



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
QUARTERLY MEETING**

APRIL 21, 2025



Chairman David Persse, MD
Vice Chairman Hospital Services Tom Flanagan
Vice Chairman Pre-Hospital Services James Campbell
Secretary Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P
Treasurer Lon Squyres
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SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (Trauma Service Area Q)

Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties

SETRAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

April 21, 2025 – 6:30pm

LOCATION – SETRAC Conference Center - 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008

1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**David Persse, M.D./
Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P**

2) WELCOME

David Persse, M.D.

3) NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Tom Flanagan

- a. Current board member resignations and replacement nominations
- b. Open officer position – Vice Chairman Hospital Services
- c. Opening of nominations for Fiscal Year 2025-26 board member positions
- d. Opening of nominations for Fiscal Year 2025-26 executive committee positions

4) OFFICER REPORTS

A. Chairman

David Persse, MD

B. Vice Chair Hospital Services

Tom Flanagan

- a. Update on ad hoc dues committee
- b. Update from hospitals on real time bed reporting pilot

C. Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services

James Campbell

D. Secretary

Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P

E. Member At Large

Brent Kaziny, MD

- a. Update stakeholder engagement/attendance

F. Treasurer

Lon Squyres

- a. Financial reports

5) EXECUTIVE REPORT – Chief Executive Officer

Lori Upton, RN, BSN, MS

- a. Preparedness and Response report
- b. Emergency Healthcare Systems (EHS) report
 - i. Pediatric Committee presentation

**Lisa Spivey/Troy Erbentraut
Suzanne Curran/Melanie Aluotto/
Clayton Ehrlich
Nichole Davis, MD, MEd**

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Meeting Agenda (continued)

6) REMAINING ACTION ITEMS/BOARD CONSIDERATION

David Persse, MD

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approval of Reports** (Financial, Executive)
- C. Resolutions/Other Action Items**
 - a. Vote to approve nominations for open board positions

7) GENERAL/OPEN DISCUSSION

David Persse, MD

8) ADJOURNMENT

David Persse, MD

Next Meeting: July 21, 2025 – 6:30pm
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Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Dr. David Persse, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. The meeting was held in-person at the SETRAC Conference Center. Walter Morrow, Secretary, called roll and a quorum was established.

2. **WELCOME**

Dr. Persse welcomed the board members and the stakeholders in attendance. It was announced that an executive session would be held immediately following the general meeting.

3. **OFFICER REPORTS**

A. Chairman

Dr. Persse reported that Winter Storm Enzo did not reach a disaster declaration level. The City of Houston opened 11 warming centers along with non-governmental organizations. At one point during the storm, the City of Houston housed 1,700 people in their warming centers. There were very few carbon monoxide poisonings reported. There continues to be an issue with hospitals discharging patients to the warming centers, which are not equipped to handle social work and transportation cases. Dr. Persse tasked Dr. Kevin Schulz and the RHPC to work with hospitals in determining alternatives for where patients can be discharged other than warming/cooling centers when there are extreme temperatures in the region.

The Texas Medical Board had moved §197 regarding EMS/Medical Director Rules from its own chapter to now being under §169 with about 80% of the words missing. The Texas Medical Board did not have the intention for the verbiage to be "guttured". Dr. Persse and Dr. Schulz are currently working with a fellow who will be looking into the missing verbiage and to where it may have been moved.

B. Vice Chair Hospital Services

Tom Flanagan is working with a group that is addressing how to redistribute dues to healthcare systems and is looking to have a draft proposal to present to the board in April. The group is also tasked with reviewing a real-time bed reporting pilot program from Oregon. If the region opts to participate, this could change the way patients are transported to hospitals by EMS.

C. Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services

James Campbell reported that Cy-Fair is piloting a "direct to lobby" protocol. A suggestion was made at the most recent EMS Committee meeting to have reimbursement training for county funds annually or biannually. GETAC currently has two EMS work groups – a wall times task force and a group to review rule §157.11.

D. Secretary

Mr. Morrow had no items to report.

E. Officer-at-Large Report

Dr. Kaziny reported that SETRAC continues to receive terrific feedback from external partners across the Gulf Coast as a G7 partner.

After having conversations on the format of how future meetings should be held (in-person, hybrid, etc.), Dr. Kaziny would like to put together a survey or poll for board members and SETRAC committee members to complete. Options include:

- Keep the meetings as is (in-person only)
- Have a hybrid virtual/in-person version
- Have some degree of leniency to allow those who live further distances away to attend virtually.

F. Treasurer Report

Lori Upton reported on behalf of Lon Squyres on the SETRAC financials which was provided to the board. Highlights include:

- All grant accounts are on track with spending and the financial status is looking strong. In February, all accounts currently with Frost Bank will be moved to Amegy Bank.
- Unrestricted asset growth shows a total fund balance of \$978,361.73.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORT

A written report was provided to the board and Ms. Upton provided the following highlights:

- HPP budget amendments are due at the end of January. Due to the completion of the SB8 program (EMS Education), an amendment will be submitted for TSA-Q to allow Clayton Ehrlich to move into the EMS Response Manager position.
- SETRAC staff along with several stakeholders recently visited STRAC to learn how that region sets up their mental health initiatives. A meeting will be held at SETRAC to discuss how funds can be saved through the implementation of a collaborative.
- The HFD Base Station contract is up for renewal and an RFP was submitted by SETRAC. SETRAC was selected as one of the three finalists.
- Ryan Hand, the real estate agent that has been assisting with locating a new location for SETRAC, has written a letter of recommendation offering the seller \$8.325 million with a review period of 60 days. SETRAC would have a non-refundable amount of \$1,000 if the agreement is terminated. The property would be purchased by the SETRAC Foundation and SETRAC would pay rent to the foundation.
- SB8, which ended on December 31, 2024, was able to provide 250 scholarships to our region.
- **Preparedness and Response** – A written report was provided to the board prior to the meeting. Lisa Spivey and Troy Erbentraut provided the following update:
 - Ms. Spivey thanked all the partners for their assistance during the recent winter storm and MCI event. This was the first time Pulsara was used region wide.
 - Pulsara, decon, and Stop the Bleed trainings continue across the region. There has been a lot of participation with the technology drills.
 - Forty-five hospitals have completed the end-of-year surveys. Surveys are due February 3, 2025.
 - Nominations are being accepted for the EMS representative position for the RHPC Board.
 - SETRAC was voted in as a member of CIMA.

- Jeremy Way was chosen as First Responder of the Game at a recent Houston Texans football game.
- The training and exercise team recently held an ICS 400 course at SETRAC.
- One of the SETRAC SMUs may have been used in the Carolinas.
- Oxygen storage at the warehouse has been increased so they are available should they be needed during a disaster.
- MIST boxes have been created for EMTF.
- EMTF will have a radiological response unit and EMTF-6 will receive a cache of radiation equipment.
- Regional AmBus meetings will be scheduled.
- Several people from the region assisted with the fires in California.
- **Emergency Healthcare Systems** – A written report was provided to the board prior to the meeting. Suzanne Curran, Melanie Aluotto, and Troy Erbentraut provided the following updates:
 - New leaders were elected for all the EHS committees.
 - The Trauma Committee is reviewing the new rules that have been published and adopted. The committee is helping provide education on some of the common areas of concern during surveys.
 - A Trauma Registry Workshop is scheduled for February 21, 2025.
 - The top five mechanisms of injury for pediatric patients have not changed.
 - In 2024, SETRAC staff and EMS partners trained over 1600 community members on Stop the Bleed.
 - A Stop the Bleed Train the Trainer course is planned for February 28, 2025. Classes continue to be scheduled including with Houston Airport System personnel.
 - The Pediatric Committee will be participating in the “We Have A Little Emergency” (WHALE) program that was rolled out by the GETAC Pediatric Committee.
 - The Stroke Committee recently developed a CE on the topic of posterior strokes. Education is being developed for CEs for 2025, and the committee continues to work on PI projects and abstracts.
 - The Perinatal Committee developed a best practice education video for the maternal program. The video has been well received and provides CEs via the SETRAC LMS.
 - In the region, 162 EMS have been trained in NRP. Several classes for 2025 have been planned.
 - The Maternal Subcommittee will be collecting data on primary C-section reduction.
 - A task force has been created to determine a PI project regarding syphilis. The task force is working with various health departments on this topic.
 - SETRAC has three poster presentations at the upcoming Neonatal Insights Conference.
 - The recently created Emergency Services Committee will be working on EMS wall times, behavioral health LOS in EDs, and data development needs.
 - SETRAC has disseminated wrist bands to EMS across the region and will begin to distribute the bands to hospitals.
 - The EMS Committee has created a work group focusing on EMS body cameras.

Cathy Williamson, chair of the SETRAC Cardiac Committee, provided the following report on behalf of the committee:

- The Cardiac Committee will be focusing on participation including non-PCI and freestanding EDs. Hospital systems would present their best practices at future meetings.
- A toolkit will be developed to improve door-in door-out times and door-to-balloon times for transfer patients.
- A campaign to call 9-1-1 will be invigorated to educate the public.

- Information will be presented to hospitals on the need for access to patient level data to assist with cardiac initiatives.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Prior Meeting Minutes

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the minutes as presented.

B. Reports (Officer, Finance, and Executive)

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the reports as presented.

C. Resolutions and/or Other Action Items

a. *Approval of elected leaders for Emergency Healthcare Systems (EHS) Committees*

The board approved the leaders recently elected by their respective committees with no objections or abstentions. (See attached list.)

b. *Approval of elected medical director for Prehospital/EMS Committee.*

The board approved the Prehospital/EMS Committee's election of Dr. Lars Thestrup (Bellaire Fire Department, Hatzalah EMS, Fort Bend County EMS) as the committee's medical director with no objections or abstentions. Dr. Thestrup will complete the 3-year term previously held by Dr. Shane Jenks and Dr. Lesley Osborn which will end in January 2026. At that time, Dr. Thestrup will be eligible to serve his first full-term if re-elected by the Prehospital/EMS Committee.

c. *Approval of elected medical director for Perinatal Committee.*

The board approved the Perinatal Committee's election of Dr. Leslie Rafanan (Memorial Hermann Sugar Land) as the committee's maternal medical director with no objections or abstentions. Dr. Rafanan's term will end in January 2026 and will be concurrent with the terms for medical directors of other service lines. In January 2026, Dr. Rafanan will be eligible to serve her first full-term if re-elected by the Perinatal Committee.

d. *Approval of elected medical director for Cardiac Committee.*

The board approved the Cardiac Committee's election of Dr. Kevin Schulz (Houston Fire Department) as the committee's medical director with no objections or abstentions. Dr. Schulz will complete the 3-year term previously held by Dr. James McCarthy which will end in January 2026. At that time, Dr. Schulz will be eligible to serve his first full-term if re-elected by the Cardiac Committee.

e. *Approval of HPP TSA Q budget amendment.*

See discussion under the agenda item "Executive Report". The board approved moving forward with the amendment to the HPP TSA Q budget. There were no objections or abstentions.

f. *Approval of moving forward the recommendation to the SETRAC Foundation regarding the purchase of property.*

A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the initial assessment that has SETRAC at-risk of losing only \$1,000 if SETRAC backs out of the agreement. The board approved the motion with one objection and no abstentions.

6. GENERAL / OPEN DISCUSSION

In appreciation of each board member's service, Ms. Upton gave each board member a new notebook with the SETRAC logo.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Persse adjourned the general board meeting at 7:38 pm. An executive session immediately followed the meeting.

