

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. Meeting attendance roster is attached.

INTRODUCTIONS

Troy Erbentraut was introduced to the committee. Mr. Erbentraut is the new Director of Emergency Services and Response at SETRAC.

Gena Metzger, EMS representative for Hamilton Medical, gave a presentation on their ventilator product. Ms. Metzger was thanked for her presentation as well as for providing breakfast for the committee.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business</u> • EMS County Funding Funds have been dispersed. <u>New Business</u> • Legislative Update A flowchart and guidance document template were distributed to the committee members regarding HB 624. RACs are to have in place guidelines for this bill by January 1, 2024. GETAC formed a committee from several of its committees to create best practices and guidelines for regions to use at the RAC level or use as a template and adjust as needed for the region. SETRAC is proposing to move forward with the documents as the regional guideline. • GETAC Update See “Legislative Update” section. Applications are open during the month of September for all the	No action items or recommendations. The guidance document template will be sent out through the listserv for committee members to provide their edits and feedback. Suggested edits will be provided to an internal work group and the document will be sent out with the consensus. See “Legislative Update” section.	Standing report. Standing report. Standing report.



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subcommittees for GETAC for all interested persons. The term will begin after the first of the year for three years. • DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update No update at this time.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u> <u>Old Business</u> • Texas CARES Initiative (Cardiac) No update at this time. • Behavioral Health Workgroup The SETRAC team is continuing to work on efforts to help with this. • RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool No update at this time. • Regional MCI Guideline Workgroup (Trauma/RHPC) SETRAC is working internally to put together common nomenclature and terminology related to MCIs. This workgroup will be re-engaged and will be presented with the guidelines for review and discussion. <u>New Business</u> • EMS Whole Blood Program (Trauma) Eric Bank announced that this program is now referred to as the Blood Products program and is taking on a larger role nationally. A meeting was held three weeks ago to help get the initiative moving and get all the hospitals and EMS agencies on the same	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.
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page. Regionally, the goal is to create a rotation system and have a universal guideline/process. The next meeting will be held on October 5th. EMS Wristband Initiative Some end-of-year funding was secured for this initiative. The wristbands were received for distribution to the EMS agencies; however, the bands needed to be sent back to the manufacturer for replacement.	No action items or recommendations.	Update to be provided at next meeting.
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update Mr. Corey Naranjo provided an update on the meeting that occurred immediately prior to the EMS Committee meeting. Attendees discussed the process taking mental health patients directly from the scene to a behavioral health facility and bypassing hospital EDs. Several agencies have formed relationships with behavioral health facilities and have developed a protocol ensuring the patient is safe and able to be transported to a behavioral health facility. A draft protocol handout and next steps document were provided to the committee. EMS Education Workgroup No report at this time. EMS Data Workgroup The work group met last month and opted to have SETRAC obtain the NEMSIS extract from PCR vendors, New BAAs will be created for each of the agencies and the work group will come up with the initial data to be collected.	Anyone who would like assistance with developing their program can reach out to Corey Naranjo. No action items or recommendations. 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>		



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• EMResource CAD Interface Update No report at this time. • Bariatric Transports Community Volunteer Fire Department has ordered three new ambulances, one of which was requested to be bariatric capable and could be ready for service by January 1st. The ambulance could be used for mutual aid in the future when not in use. There are currently three known private agencies that have true bariatric trucks that might be able to be integrated. <u>New Business</u> • Pulsara Workgroup Hospitals have been meeting with Pulsara over the past four or five months to discuss which agencies are using the system, what data fields are needed (as minimal as possible), and barriers to its use. EMS agencies are invited to attend the meetings to provide input. SETRAC is working with Pulsara to look at using the system for patient tracking in the future. • SETRAC Committee Updates <i>Perinatal Committee – Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)</i> A large NRP course is set for November 28th at the United Way. EMS providers are highly encouraged to attend these courses which focus on providing care to newborns.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. A meeting will be set-up for EMS and hospitals to meet with Pulsara. 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. Closed.
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business</u>		

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No items to report. <u>New Business</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update There are currently wildland paramedic units activated. The following agencies have responded to eleven wildfires in the east branch since July. - Acadian EMS - Cy-Fair Fire Department - Humble Fire Department - Fort Bend County EMS Two MIST members from Fort Bend and Woodlands Fire Department are in the state coordinating office. Anyone interested in attending a MIST course can email Mikal.Orr@setrac.org. • Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Update Carrie Cox announced that planning for next year's regional exercise has begun and will include an EMS component. More information will be sent via email.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report. 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 report at this time.	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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<u>New Business</u> No items to report.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u> <u>RHPC Symposium: October 25th – 27th</u> Registration is open for the annual symposium in Galveston. Early bird registration ends on Monday, September 18 th . <u>Listserv for EMS Leaders</u> A listserv is being created and will be sent out next week. The listserv will be unmoderated and only include those that the agencies request. <u>NEMSIS 3.5 Dataset</u> The anticipated NEMSIS 3.5 dataset is planned to go live in November.	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Closed.
<u>ADJOURN</u> The meeting was adjourned at 10:42am. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10 th at SETRAC. (This meeting is scheduled for the second Friday of the month due to the EMS Conference.	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.