet DSHS's approval. • 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. Agencies who have not received their packets should contact the SETRAC office. <u>New Business</u> • SETRAC Leadership Update Darrell Pile reported that the legislature passed a bill to provide new funds that keep RAC budgets level. In addition, the legislature is now funding EMTF programs across the state with	The committee chair and vice chair will need to develop a spending plan with input from committee members. 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.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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\$5 million for the biennium. • Legislative Update See "Texas NAEMSP Update" section. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update Agencies using the staffing waiver granted by the governor's declaration are reminded 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. • GETAC Update GETAC meetings continue to be held virtually. Meeting invites will be sent out via the listservs. • Texas NAEMSP Update Bobby Hilbert of the Texas EMS Alliance provided a presentation on some of the recently passed legislation.	No action items or recommendations. 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. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report. Closed.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) The region will implement this pilot program as a component therapy program with three agencies in the region while the national blood bank industry continues efforts to standardize distribution. • Texas Cares Initiative (Cardiac) Micah Panczyk gave a presentation on the initiative. There are currently 75 agencies participating in the initiative across 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. The Texas Cares board is moving forward with working with partners for providing data and is looking at approaches for long-term funding. • 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. • Non-PCI Hospitals/FSEDs to PCI Rapid Transports (Cardiac) PCI facilities, as well as trauma and stroke designated facilities are reporting long waits throughout the region when requesting a patient transfer. While some 911 agencies are capable of assisting with transferring patients, others do not have the resources available. Additional concerns, such as EMTALA regulations, may play into where is patient is transferred. • Pre-Hospital Use of Ketamine (Trauma) A regional guideline for standardized prehospital ketamine usage is being created. A one-hour class is being organized for first responders. • Heart Healthy Community Program (Cardiac) 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. This topic will be discussed by the new EMS Education Workgroup. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting. Standing report. Standing report.



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• Falls Prevention Awareness (Injury Prevention) Kati Bare spoke to the committee about the virtual falls prevention programs currently begin held throughout the region. The Falls Workgroup is requesting funding through SETRAC to provide training for additional trainers to assist in the program. <u>New Business</u> • EMS LVO Assessment Review (Stroke) The Stroke Committee is reviewing large vessel occlusion (LVO) data to evaluate the regional system of care. In review of the data, many patients brought to hospital EDs do not appear to have a stroke severity scale associated with the patients. Hospitals are reviewing their data to determine if this is accurate.	SETRAC will begin looking into how to receive data from EMS agencies electronically. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update In addition to discussing the initiative around advanced directives, the subcommittee is working on developing a workgroup to bring COVID-19 vaccines to homebound patients located in the unincorporated areas of Houston. • EMS Education Workgroup This new workgroup will begin developing training programs for the region which will include CEs for EMS providers. • EMS Data Workgroup This new workgroup will discuss data metrics to collect and track to provide feedback to the committee on the prehospital system of care is working in the region.	No action items or recommendations. Those interested in participating in this workgroup should reach out to Justin Reed or Chris Collier. Those interested in participating in this workgroup should reach out to Justin Reed or Chris Collier.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.

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<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> <u>Old Business</u> Houston HIDTA The Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program targets the opioid epidemic and provides an overdose response strategy and overdose mapping software. Agencies interested in accessing the ODMAP can request access by going to www.odmap.org. EMResource CAD Interface Update SETRAC is currently working with a few regional fire departments 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>New Business</u> SETRAC Committee Updates Clinical committee highlights were distributed to EMS committee members in attendance. Topics being discussed in the committees include providing neonatal resuscitation training to EMS and a virtual Cardiac Consortium to be held during the month of September. EMS System Review – Harris County ESD 11 Harris County ESD 11 will commence operations on September 1st in north Harris county. Inter-Facility Transfers See “Non-PCI Hospitals/FSEDs to PCI Rapid Transports (Cardiac)” section.	No action items or recommendations. 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.



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<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. AST and MIST training courses are scheduled for the remainder of the year. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Agencies are reminded to review their plans for hurricane season. There is still availability for EMS providers who would like to attend CMOC training. SETRAC would like to have more EMS filling some of the seats in CMOC, especially with load balancing patients.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<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.	Standing report.



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<u>HCA – HOUSTON HEALTHCARE TRAINING AMBULANCE DISPLAY</u> HCA gave a presentation on the system's mobile EMS training program and provided a display for the committee members to visit. This training is available to agencies throughout the region.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<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 September 17, 2021.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.