SETRAC Board - Secretary: _____

SETRAC - February 28, 2025 YTD Expenditure Report FY25

(See Grant Summaries on Page 3 & 4 for Categorical breakdown of the grants)

	Grant	YTD Expenditures	Approved Budget	Variance	% Remaining	Month of Fiscal Year
*1	ASPR 25 - TSA Q	\$ 1,265,770	\$ 2,183,912	\$ 918,142	42.0%	8/12
*2	ASPR 25 - TSA R	\$ 269,917	\$ 469,004	\$ 199,087	42.4%	8/12
*3	ASPR 25 - TSA H	\$ 106,441	\$ 164,669	\$ 58,228	35.4%	8/12
*4	ASPR 25 - EMTF 6	\$ 83,646	\$ 131,736	\$ 48,090	36.5%	8/12
*5	ASPR 25 - EMTF 6 GR	\$ 121,364	\$ 236,111	\$ 114,747	48.6%	6/12
*6	RAC/EMS 2025	\$ 133,509	\$ 459,969	\$ 326,460	71.0%	6/12
*7	RAC Systems Development 2025	\$ 219,637	\$ 219,637	\$ -	0.0%	6/12
*8	RAC/EMS EI Funds	\$ 82,175	\$ 150,000	\$ 67,825	45.2%	6/12
*9	County Pass Thru 2025	\$ -	\$ 370,035	\$ 370,035	100.0%	6/12
*10	G7 Baylor Pediatric Disaster Care	\$ 106,184	\$ 279,211	\$ 173,027	62.0%	5/12
*11	HFD Base Station	\$ 584,927	\$ 2,260,581	\$ 1,675,654	74.1%	5/12
	Total	\$ 2,973,571	\$ 6,924,865	\$ 3,951,294	57.1%	

*1-4 ASPR Contracts for FY25 are expending in accordance with budget.

*5 ASPR EMTF 6 GR FY25 are expending in accordance with budget.

*6 FY 25 RAC EMS funds are expending in accordance with budget.

*7 FY25 RAC Development funds are expending in accordance with budget.

*8 FY25 RAC EI funds are expending in accordance with budget.

*9 FY 25 County Pass Thru funds for eligible EMS agencies has no allowable carryforward from FY24

*11 Houston Fire Department Base Station - Reimbursement for actual payroll expenses incurred. Net Revenue is listed on Page 2.

Financial Status

28-Feb-25		
Frost Bank Checking	\$ 246,543.58	-This account an operational account.
PNC Bank Checking	\$ 591,502.21	-This account is our primary depository account for grant funds.
Amegy 8781 - Operating Account	\$ 3,812,755.66	-This account is the main operational account.
Amegy 8815 - General Fund Account	\$ 772,239.97	-This account is General Fund account
Amegy 8807 - Payroll Account	\$ -	-This account is payroll account
Amegy 7211 - EMS/RAC Restricted Funds Acct	\$ -	-This account supports EMS RAC business
Chase 3936 - EMS/RAC	\$ 121,423.16	-This account supports EMS RAC business
Chase 1676 - Revenue	\$ 314,407.87	-This account supports general fund business
Amegy 8831 - Foundation Checking	\$ 1,397,165.30	-This account supports Foundation business
Maestro Svcs. Checking Acct.	\$ 92,269.50	-This account supports Maestro Svcs operations

SETRAC General Fund FY25 YTD

Revenue (non-grant)	FY25
General Revenue	\$ 79,028
FY 2025 Dues	\$ 1,975
RHPC Symposium Revenue	\$ 146,780
STB Kits	\$ 13,893
TEEX Income	\$ 32,888
HFD Base Station	\$ 97,393

Total Revenue \$ 371,957

Expenses (non-grant)

Contract Services	\$ 310
Business Expenses	\$ 180
RHPC Symposium Expenses	\$ 134,641
Operational Supplies	\$ 1,987
Other	\$ 90,474
Personnel	\$ 11,006
Base Station Expenses	\$ 2,996
Travel	\$ 2,829
Indirect Expenses	\$ 3,394

Total Expenses \$ 247,817

Net Revenue \$ 124,140

Financial Summary - Categorical Budget Detail

	YTD	Budget	Variance
ASPR 25 - TSA Q			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 7,029	\$ 23,300	\$ 16,271
Other	\$ 315,688	\$ 703,483	\$ 387,795
Personnel	\$ 748,704	\$ 1,179,758	\$ 431,054
Travel	\$ 31,159	\$ 58,980	\$ 27,821
Indirect Costs	\$ 163,190	\$ 218,391	\$ 55,201
Total	\$ 1,265,770	\$ 2,183,912	\$ 918,142
ASPR 25 - TSA R			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 21,066	\$ 2,500	\$ (18,566)
Other	\$ 28,855	\$ 61,989	\$ 33,134
Personnel	\$ 206,374	\$ 340,085	\$ 133,711
Travel	\$ 4,523	\$ 17,530	\$ 13,007
Indirect Costs	\$ 9,100	\$ 46,900	\$ 37,800
Total	\$ 269,917	\$ 469,004	\$ 199,087
ASPR 25 - TSA H			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 11	\$ 200	\$ 189
Other	\$ 7,924	\$ 11,013	\$ 3,089
Personnel	\$ 97,948	\$ 136,431	\$ 38,483
Travel	\$ 558	\$ 558	\$ -
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ 16,467	\$ 16,467
Total	\$ 106,441	\$ 164,669	\$ 58,228
ASPR 25 - EMTF 6			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 484	\$ 450	\$ (34)
Other	\$ 579	\$ -	\$ (579)
Personnel	\$ 79,657	\$ 112,004	\$ 32,347
Travel	\$ 1,161	\$ 6,108	\$ 4,947
Indirect Costs	\$ 1,766	\$ 13,174	\$ 11,408
Total	\$ 83,646	\$ 131,736	\$ 48,090
ASPR 25 - EMTF 6 GR			
Operational Supplies	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ 178
Other	\$ 110,554	\$ 217,656	\$ 107,102
Personnel	\$ 9,219	\$ 9,219	\$ -
Travel	\$ 1,591	\$ 9,058	\$ 7,467
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 121,364	\$ 236,111	\$ 114,747

Financial Summary - Categorical Budget Detail

	YTD	Budget	Variance
RAC/EMS FY 25			
Operational Supplies	\$ 344	\$ 4,097	\$ 3,752
Other	\$ 20,993	\$ 117,022	\$ 96,030
Personnel	\$ 76,989	\$ 117,170	\$ 40,182
Indirect Costs*	\$ 35,146	\$ 186,346	\$ 151,200
Travel	\$ 38	\$ 35,334	\$ 35,296
Total	\$ 133,509	\$ 459,969	\$ 326,460
<i>*Budget amount includes \$43,632.83 carry forward funds</i>			
RAC Development Funds FY25			
Operational Supplies	\$ 1,903	\$ 1,903	\$ -
Other	\$ 23,857	\$ 23,857	\$ -
Personnel	\$ 163,271	\$ 163,271	\$ -
Indirect Costs*	\$ 26,654	\$ 26,654	\$ -
Travel	\$ 3,951	\$ 3,951	\$ -
Total	\$ 219,637	\$ 219,637	\$ -
County Funds FY25			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ 370,035	\$ 370,035
EI Funds FY25			
Other	\$ 82,175	\$ 150,000	\$ 67,825.0
HFD Base Station			
Personnel and Other	\$ 584,927	\$ 2,260,581	\$ 1,675,654

Unrestricted Assets Growth

	GenFY15	Gen FY16	Gen FY17	Gen FY18	Gen FY19	Gen FY20	Gen FY 21	Gen FY 22	Gen FY 23	Gen FY 24	Gen FY 25	TOTAL
Revenue (Unrestricted)	114,868.11	122,415.57	112,130.48	458,767.59	357,970.13	828,743.55	495,286.00	787,368.00	115,462.00	604,940.02	371,957.14	4,727,868.01
Expense (Grant Offsets)	110,196.24	88,944.99	190,844.81	334,373.01	469,327.17	569,818.67	176,453.00	806,477.00	83,154.00	424,460.59	247,817.03	3,743,910.02
Unrestricted Net Asset	4,671.87	33,470.58	(78,714.33)	124,394.58	(111,357.04)	258,924.88	318,833.00	(19,109.00)	32,308.00	180,479.43	124,140.11	983,957.99
Total Fund Balance												983,957.99

Notes:



Preparedness and Response

HPP Update May 2025

Lisa Spivey – Director of Regional Preparedness

TSA Q-West Corridor – Kat Samuel

TSA H-Gary Litton

TSA R- Jeremy Way

Training & Exercise – James Meaux & Timothy Chapman

Special Populations - Fidel Calvillo

Overview

The SETRAC Preparedness team has been active this past quarter. From preparing our region for the upcoming 2026 World Cup to real-world events. They have provided training, support and resources when needed.

- Actively involving partners and reaching out to new stakeholders to attend corridor meetings.
- Sustaining relationships with hospitals, EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and City/County EMCs to cultivate robust partnerships.
- Meeting with jurisdictional and regional partners to provide program updates.
- T&E Team conducted 4 out of 5 tabletops centered around the World Cup
- T&E Team working on 2025 regional exercise “Operation Rematch” scheduled for May 8, 2025.
- T&E Team working on the state’s exercise scheduled for May 20, 2025.
- Special Populations Coordinator is currently developing a boot camp for elected officials focusing on the difference of requirements between 55+ apartments vs nursing homes, assistant living centers.
- T&E Coordinator is also working with the Pediatric G-7 project.
- Continue to work on updating regional plans,
- Continuing to collaborate with local EMS to expand the EMS Dashboard

Community Events/Exercises:

- RCV-Q was utilized for Nacogdoches Medical Center for their Community Outreach.
- Technology training EMResource/WebEOC classes has been conducted across the region.
- Our Special Populations Coordinator presented at Davita regional corporate office regarding Special Populations preparedness.
- Special Populations Coordinator presented at Texas Assisted Living Association (TALA) regarding preparedness for Special Populations.



Preparedness and Response

- Invited to speak at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce
- TSA-R Coordinator coordinating with multiple partners (hospitals, EMS, Fire, Public Safety, airport) for a large-scale exercise at Jack Brooks Airport.

Healthcare Status Reports:

- New daily mandatory PH Emergency Event Reporting
- In February, six healthcare facilities declared Internal Disaster status, with a cumulative duration of 39.3 hours. Reasons were Utility Failure, Fire, & Communications.
- In March, five healthcare facilities declared Internal Disaster status, with a cumulative duration of 42.15 hours. Reasons were Utility Failure, Infrastructure Damage, Communications.

Troy Erbentraut – Director of Response

EMTF 6 Coordinator – Grant Kelley

Regional Logistics and Inventory Coordinator – Philip Cutler

Mobile Assets Coordinator – Jarad Moreno

Emergency Services and Response Manager - Clayton Ehrlich

Overview:

Our logistics team is actively working to transition inventory into the Operative IQ platform. This online system will improve the tracking, management, and deployment of resources across the region. By moving inventory to Operative IQ, we aim to streamline operational workflows, ensure real-time updates, and enhance coordination during times of need.

Furthermore, regional assets remain in a state of readiness and are continuously maintained to ensure they are operational and prepared for rapid deployment. This ongoing effort ensures that our resources are always available to support emergency response operations when needed.

