

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

Dr. Joseph Gill, Harris County ESD 48, was introduced as the physician representative for the committee and presided over the meeting.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> EMS County Funding Funds are expected to be dispersed in the next few weeks. <u>New Business</u> Legislative Update A bill has been passed that will require insurance plans regulated by the state of Texas to pay EMS agencies full charges if the agency's rates are set by a subdivision of the state of Texas. Agencies will no longer to be able to do balance billing if the insurance plan is regulated by the state of Texas. There will also be a cap on increases each year. The Texas EMS Alliance will be holding its annual conference at Horseshoe Bay the second week of August. Registration is still available. GETAC Update The next GETAC meetings will take place the third week of August in Austin.	Agencies who have not turned in their packets need to do so immediately. Agencies are encouraged to submit their rates as soon as possible. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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The EMS, Education, and Medical Directors committees are working on updating the plan that would require EMS transport providers provide CEs for staff to be able to be recertified. In addition, EMS and other first responders that are employed by a transport agency will be required to have less CEs for recertification. The EMS Committee will also be working to finalize the white paper on reducing wall times. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update No update at this time. • Listserv for EMS Directors A listserv is being prepared exclusively for EMS directors and leaders to connect and chat. • EMS Survey A survey is being prepared for EMS agencies to provide standard contact information, committee goals, engagement ideas, and capabilities.	No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made that agency chiefs approve the persons from their agency that are to be included in the listserv and that the listserv be moderated. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) There continues to be a push to get more agencies to actively participate in the initiative.	Grace Farquhar will reach out to Micah Pancyzk about providing an update at a future meeting.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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• Behavioral Health Workgroup Separate meetings have been held with behavioral hospitals and law enforcement along with some EMS agencies. A plan is being put together to have each group come together for a meeting 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. • 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 and development of goals. • Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) No report provided. <u>New Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) Several agencies have a whole blood program and other agencies have expressed interest, including HFD. Information is needed from agencies on how they started the program and ensuring we are good stewards of using blood products with the intention of creating best practices for the region. • EMS Wristband Initiative Some funding has been secured for this initiative. The initiative has not been integrated in this region yet. The SETRAC is reviewing how to implement the initiative including providing enough wristbands to each agency and training.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made to have those agencies with a whole blood program meet monthly with those agencies that would like to implement the program and to find out hospital policies on blood in and blood out. 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. Update to be provided at next meeting.



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<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u>		
Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update The subcommittee met prior to the EMS Committee meeting. Attendees discussed the ongoing challenges of obtaining DNR documents with facilities. The subcommittee is facilitating the development of local, individual protocols regarding the transport of mental health patients and may have a recommendation for the next EMS Committee meeting on how an agency can create their own protocol. EMS Education Workgroup No report at this time. EMS Data Workgroup Input has been received from the trauma, stroke, and cardiac committees on data they would like to see from prehospital providers. The first EMS Data Workgroup meeting will take place next month. A heat map showing the top five mechanisms of injury was developed at the request of the Trauma Committee was shown to the EMS Committee.	No action items or recommendations A suggestion was made to discuss wall times with the ED Committee. Agencies are encouraged to bring their QA/QI personnel to the data meeting.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u>		
<u>Old Business</u>		
EMResource CAD Interface Update No report at this time. Pulsara No report as this time. The question was raised if a limited data	No action items or recommendations. A suggestion was made to have a work	Update to be provided at next meeting. Update to be provided at next meeting.

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set could be applied to the region for the Pulsara report shared between EMS and hospitals when a patient is being transported to a facility. <u>New Business</u> Bariatric Transports Community Volunteer Fire Department has ordered three new ambulances. One of the ambulances was requested to be bariatric capable and could be ready for service in November. The ambulance could be used for mutual aid in the future when not in use. SETRAC Committee Updates <i>Injury Prevention Committee (Fall Prevention Workgroup)</i> Liza Garcia from the SETRAC Falls Prevention Work Group gave an overview of the work group and announced a community event that will be taking place in the fall in east Harris County. SETRAC will be partnering with the Harris County Commissioner's Office in that region to provide information on falls prevention. <i>Pediatric Committee</i> Eric Parmley from the SETRAC Pediatric Committee announced that a survey will be sent out to prehospital providers to help the Pediatric Committee with designing regional best practices and education. Three main topics being looked at by the Pediatric Committee are pediatric DKA, pediatric massive transfusion protocol, and pediatric asthma.	group convene to look at limited data sets to provide during patient handoffs. No action items or recommendations EMS partners are encouraged to participate in the Falls Prevention Work Group. The next meeting will take place at SETRAC on August 10th. No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting. Closed. Closed.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.



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<u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update Mikal Orr reported that several teams (ambulance strike teams, medical unit leaders, and wildland paramedic units) are in place around the region, mainly to support firefighters who suffer from heat exhaustion while battling wildfires. A couple of ambulances were recently used in trainings and drills in the region. All EMTF-wide trainings have been completed for the year. WebEOC trainings take place the second Thursday of each month at 1400 and 1800 and Pulsara trainings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. EMTF is working towards using Pulsara as the primary means for tracking patients. Workgroup meetings will be held in San Antonio (STRAC) on July 25th and September 25th. All are welcome to attend. Notifications will now be sent out through OnSolve. A survey will be sent out for agencies to provide contacts that should be included in EMTF mass notifications. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Registration is open for the annual symposium will be taking place in October. Hotel rooms are still available at this time.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. Standing report.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Standardized Response Time Language No report at this time. • Critical Care Transport Matrix	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.



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No report at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>New Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> Troy Erbentraut has been hired as the new Director of Emergency Services and Response at SETRAC and will start in his role in August. Mr. Erbentraut has over 20 years of hospital preparedness program (HPP) experience as well as asset management and state coalition experience. The warehouse Pfizer plant in North Carolina was recently struck by and damaged by a tornado. Craig Gray with BoundTree gave an update on the current status of the medications they receive from the Pfizer as well as the allocation process that will be in place for EMS agencies and fire departments.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> Dr. Gill adjourned the meeting at 11:47am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 th at SETRAC.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.