



SETRAC Cardiac Care Committee

Friday, January 23, 2026
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Dr. Waleed Kayani/ Cathy Williamson/ Jake Varner Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Cathy Williamson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting minutes for October 24, 2025, were approved. Reminder to log attendance at www.setrac.org/cardiac . There will be 1 codeword at the end of the meeting.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Waleed Kayani/ Cathy Williamson/ Jake Varner Topic: New Business	Cathy opened the floor to anyone that had new business. There was no new business at this time.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Houston Methodist Willowbrook Topic: Best Practice Presentation Beyond Door-to-Balloon	Sheryl Bazan and Andrea Collomp from Houston Methodist Willowbrook presented on Improving STEMI Response Reliability. They found delays in STEMI care were due to system variability, not staff effort. Processes performed well during peak hours but were less reliable during night and there was a lack of standardized communication and feedback contributed to repeated delays. She stated that implemented interventions. •Multidisciplinary STEMI drills (including off-hour scenarios) Development of standardized STEMI kits •Standardization of triage EKG prioritization •Regular collaboration between ED, Cath Lab, and EMS •Creation of post-case data report cards. After making these changes and reviewing the data the outcomes were Improved reliability in Door-to-EKG and Door-to-Balloon times, increased staff confidence and consistency across shifts, strengthened team collaboration and communication and a cultural shift toward continuous improvement.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Micah Panczyk Topic: TEXAS CARES Data Update	Micah Panczyk wasn't in attendance; there was no TEXAS CARES Data shared at this meeting.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Melanie Aluotto Topic: Old Business - QI Referral Program - Heart of the Matter Program	Melanie reminded the members of the QI program. Melanie presented a link on the SETRAC website, so all members would have access to it. She informed all members if there are cases, trends or any events where there might be concerns, these things can now be referred to the QI program.	The committee has no further recommendations



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	Melanie presented on the Heart of Matter program. The goal is to eventually cover the entire region with outreach on Stroke and Cardiac education, specifically on stroke risk factors, teaching hands-only CPR, and giving out blood pressure cuffs to those in need. Melanie talked about previous successful Heart of The Matter events and mentioned upcoming events in February and March.	
Presenter: Cathy Williamson/ Patrick Byrnes Topic: DIDO Workgroup Update	Cathy gave the DIDO Workgroup update. They reviewed a toolkit being developed for non-PCI hospitals and freestanding emergency centers to improve door-in-door-out times, which includes forms, templates, and educational resources. Patrick presented the toolkit's status, emphasizing the need for feedback and input from freestanding ERs before finalization. The team also discussed the medication list concerns and a few other edits. The workgroup will be making some minor changes to the toolkit.	The recommendations are to make some modifications to the toolkit.
Presenter: Rebecca Nutt Topic: STEMI Coordinator Subcommittee	Rebecca Nutt gave the STEMI Coordinator Subcommittee updated. She recapped the last subcommittee meeting. She stated this group voted to continue to work on the 2025 goals. Rebecca mentioned those goals which are obtaining NCDR contract agreements, developing a PI project, increasing heart of the matter participation, and assisting with a PCI/STEMI bundle.	The committee has an open position for this subcommittee.
Presenter: Grace Farquhar Topic: Standing Reports Q1 2025 Regional Data Review	Grace Farquhar started with slides on total hospital submissions from Q1-2020 to Q3-2025. Grace reminded all the members; data submissions do affect their participation requirements with SETRAC. They reviewed Q3 2025 data, noting that 28 out of 37 PCI facilities submitted complete data, with 6 facilities missing full data and 3 submitting incomplete data. The group discussed goals for improving door-to-balloon times and transfer times between facilities, with current metrics showing progress but still room for improvement. The committee also examined arrival methods, noting a concerning trend of decreasing EMS transfers and increasing private transportation, which they hope to address through ongoing heart of the matter training programs. The meeting focused on reviewing	The committee has no further recommendations



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	reasons for delays in PCI procedures and categorizing them as either medical, patient, or system related. Grace explained that most delays were due to medical reasons, with a small percentage attributed to other reasons, and suggested creating educational materials to help categorize cases appropriately. The group discussed transitioning to get data directly from NCDR in the future, though this may be delayed due to funding issues. Grace also reviewed metrics on lytic administration, noting the number of transferred patients did not receive lytics, with non-PCI centers showing improved performance compared to freestanding facilities. Grace also mentioned that, and the data dictionary has been updated and is in the database.	
Open Discussion	The members decided to carry over the 2025 goals to 2026 and added a new goal to have the PCI capable hospitals provide feedback and participate more. There was no other open discussion.	The committee has no further recommendations
Next Meeting/Adjourned	There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be April 24, 2026 @ 9:00am-10:30am	Code Words – Warm

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Jan 23, 2026	Steve Auld	Baytown Fire Department
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Jan 23, 2026	Valarie Richardson	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood
Jan 23, 2026	Jennifer Zadow	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital
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Jan 23, 2026	Rebecca Nutt	Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands
Jan 23, 2026	Xiomara Salazar	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress
Jan 23, 2026	Briana Perkins	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest
Jan 23, 2026	Anita Mentch	Memorial Hermann Greater Heights
Jan 23, 2026	Gina Mancino	Memorial Hermann Memorial City
Jan 23, 2026	Joseph Nikolas	HCA Houston Healthcare Medical Center
Jan 23, 2026	Kristine Macalalad	HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball
Jan 23, 2026	Angelica Antaran	Memorial Hermann Cypress
Jan 23, 2026	Tracy Nutt	St. Joseph Medical Center
Jan 23, 2026	Carrie Boyd	Memorial Hermann Southeast