A series of productive meetings have been held with Galveston County elected officials, the Sheriff's office, and regional partners to formulate a comprehensive plan to support the "Go Topless" event. The following outcomes have been achieved:

- **Support for the Event:** A collaborative approach has been established to ensure the successful execution of the "Go Topless" weekend event while maintaining public safety.
- **Training Opportunities:** The event has been structured to provide valuable training opportunities for regional responders, enhancing their skills and response times in a large-event setting.
- **Regional Cooperation:** These discussions have strengthened relationships among regional partners, fostering improved cooperation and coordination for future events and emergency situations.

The ongoing efforts in logistics and operational readiness, combined with the successful integration of the "Go Topless" weekend event into a training exercise, reflect our commitment to enhancing regional emergency response capabilities. The meetings with Galveston County officials and regional partners have laid a strong foundation for both immediate event support and long-term collaboration. These initiatives are designed to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our regional emergency response efforts.

Additionally, SETRAC working with our regional Ambus partners was able to pull EMTF-6 assets together to take a group photo...



Logistics and Mobile Assets:

- SETRAC in partnership with Houston Health Department and Houston Fire Department have developed a cache of oxygen to be used during disaster times. We have warehoused cylinders and distribution equipment ready to meet the needs of SE Texas.

EMTF:

- Held IDRU training at Cy-Fair Fire Department on February 6th and 7th
 - 11 participants from 3 agencies
- EMTF workgroups January 28th and 29th and March 25th
 - Discussed WPU typing, controlled substances for pain management, and AAR for California EMAC deployment.
- Regional Ambus workgroup meetings January 9th and April 4th
 - Utilized meeting to take group Ambus photo, discussed budget, discontinued use of MSAT/replace with StarLink, and development of driver training with Texas A&M
- Reveille Peak Ranch Wildland Fire Support training, 1 - MedL (Woodlands) and WPU (Sugar Land) from 02/18 to 02/20/2025
- EMTF-6 Coordinator sent to Austin to support SCO operations and Texas SOC for winter event.



Preparedness and Response

Emergency Services:

*Separate report provided

Real World Incidents:

EVENT	LOCATION	TYPE	DATE	ASSIGNED RESOURCES
EMAC to California	state	Major wildfire	01/10/2025	1-MedL, 1 Tech Spec, 1 Ambulance
Houston Marathon	Regional	Event	01/16/2025	Beds, cots, wheelchairs, IV poles and backboards
Sulphur Dioxide (Cold Springs MCI)	Regional	Real-world	01/24/2025	Ambus, Ambulances and SETRAC staff response
CERT Rodeo	Local	Event	02/15/2025	RCVQ
Wildland Activation	State	Stand-by / Real-world	02/25/2025	5-MedL, 5 Tech Specs, 1 MIST, 1 WPU **on stand-by till 04/05/2025**
Houston Rodeo to support HFD	Local	Event	02/26/2025	Billeting trailer
Port Authur charter bus accident	Local	Real-World	03/05/2025	2 - Ambus
Anhydrous Ammonia release	Regional	Real-World	03/07/2025	Ambus & 5 ambulances
Shadow Creek LE Day	Local	Event	03/07/2025	Ambus
HFD support	Local	Event	03/11/2025	Box truck
Nacogdoches show-n-tell	Local	Event	03/20/2025	RCVQ
TEEX Disaster Day	Regional	Event	03/28/2025	DPMU-2 and 5 MIST from EMTF-6
UT Health MCI Exercise	Local	Event	03/31/2025	Beds and wheelchairs
Galveston ½ Marathon	Local	Event	04/05/2025	Radio cache
Rice University Beer & Bike Relay	Local	Event	04/05/2025	MCC-604



IT Services Report April 2025

Jeremiah Williamson – Director

System Analyst – Jason Nolin

Overview:

This report highlights our progress in strengthening IT infrastructure, ensuring service reliability, and enhancing staff skills to support SETRAC's mission.

Infrastructure Development:

- We've partnered with Dell Technologies to streamline how we purchase computers and servers. This collaboration offers tailored equipment options, simplified ordering, and flexible payment plans—including short-term, interest-free leasing and longer terms up to 60 months. We can also choose to own or regularly update hardware, ensuring our team stays equipped with modern technology at a manageable cost.
- We're building a Partner Management system to centralize all partner-related information. Starting with contact details, future phases will track compliance, finances, and contracts. This will help us stay organized, meet our commitments, and work more effectively with partners.
- We've launched a new website for the SETRAC Foundation at www.setracfoundation.org. It educates the public about our mission, offering easy ways to volunteer or donate, and strengthens our community outreach.
- We've upgraded the RCVQ and SETRAC conference rooms with new 360-degree video conferencing systems. These tools enhance our hybrid meetings by improving audio-visual quality and collaboration, whether staff are in-person or remote.

Service Continuity:

- We've completed our annual certification for payment security standards (PCI DDC Compliance). This ensures we can safely process transactions for our projects and services, maintaining trust and reliability.
- We supported the Harris County 2025 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Rodeo by deploying our Regional Command Vehicle (RCVQ) as the event's command center. This effort highlights our role in emergency preparedness and community support.

Training:

- A couple members of our team are advancing their skills in Microsoft's Power Platform, focusing on custom applications and data analysis. This training has already enabled us to develop in-house tools like the Data Repository and Partner Management system, reducing costs and tailoring solutions to our needs.



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New Business

- **Cold Springs Decon Presentation**

Collin Poole (HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood) presented on the January 24th Cold Springs decontamination incident where a diesel tanker truck carrying sulfur dioxide crashed on FM17252 resulting in a chemical release. The incident escalated when it was discovered that a Cold Springs ISD school bus carrying 33 students and bus driver drove through spill (among other personal vehicles) before emergency responders arrived which resulted in many individuals experiencing immediate respiratory symptoms. After response from SETRAC, San Jacinto County, and the AMBUS Team, the on-scene command informed SETRAC the school bus was transporting all patients to HCA Kingwood where their staff conducted the decontamination process (*presentation filed with RHPC Board minutes binder*).

- **Edge Consultants West Presentation**

Al Mockaitis (Edge Consultants West) provided an overview of their phone to satellite product for healthcare facilities that can be utilized during communication outages and grant funding opportunities for rural healthcare facilities (*presentation filed with RHPC Board minutes binder*).

- **Warming Centers (*deferred*)**

Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

Long Term Care Update (C102)

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following Special Populations issues:

- Planning with local jurisdictions for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Bootcamps in our Region.
- Continue to work with local jurisdiction on emergency preparedness workshop for elected officials; date and location has been confirmed.
- Training dialysis clinics on the use of EMResource.
- Participating with dialysis's Corporate Office in Emergency Preparedness Trainings.
- Continue to work with new facilities to be part of RHPC and provide emergency preparedness guidance.
- Special Populations virtual Regional Exercise May 13th.
- SETRAC Special Populations presentation at the TALA Conference in April.



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Training and Exercise Update (C104)

Timothy Chapman reviewed the Training and Exercise Schedule distributed to the coalition members highlighting the upcoming tabletop exercises scheduled for the March/April corridor meetings (*T&E schedule filed with RHPC Board minutes filed binder*).

EMTF Update (C104)

Grant Kelley submitted his EMTF report as follows:

Activity:

- 01.11.2025 to 02.13.2025 EMTF Sent a Wild Land Fire Support (WLFS) package to California to provide force protection to the Texas Wildland Firefighters that were sent to assist with the Palisades wildfire. Thank you to Humble Fire Rescue and Huffman Fire Department for being a part of the response.
- 01.24.2025 EMTF 6 had a regional mutual aid response to San Jacinto County for a Sulphur Dioxide Leak. Many thanks to all agencies who responded and provided assistance.
- 03.01.2025 to present EMTF has multiple WLFS packages prepositioned throughout the state of Texas as the fire weather was critical this week. EMTF 6 has deployed a full WLFS team to Burkburnett, TX. A WLFS team consists of 1 MEDL (Medical Unit Leader) 1 WPU (Wildland Paramedic Unit) and 1 AST (MICU Ambulance) Thank you to Humble Fire Rescue, Lufkin Fire Dept, CyFair Fire Department, and Fort Bend County for being a part of the response
- EMTF 6 has been placed on standby for Severe Weather, Winter Weather, and Critical Fire weather a total of 8 times since January 1st
- EMTF 6 is actively planning a regional mutual aid response to "Jeep Weekend" in GCESD#2 (May 16th and 17th)

World Cup planning is on-going.

- EMTF 6 has received our cache of Radiological Response Unit (RRU) equipment. The curriculum is still in development; the first courses should be late Q3 or Q4 to be operational for 2026.
- Regional AMBUS workgroups have resumed. IDRQ quarterly trainings have begun.
- EMTF 101 and EMTF Deployment basics are available to be scheduled (prerequisite to deploy).
- An EMTF Reimbursement refresher near the beginning of hurricane season (1st week of May).

Please reach out if you would like to be added to the EMTF communications list or participate in any of the upcoming trainings or responses.



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EMS Update (C104)

Clayton Ehrich submitted his report as follows:

- **Wristbands:** The Texas EMS Wristband Program is actively being implemented across the SETRAC region. EMS agencies have already received their wristbands, and hospital partners will receive their allotted wristbands at their upcoming corridor meetings. If your hospital is unable to attend the next corridor meeting and needs wristbands, please contact your coordinator to complete a request form and schedule a pick-up from the warehouse. EMS agencies in the R&H region that have not yet received their wristband allotment should also reach out to their RHPC coordinator or Clayton Ehrlich for assistance.

SETRAC encourages all EMS and hospital partners to integrate wristbands into their daily operations and requires their use during disasters for patient tracking. Additional information about the wristband program is available on the SETRAC website homepage.

- **Whole Blood:** The EMS Blood Products Committee Continues to work towards a regional whole blood rotation process. The committee has been met with challenges when attempting to implement this into the SETRAC region. The Committee continues to work with the GETAC Whole Blood Task Force, the Pre-Hospital Blood Transfusion Initiative Coalition, and other interested parties on these challenges. Currently the committee is seeking to meet with those interested parties to determine the best possible route to get a rotational whole blood program in our region as well as creating supply of whole blood for this initiative.
- **Regional Mass Casualty Event Plan Review:** As previously mentioned, SETRAC and RHPC are in the process of revising the no-notice MCI plan and will be holding a plan review meeting on March 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM. While a virtual option will be available, in-person attendance is strongly encouraged.

If you are interested in participating in the review meeting, please contact your coordinator or Clayton for invite details.

Inventory Update (C104)

Deferred

World Cup Update

Dr. Schulz stated the World Cup update will remain on the agenda from now through June 2026 for planning and situation awareness. There is expectation that the population will increase anywhere from five to eight percent in Houston and surrounding areas. Dr. Schulz advised the hospitals to be planning for a surge in patients.



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Sub-Committee Updates

RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)

Toni Carnie reported the 2025 award applications have been updated but have not been uploaded to the website yet. She encouraged the coalition members to continue working on their submissions for the 2024/2025 year as the submission due date is August 31, 2025.

Symposium Planning (C101)

Dr. Schulz reminded the coalition members to save the date for the upcoming 2025 Preparedness Coalition Symposium scheduled for October 15th-17th at the San Luis Convention Center in Galveston, Texas.

Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)

Deferred

Corridor Updates (C101)

Downtown Corridor – Ashlee Thurman reported the latest Downtown Corridor meeting was held on February 7th. The next meeting is dedicated to the tabletop exercise and is scheduled for Friday (April 4th) at the SETRAC.

South Corridor – No update given.

East Corridor – Lydia Worthen reported the last East Corridor meeting was on January 10th at Chambers County Health Services Building in Anahuac. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th in Jefferson County at the Jerry Ware facility in Beaumont, and this meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise. Since the last meeting, East Corridor had the winter storm event and the Chaos Control Seminars. The first seminar was cancelled due to the winter weather, the second seminar was held on February 27th at the Beaumont EOC where the 50+ class went over airway burns, MCI, and an overview of incident command, and the third seminar is scheduled for March 18th at the Port Arthur Civic Center. There was an MCI event on March 5th on Hwy 73 where patients were transported.

West Corridor – Andrew Fisk reported the last West Corridor meeting was held on February 28th at Memorial Hermann Memorial City and CISA gave an overview of services they have at no charge. The Texas EMS wristbands were distributed at this meeting as well.

North Corridor – Stephen Bennett reported the North Corridor last met on January 8th where Evan Voss with Generac provided an update on the new state generator initiative. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th at Tyler County Hospital and the meeting will be dedicated to the tabletop exercise.



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Partner Updates (C101)

DSHS 5/6 South

Alexa Wilson gave an update on the Measles outbreak data points as follows:

- (3/7/25): 198 cases in West Texas.
- 23 patients have been hospitalized.
- 5 cases have occurred in vaccinated individuals that have received at least 1 dose of the MMR vaccine.
- 193 cases occurred in unvaccinated or vaccination status unknown individuals.
- 30 cases and 1 fatality in a neighboring county (Lea County) in New Mexico.
- Children account for around 77% of the detected cases.
- 1 school-aged child fatality associated with the outbreak.
- 4 measles cases unrelated to West Texas outbreak in TX (2-Harris, 1-Rockwall, 1-Travis).
- (3/6/25) US Case Count: 222 cases from 12 states (Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Washington).
- 17% of these cases have been hospitalized and 93% of cases being outbreak related.

The counties in West Texas that are affected with the respective case counts are Dallam-5, Dawson-9, Ector-2, Gaines-137, Lubbock-3, Lynn-2, Martin-3, Terry-29, Yoakum-8.

TEPHI Talks Channel – Measles Seminar will be posted on: https://www.youtube.com/@TEPHI_Texas

Harris County Public Health

Danielle Calhoun reported there are no measles cases in Harris County. HCPH is working with their local public health jurisdictions and distributing HAN messages as needed. She advised they are hosting town halls with local providers and providing immunizations throughout the community. HCPH is also planning and preparing for the World Cup event and are interested in participating in any workgroups as needed.

Fort Bend Public Health

Charles Brockett reported on the infectious disease activities in their county. FBPH is also planning for the World Cup event. A POD and Shelter exercise is scheduled for May 17th, and planning for a radiological exercise in the Fall.



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Houston Public Health Department

John Fleming reported HPHD is monitoring rodeo public health activities and actively promoting vaccinations, and they continue to monitor measles activity. They are scheduling AAR meetings to discuss their warming center processes, and World Cup planning is ongoing.

Harris County OEM

Mark Sloan reported HCOEM is monitoring Texas legislation for upcoming bills that will affect long-term care facilities. EOC activated at Level III monitoring the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show. He mentioned having two open positions in April

EMS

Dr. Schulz reported HFD is monitoring rodeo activities at NRG as well.

Other Partners

No other partner updates given.

Open Discussion/Other

DSHS Bed Reports

Lisa Spivey gave an update on the DSHS bed reports and the submitting process expectations. She announced there will be no bed reports this weekend, but they will begin again on Monday morning (March 17th). gave an update on the new DSHS bed reports and the submitting process expectations.

Mayor Sylvester Turner

Dr. Schulz announced the passing of Mayor Turner and acknowledged his twenty-five years of service to the City of Houston and the state of Texas.

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Sloan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and Dr. Schulz adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm. The next RHPC Board meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at SETRAC (1111 North Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, Texas 77008) in the conference center.

Stroke Committee

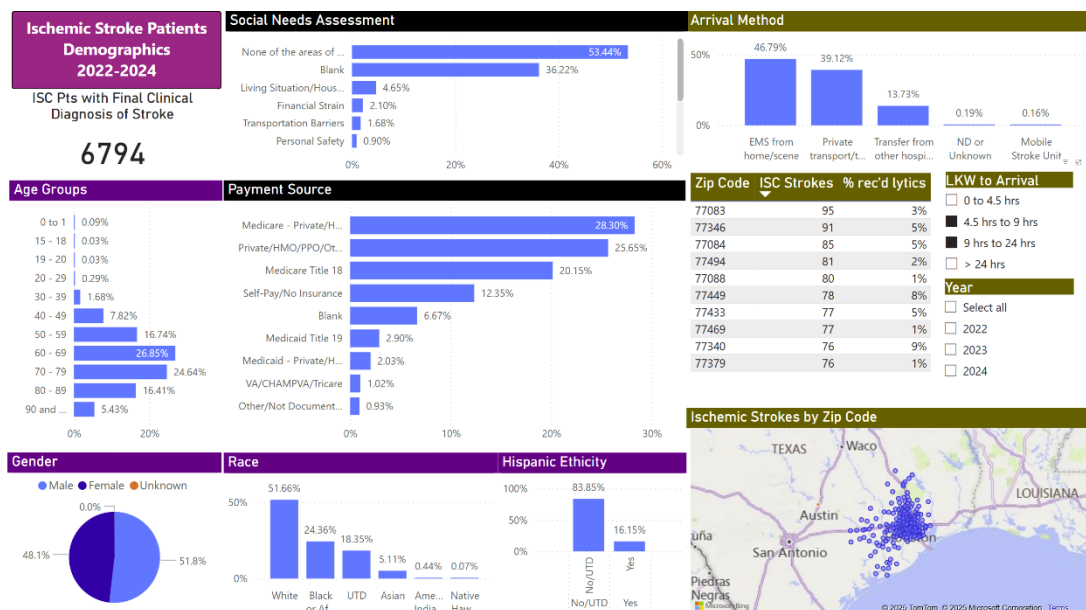
Stroke Committee – Medical Director: Dr. Sean Savitz

Chair: Dr. Haris Kamal

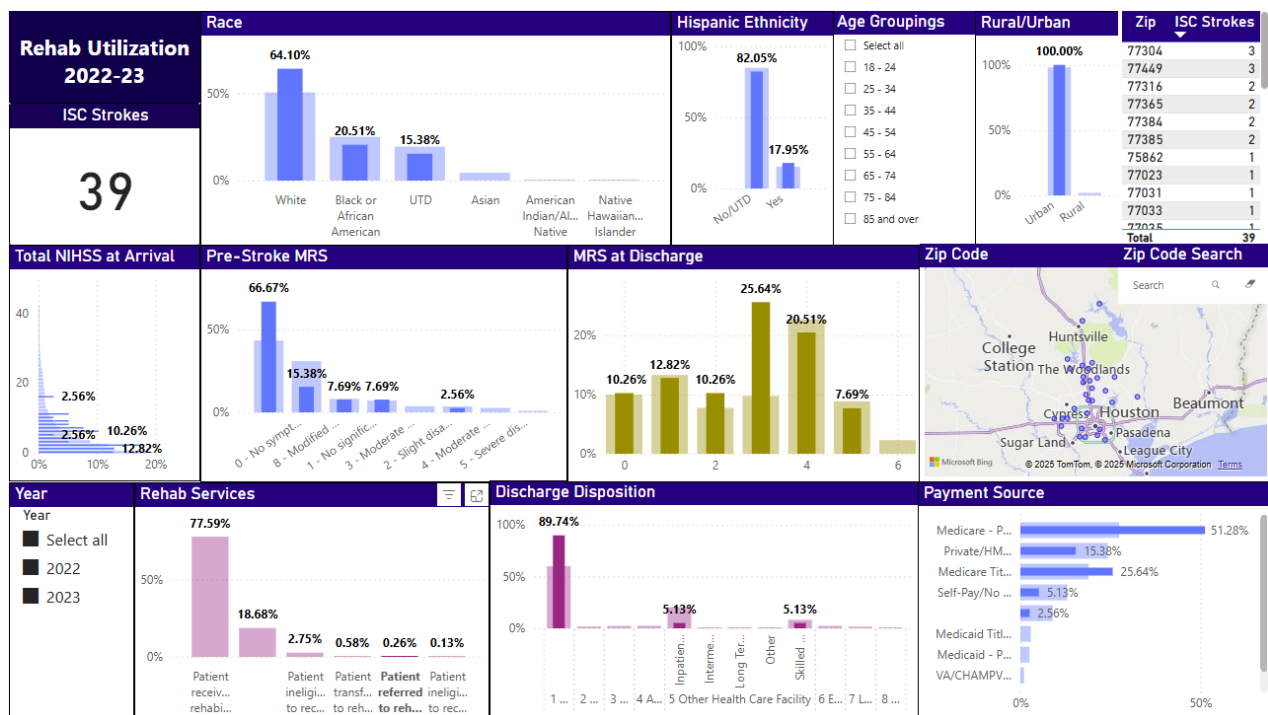
Vice Chair: Tonia Shelton, Stephen Autrey

The focus of the committee includes:

- Extended Window Strokes
 - The committee has identified a trend of 70% of patients arriving to a designated stroke facility outside of the 4.5-hour window. Parameters for Extended Window Strokes have been identified as Last Known Well from 4.5 hours – 24 hours. A heatmap was developed to focus regional efforts in areas of high stroke incidence.
 - A Workgroup has formed to develop the PI Project. The workgroup is currently analyzing data for the development of a PI project. The workgroup is determining based on top three findings, what interventions will be developed to improve patients seeking care within the window. Their first meeting will be held on 4/24.
 - Highlighted preliminary findings are:
 - Almost 40% came in via private vehicle (currently working on call 911 campaign)
 - 77083, 77346, 77084 were the zip codes with the highest number of extended window strokes and lowest lytic administration (next step will be discussing population and targeted needs)
 - Ages 50-79 was the highest group for extended window strokes (drill down into social factors will be next step)



- Rehab Utilization
 - The committee aims to identify socio-economic indicators, to include rural vs urban, insured vs uninsured, ethnicity, etc. regarding rehab utilization. A Dashboard is published for the subcommittee to use in analyzing the data for a PI project.
 - A Workgroup has formed to develop the PI Project. Their first meeting will be held 4/24. However, based on current data, the workgroup is unsure if continuing a project on stroke rehab would be a benefit to the region due to the low number of patients not receiving inpatient or outpatient rehab services.
 - Highlighted preliminary findings are:
 - Patients not receiving inpatient rehab or transferred to a rehab (excluding non-eligible) for 2022-2023 was 39. Although this does not tell us that the 39 patients received no services. Out of the 39 patients, 89.74% were discharged home. 2024 data will be available in the next two weeks for upload.

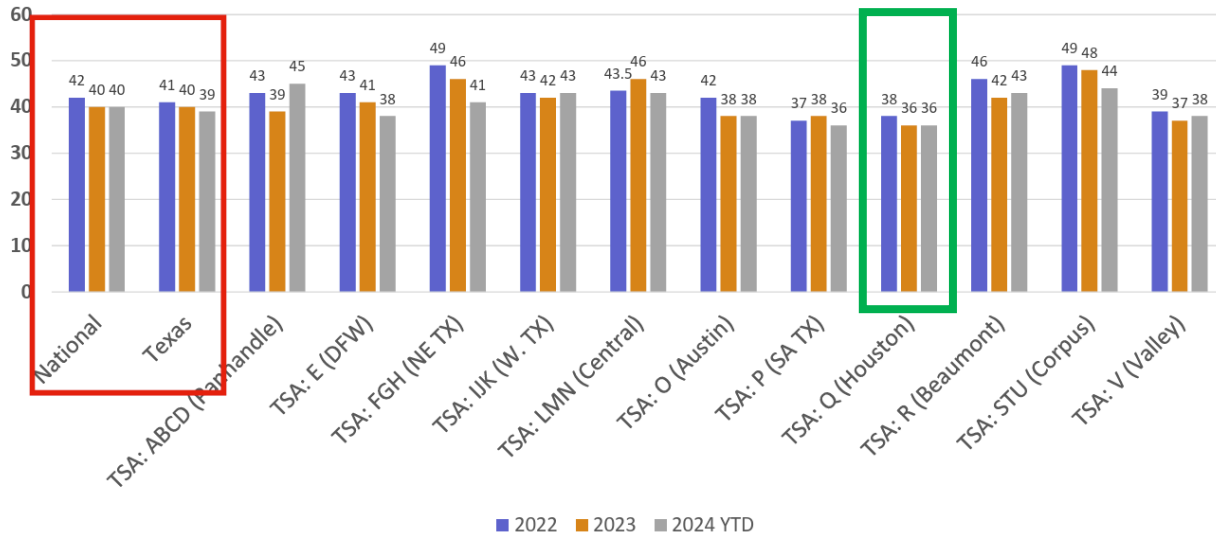


- Research
 - Abstracts will be developed on Rehab and Extended Window Strokes based on the PI projects under development. Anticipated start date will be at the end of the year after we have a few quarters of data post-intervention.
- Education
 - Posterior stroke CE developed by stroke committee, offers 0.5 contact hours, and is hosted on SETRAC's LMS, targeting recognition upon presentation. 57 participants have completed education.

- Stroke Education is being developed for CEs for 2025 in conjunction with Dr. Savitz and UT Health to include nurses, Physicians, and paramedics. UT Health is creating a survey to send out to our region to gather information related to education needs in the identified audience.
- GETAC Updates
 - The committee reviewed the proposed EMS Acute Stroke Routing documents from the GETAC stroke committee. They are submitting feedback via survey that closes April 15th. Consensus is that our region would not benefit from the “Suburban Routing” and there is no current definition of this population status by DSHS. To date, submitted feedback is supporting the Rural and Urban Routing documents. The documents will next go to the EMS committee for feedback.
 - Below is the GETAC report for DTN by RAC.



Median DTN by RAC (minutes)



Disclaimer: Get with The Guideline reports are generated from a live registry. All data is subject to change. Report generated on 1/29/25.

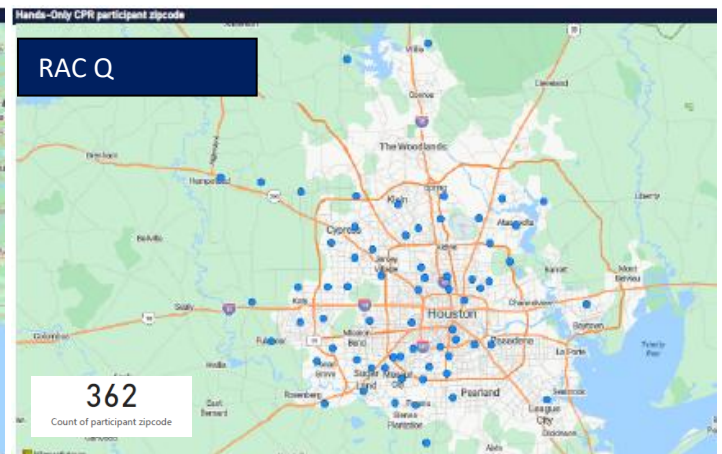
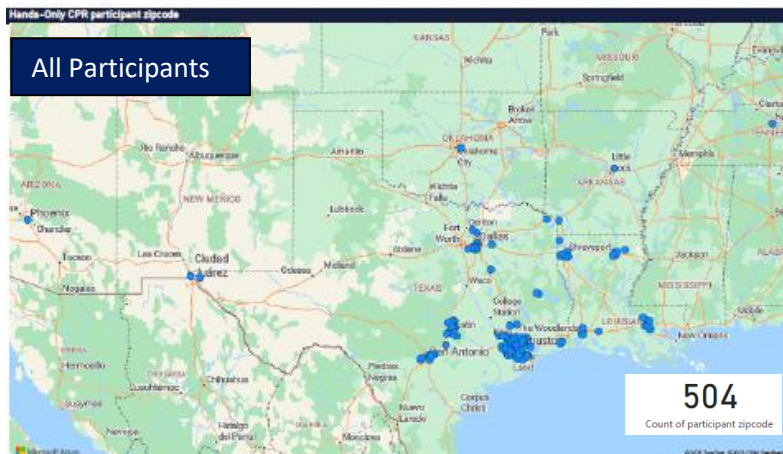
Cardiac Committee

Medical Director: Dr. Kevin Schulz

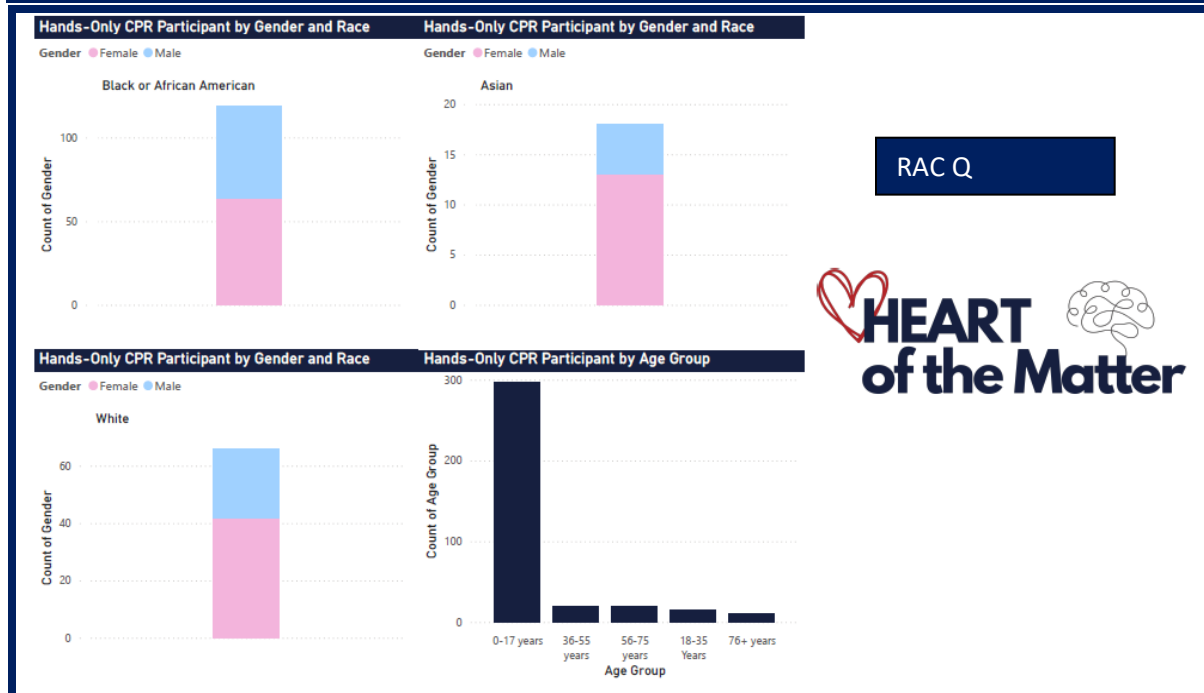
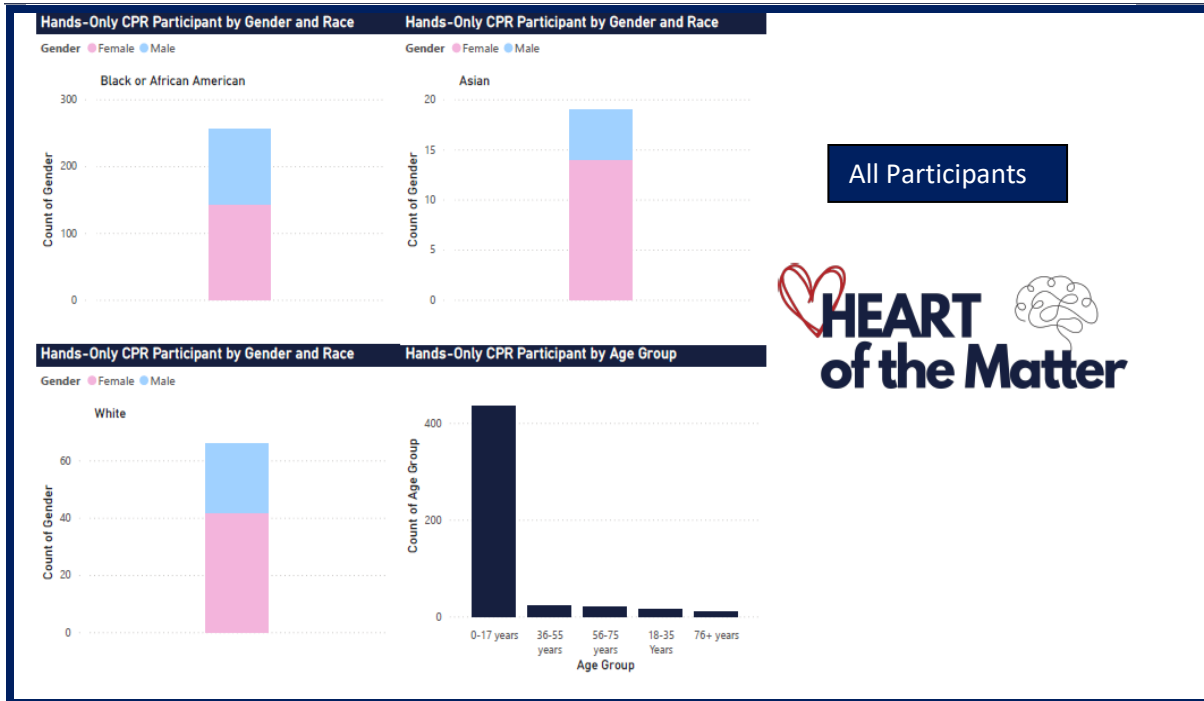
Chair: Cathy Williamson

Vice Chairs: Dr. Waleed Kayani / Jake Varner

- Committee Goal: **Develop community education, including a regional hands-only CPR event.**
 - “Heart of the Matter” community education program in development in collaboration with the stroke and perinatal committees.
 - Program offers hands-only CPR, Stroke, cardiac and maternal education related to blood pressure management, and BE-FAST.
 - High risk zip codes identified through data will be target audience.
 - HEB has donated 100 blood pressure cuffs.
 - To date, 504 community members have been trained.
 - 1/11/25 American Legion Houston, TX
 - 3/10/25 HLSR Houston, TX
 - 4/3/25 Dulles High School Sugarland, TX
 - 4/23/25 Houston Christian University Houston, TX
- NCDR Chest Pain-MI Registry:
 - To date, 15 hospitals/ 35 (43%) have signed agreements.
 - Patient level data, not to include PHI, will be available once access is obtained.
 - Data will be used to meet the data requirements of the RAC self-assessment tool, as well as assist in formulating data driven goals and PI projects.
- NCDR work group is reviewing the cardiac data dictionary and has begun developing a way for data to be pulled from NCDR for SETRAC regional reporting. Anticipated completion June 2025.
- Committee created a **workgroup that is developing a DIDO Toolkit** to reduce STEMI transfer times in the region. The workgroup held their first meeting February 26th and discussed scope and targeted audience of the project. They met again March 19th where Dr. Kayani shared Harris Health’s criteria and process for transfers. The group will incorporate this into the tool kit. Their next meeting will be on April 25th.
- Research
 - Development of PI project will occur when NCDR Data is obtained.



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Perinatal Committee

Neonatal Medical Director: Dr. David Weisoly

Maternal Medical Director: Dr. Leslie Rafanan

Committee Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Eason

Vice Chairs: Kate Drone / Zach Ward

- The Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB)
 - This group is focusing on recognition and response to postpartum preeclampsia in the Emergency Department (PPED). Eight hospitals from our region have enrolled in the project. The goal is to obtain baseline data and increase the treatment of patients by 50%
 - New initiatives to launch mid-year:

Texas Congenital Syphilis Toolkit Pilot Initiative for Maternity Care Clinics

Breastfeeding and Safe Sleep Initiative for Hospitals

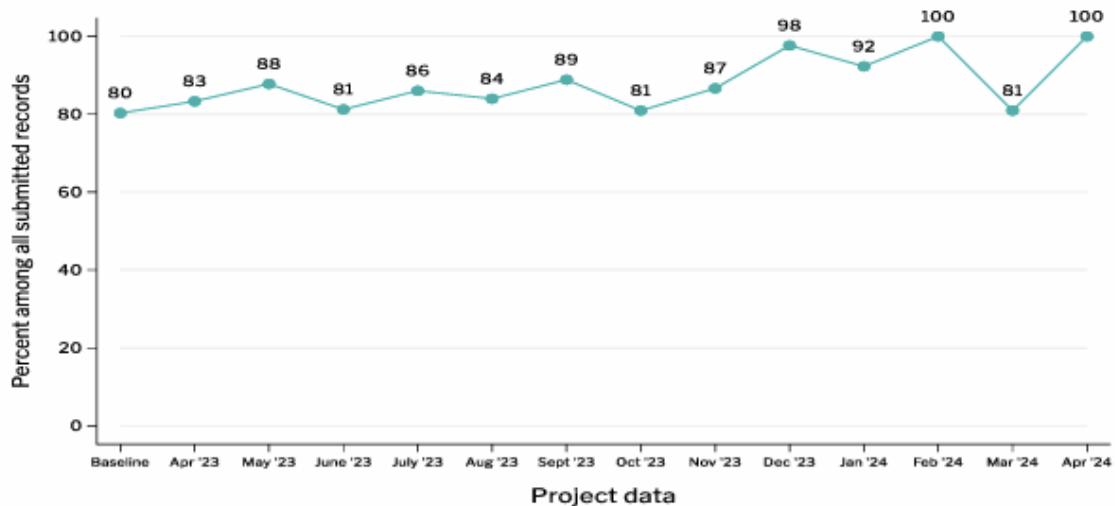


Figure 12: Percent of Submitted Patients Screened for Postpartum Status on ED Arrival.

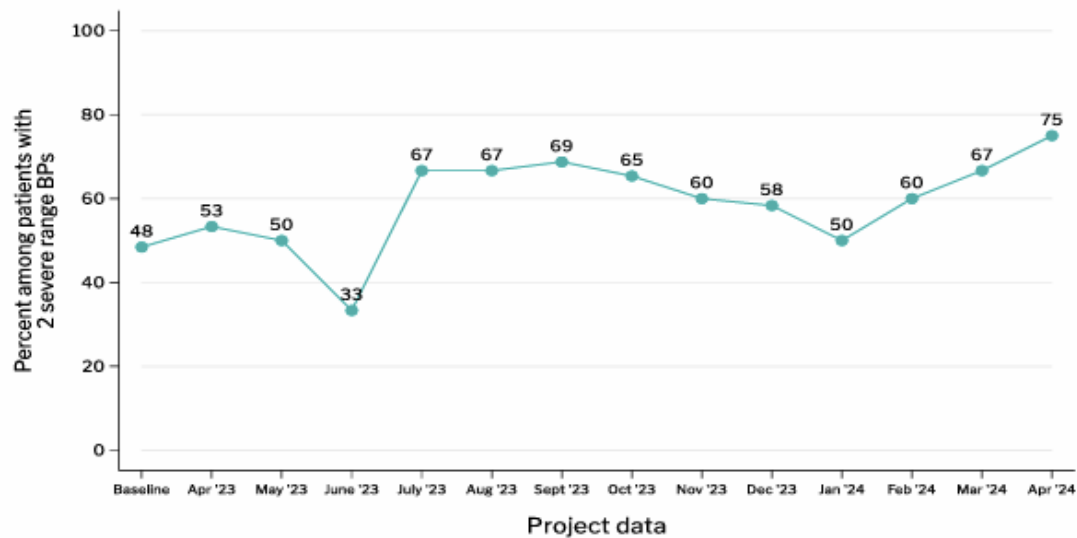
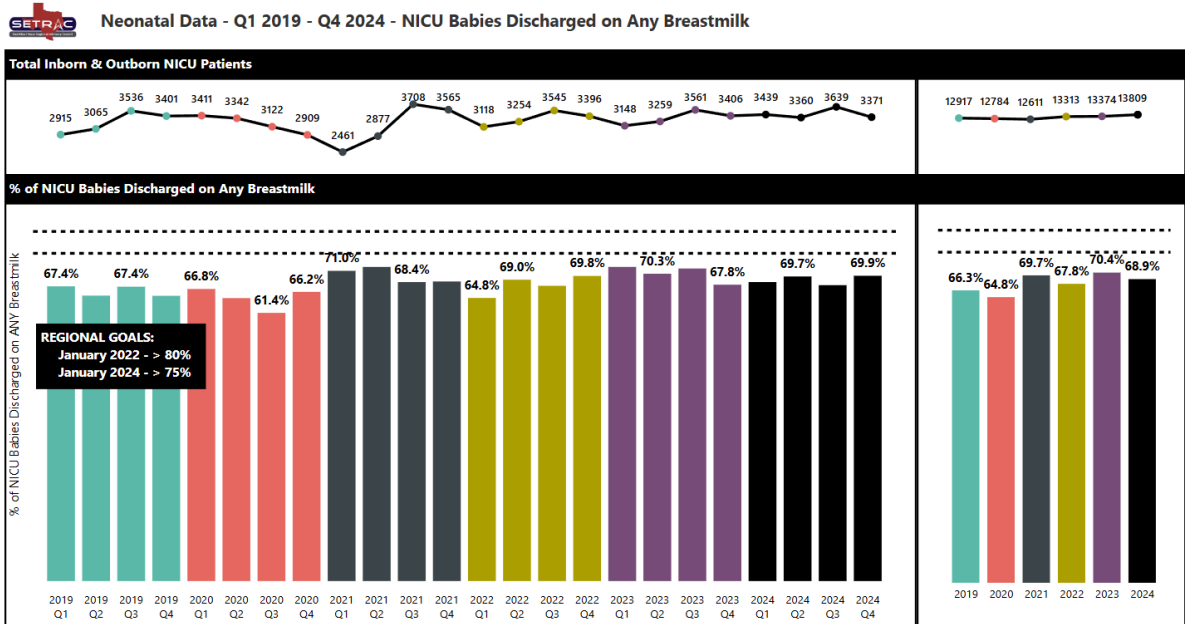


Figure 13: Percent of Patients with 2 Severe Range BPs Treated with an Antihypertensive within 1 Hour of 1st Severe Range BP.

- Maternal Morbidity & Mortality Workgroup Focus:
 - Dr. Toy developed an educational video on Placenta Accreta Spectrum to assist hospitals to comply with HB 1164, maternal designation, and preparation for PASD. The video is hosted on the SETRAC Learning Management System and has nearly 800 learners (increase of 7 since last report). The education offers nursing and paramedic continuing education credits. Links to education available on the SETRAC website, email reminders, and in the quarterly newsletter.
 - The workgroup developed a maternal program best practice education that offers free CEs via the SETRAC LMS. To date, 30 people have taken the course (increase of 3 since last report). Links to education available on the SETRAC website, email reminders, and in the quarterly newsletter.
 - This group is encouraging all hospitals and clinics to look at the overall treatment of patients to see if we are identifying and diagnosing the conditions as early as possible. This can aide in positively changing the racial and ethnic disparities that lead to increased mortality rate. Dr. Toy presented near miss education highlighting DC crash with helicopter and how it relates to maternal near misses.
- Perinatal Planning Workgroup Focus:
 - Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP): Training for EMS
 - NRP instructors throughout the region have volunteered their time to teach our EMS partners. 16 classes have been held with 155 participants. Classes for 2025 are scheduled for 1/30 (El Campo EMS-18), 3/13 (General- 7 EMS), and 4/17 (HCESD 11- 20 signed up). The goal is to reduce infant mortality through education and skills in the prehospital setting.
 - This group will begin focusing on creating templates for best practices in NICU and Maternal disaster plans.

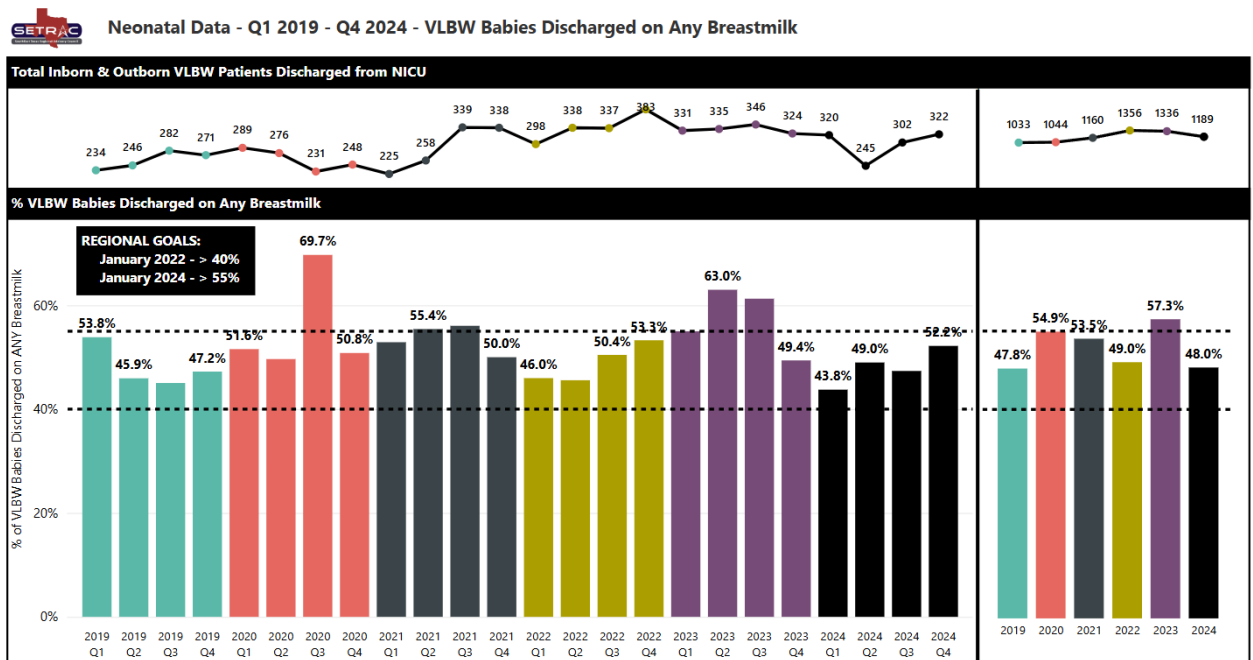
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- Breastmilk at Discharge Workgroup:
 - Project Aim: By January 1, 2026, 75% of all NICU babies will discharge on mother's own milk. According to the Q1-Q4 2024 data, the region is currently at 68.9%.



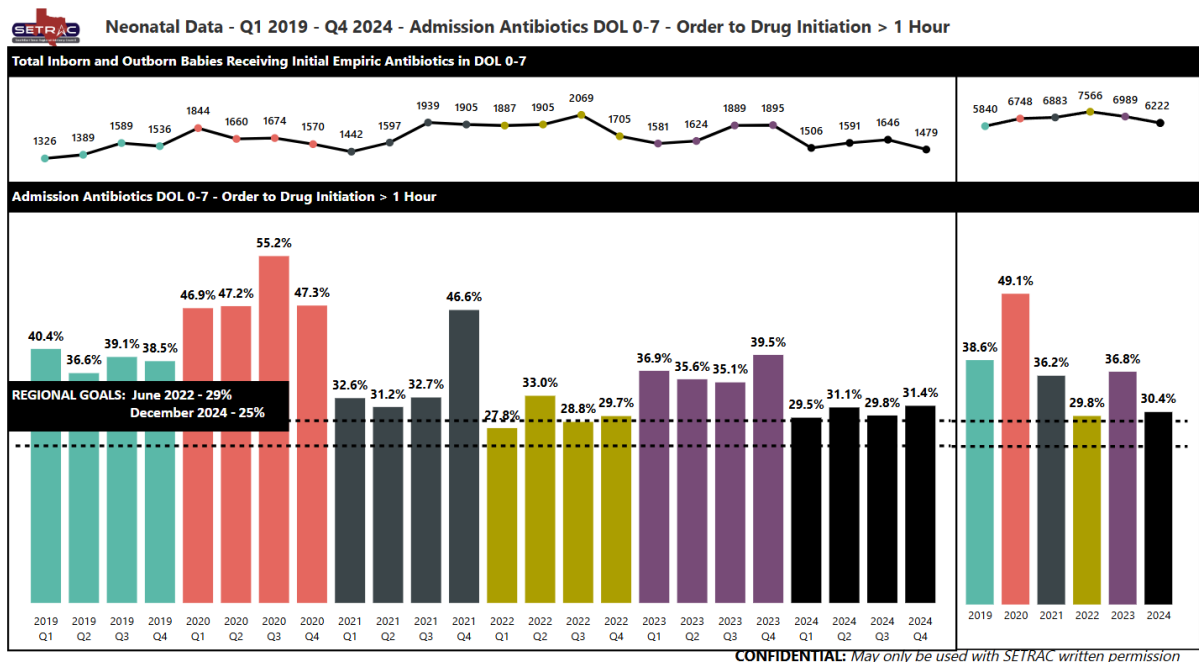
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- Project Aim: By January 1, 2026, 55% of all VLBW babies will discharge on mother's own milk. According to the Q1-Q4 2024 data, the region is currently at 48%.
- Neonatal designated facilities share their best practices at each meeting.



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- Antibiotic Timeliness Workgroup:
 - Project Aim: By January 1, 2026, $\leq 25\%$ of babies receiving antibiotics were administered more than one hour after order or birth. According to the Q1-Q4 2024 data, the region is currently at 30.4%.
 - The “Beat the Clock” initiative was adopted to decrease the percent of NICU infants receiving antibiotics in the first week of life more than 1 hour after order/birth. Baseline data prior to implementation showed the region at 40.4%



- Neonatal and Maternal Program Manager Subcommittee:
 - This group ensures regional neonatal and maternal program managers and medical directors are abreast of the Texas Administrative Code and support through designation surveys. Goals for 2025 include the development of an education request process so that facilities can meet designation requirements and support needs of programs throughout the region.
- Maternal Subcommittee:
 - Focus of this subcommittee is to address disparities in health and improve morbidity and mortality for the maternal population. The subcommittee is working on primary C-section reduction and discussing data needs to address this regional issue. Required data points are being developed to be submitted to the committee for approval. The group is scheduled to meet 4/15 to finalize the data request before submitting to the committee for approval.
- Syphilis Taskforce:
 - Working with the various health departments to strengthen communication of resources and process. Taskforce to determine PI project for region. The meetings are well attended by the health department. Goal is to educate providers in the region and include the ED setting. Required data points are being developed to be submitted to the committee for approval. Dr. Roberts presented the project at the ED committee meeting where resources were provided on the process for reporting cases to the Health Department. The group meets 4/11 to continue discussion on what data would be appropriate to capture relating to reporting compliance.

Emergency Services Committee

Committee Chair: Dr. Michael Gonzalez

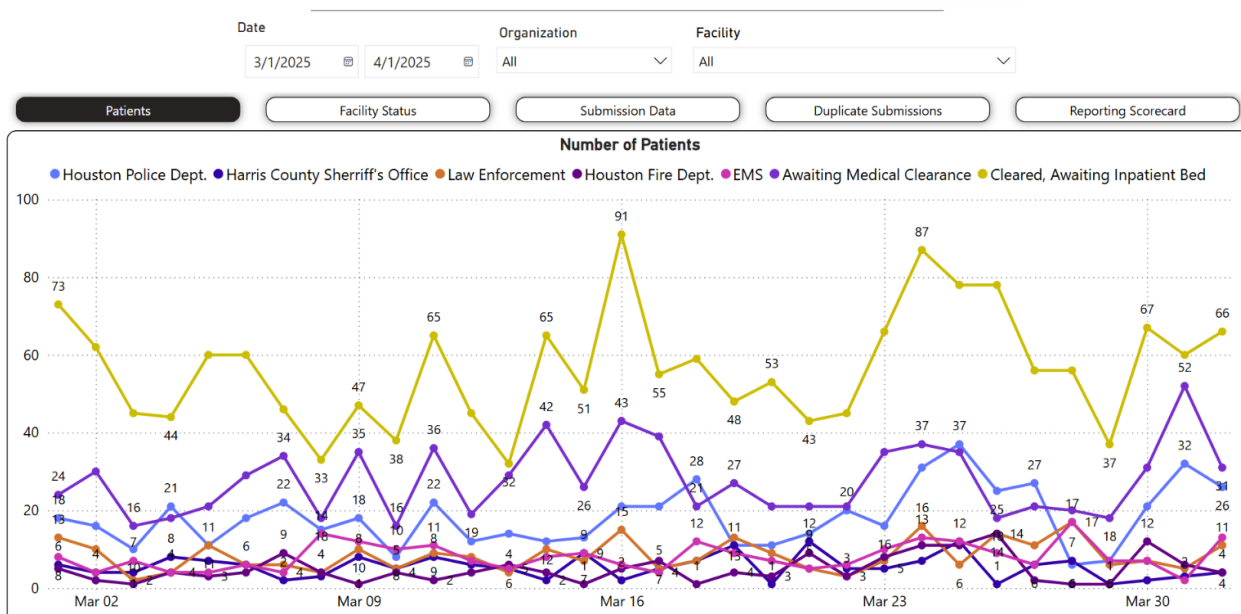
Vice Chairs: Candace Aguilera- Mitchell, Lisa Martinez

The committee held a meeting March 20, 2025. Next meeting will be held May 15th, 2025.

- **EMS Wall Times workgroup** was developed and are looking at how to collect data points to assist with this project. Dr. Fagan from NCTRAC will be presenting at the next meeting on May 15 to discuss how this project was conducted in North Texas. Chief Wait will conduct a survey to determine which EMS agencies in the region are currently tracking off-load time and how they are documenting the time.
- **Behavioral Health LOS in EDs workgroup** met and reviewed current data being submitted. The workgroup discussed that the current county project on behavioral health would address the front end while this group addressed the backend of BH patient throughput. A survey was sent to the area ED leaders to identify the top three barriers to departing BH patients from the ED. Based on this survey, the group will determine what focus will be in place and any additional data points for the BH database. The workgroup reviewed the current data and will determine additional data points to collect at next meeting on May 15.
- Top concerns identified to date are:
 - Delays in LEO transfer
 - Placing non-resourced patients
 - Obtaining inpatient BH bed

Behavioral Health Patients

Patients Presenting with EDO



- The committee is currently working on 2025 goals and developing their charter. Goals will include EMS Wall time and BH LOS projects.

Trauma Committee

Medical Director: Dr Michelle McNutt

Chair: Dr Shiree Berry

Vice Chair: Rebecca Crocker and Adam Fitzhenry

The next committee meeting will be held on 05/01/2025.

The focus of the committee includes:

- Trauma Rules, Trauma Surveys and the ACS
 - The long-awaited new Trauma Rules have been published. The DSHS staff are currently holding calls to go through a gap analysis so that all the trauma centers are on the same page.
 - There are currently 296 Trauma Designated Facilities in Texas, with 35 of them being in TSA Q.
 - The current, common areas of concern during survey, especially for Level III and IV facilities are:
 1. Nursing Documentation.
 2. Evidence of loop closure.
 3. Identification of all variances.
 4. TMD participation in PI.
 5. Monitoring of Trauma Surgeon 60-minute response
 6. TPM 0.8 FTE.
 7. Trauma registry.
- Trauma Registry
 - At the end of February, we held a Trauma Registry Workshop. This was our best yet with 76 people in attendance. Our plan is to collaborate with RACs H and R for our next workshop and extend an invite to them.
 - We continue to explore our data to better understand where the fall outs in the Transfer PI Project are happening. Is it that the transfers are not initiated in a timely manner. Is there a delay in the receiving facility accepting the transfer or is it a transfer ambulance issue.

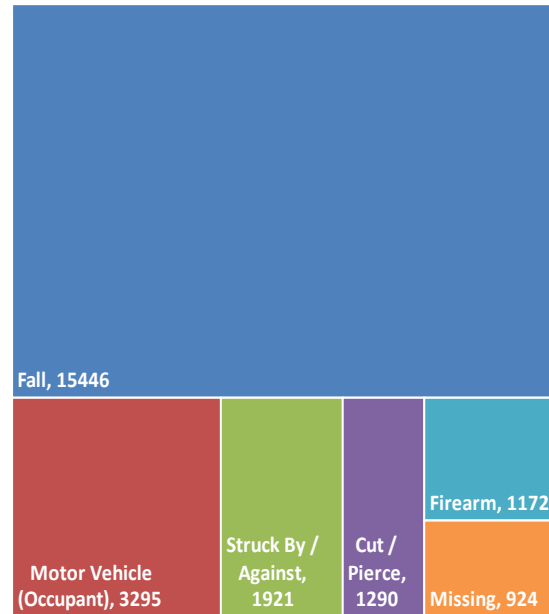
- Trauma Data

- During the first 3 quarters of 2024, we had 24,742 adult records and 3,444 pediatric records in our registry.
- Falls remains our number one mechanism of injury across both pediatric and adult trauma patients.

Top Mechanisms of Injury



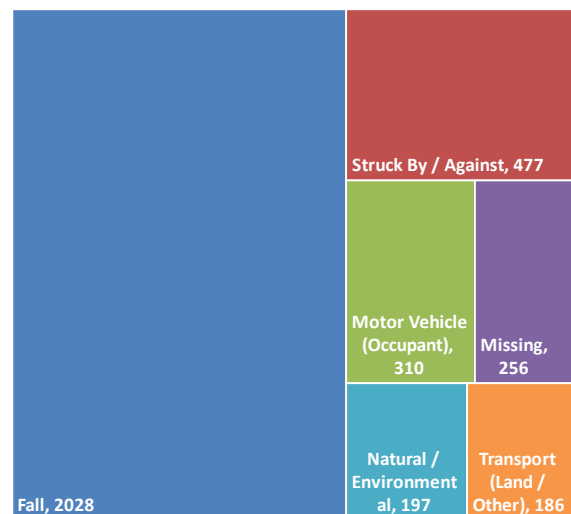
Primary Mechanism	Total	Percent
FALL	15546	57.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE (Occupant)	3295	12.3%
STRUCK BY AGAINST (Assaults, Unintentional, Intentional)	1921	7.1%
CUT PIERCE – STABBINGS/CUTS (Assaults, Unintentional, Legal Intervention, Self-Inflicted, Undetermined)	1290	4.8%
FIREARM	1172	4.4%
MISSING	924	3.4%



Top Mechanisms of Injury - Pedi



Primary Mechanism	Total	Percent
FALL	2928	49.6%
STRUCK BY AGAINST (ASSAULTS, UNINTENTIONAL, INTENTIONAL)	477	11.7%
MOTOR VEHICLE (Occupant)	310	7.6%
MISSING	256	6.3%
NATURAL / ENVIRONMENTAL	109	4.7%
TRANSPORT LAND / OTHER	105	4.5%



Because our top 5 mechanisms of injury have been the same for several years, we are going to start looking at the mortality mechanisms of injury. If this is different, we will then change where and how we share our injury prevention education throughout our region. For this report period the mortality is as follows.

Top Mechanisms of Mortality Q1-Q3 2024



Adults					
Primary Mechanism	Total	% (All)	%Mort (Mech)	% Mort (All)	Deaths
Fall	13925	56.3%	2.1%	0.012%	292
Firearm	1146	4.6%	12.9%	0.006%	148
Motor Vehicle (Occupant)	3115	12.6%	3.7%	0.005%	115
Motor Vehicle (Pedestrian)	529	2.1%	7.2%	0.002%	38
Missing	887	3.6%	4.2%	0.001%	37
Cut/Pierce	1215	4.9%	0.7%	<0.001%	8
Struck By/Against	1790	7.2%	0.4%	<0.001%	7
Fire/Flame	31	0.1%	19.4%	<0.001%	6
Pedestrian (Other)	81	0.3%	6.2%	<0.001%	5
Motor Vehicle (Pedal Cyclist)	131	0.5%	3.1%	<0.001%	4

Pediatrics					
Primary Mechanism	Total	% (All)	% Mort (Mech)	% Mort (All)	Deaths
Missing	198	5.7%	3.030%	0.002%	6
Motor Vehicle (Occupant)	283	8.2%	2.120%	0.002%	6
Firearm	73	2.1%	6.849%	0.001%	5
Motor Vehicle (Pedestrian)	58	1.7%	8.621%	0.001%	5
Fall	1693	49.1%	0.118%	0.001%	2
Struck By/Against	393	11.4%	0.509%	0.001%	2
Pedestrian (Other)	16	0.5%	6.250%	< 0.001%	1
Transport (Land/Other)	148	4.3%	0.676%	< 0.001%	1
Natural/Environmental	161	4.7%	0.000%	0.000%	0
Cut/Pierce	153	4.4%	0.000%	0.000%	0



Injury Prevention Committee

Medical Director: Dr. Shiree Berry, MD; FACS

Chair: Dr Mary Lytwyn

Vice Chair: Blake Milnes and Alyssa Badillo

The next committee meeting will be held on 05/01/2025.

The focus of the committee includes:

- Community Education
 - We are in the early planning stages of the 2025 Katy Area Safety Fest. Similarly to last year, we will be bringing education to the community to include home safety, car safety, hands only CPR, Stop the Bleed and raise awareness about common household poisons and hurricane preparedness.
- We continue to host Stop the Bleed Train the Trainer classes at the RAC with the next opportunity in May.
- Stop the Bleed is keeping us very busy. During April we will begin educating the airport staff. We have several days allocated for 2-hour trainings 5 times each day at both Bush and Hobby airports. By the end of April, we should have trained over 800 employees. We will repeat this process in August. Of Course, this would not be possible without the help of our local hospitals and EMS agencies
- One of our local EMS agencies has started an outreach to the elderly in their area to help with home assessments to minimize falls and other injuries in the home. This is a hot topic currently and we are hoping to have other agencies start similar programs with an aim of reducing the number of falls admitted to our registry.



Pediatric Committee

The Medical Director: Dr. Brent Kaziny

Committee Chair: Dr. Nichole Davis

Vice Chairs: Jessica Yell and Rebecca Williams

The next committee meeting will be held on 5/01/2025.

Dr. Davis has joined us this evening to give the Pediatric Committee report.

The focus of the committee includes:

- Continued collaboration with injury prevention for firearm safety in the pediatric population
- Our Regional Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) has been busy sharing education across our region and helping Emergency Departments complete their assessment and educate staff on all things Pediatric.
- We have a small workgroup that is working on a flyer for clinics and doctor's offices to ensure parents know what to bring to hospitals during a storm or disaster if they have medically frail children. We will be sharing this information with our EMS committee members too. The goal is to collaborate with Public Health and Preparedness/ Response to have a pediatric shelter capability in our region.
- Initial planning meetings have been taking place for the G7 Grant and SETRAC will again be wring the exercises for the Gulf Coast States and Puerto Rico.

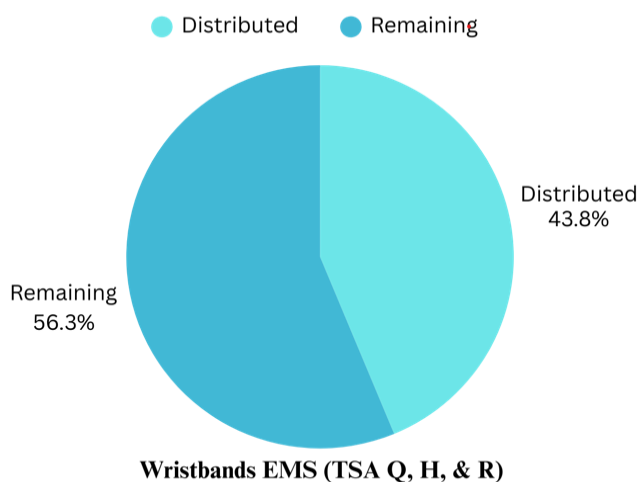
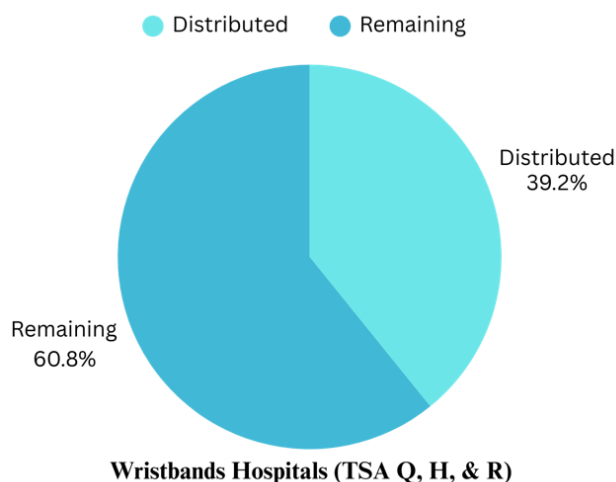


Committee Medical Director: Dr. Lars Thestrup
Committee Chair(s): Jason Gander, Joshua Taylor, Dr. Joseph Gill
SETRAC EMS Coordinator: Clayton Ehrlich

<u>Meeting Schedule:</u>	Past:	January 15, 2025
		March 19, 2025
	Upcoming:	May 21, 2025
		July 16, 2025
		September 17, 2025
		November 19, 2025

- **Texas EMS Wristband Program:**

The Texas EMS Wristband Program is actively being implemented across the SETRAC region. EMS agencies and hospital partners have been receiving their wristband allotment at different corridor and clinical meetings to implement this initiative. SETRAC encourages all EMS and hospital partners to integrate wristbands into their daily operations and should utilize them during disasters for patient tracking purposes. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has integrated the wristband data variable into the EMS and trauma datasets, facilitating the electronic linkage of prehospital and hospital patient records. This integration enhances patient accountability during disaster-related incidents, mass casualties, and evacuations. Additional information about the wristband program is now available on the SETRAC website homepage. See below for the progress of distribution of wristbands to EMS and Hospital partners in TSA Q, H, R.



- **SETRAC Blood Products Committee:**

The EMS Blood Products Committee remains committed to advancing the prehospital use of whole blood across the region. The SETRAC Blood Products Committee continues to collaborate with the GETAC Whole Blood Task Force, the Pre-Hospital Blood Transfusion Initiative Coalition, and other stakeholders to drive program development and implementation.

As part of EMS Week, a national blood drive is scheduled for May 22, 2025. In preparation, SETRAC is actively coordinating with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to explore campaign strategies that will encourage donor participation during this time. These discussions also include efforts to rally regional support for targeted blood drives and to establish a strong, sustainable low-titer O whole blood (LTOWB) donor base within the first responder community.

- **EMS Body Cameras Workgroup:**

The EMS Committee has established a dedicated workgroup focused on developing regional guidelines for the use of body cameras in EMS. This workgroup, which held its first meeting in February, aims to incorporate input from both EMS agencies and hospitals to create a standardized approach for agencies currently utilizing body cameras. The group includes EMS professionals with direct experience implementing body camera programs, as well as hospital representatives. Participation remains open, and all interested parties are encouraged to join the discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for April, with an update to be shared at the following EMS Committee meeting.

- **Regional Mass Casualty Incident Guideline Review:**

SETRAC has completed a comprehensive review of the Regional Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Guideline to ensure alignment with current best practices, national standards, and regional operational capabilities. The review process included input from key stakeholders across EMS, hospitals, emergency management, and public health partners within the region.

The updated guideline is being prepared for final distribution. SETRAC will coordinate rollout efforts, including stakeholder education and integration into future regional drills and exercises.

We appreciate the collaboration and feedback from all partners involved in the review process and look forward to continued efforts in strengthening our regional preparedness and response framework.

- **EMS County/Pass Through Funds:**

SETRAC has distributed the required documentation to EMS partners for the FY25 EMS County Funds allocation. These documents are essential for verifying eligibility and ensuring compliance with funding guidelines.



Emergency Healthcare Systems

Once all completed documents are received and reviewed, SETRAC will proceed with disbursing funding allotments to eligible EMS providers across the region. We appreciate our partners' timely attention to this process and remain available to assist with any questions or support needed during the submission period.

- **Regional Quality of Care:**

The EMS committee has encouraged members to attend other SETRAC committee meetings and have encouraged members of other clinical committees to attend the pre-hospital meetings (stroke, trauma, inj. prev., cardiac, etc.).