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Vice Chairman Pre-Hospital Services	James Campbell
Secretary	Walter Morrow
Treasurer	Lon Squyres
Officer-at-Large	Dr. Kevin Schulz
Chief Executive Officer	Lori Upton

SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (Trauma Service Area Q)

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

Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2026

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

Dr. Brent Kaziny, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Walter Morrow, Secretary, called roll and a quorum was established. Attendees not on the board will need to email Grace Farquhar at SETRAC of their attendance by the end of the day tomorrow to receive credit for participation.

2. **WELCOME**

Dr. Kaziny welcomed the board members and their flexibility for the switch from in-person to virtual for this meeting due to the winter weather event.

Dr. Haris Kamal, chair of the SETRAC Stroke Committee gave an overview of the work being performed in the committee including rehabilitation utilization and extended window strokes.

3. **OFFICER REPORTS**

A. **Chairman**

Dr. Kaziny reported that the region has appeared to fare better with the winter weather event compared to other areas in the state. Dr. Kaziny thanked the board for submitting the CEO evaluations, which have been reviewed by the Executive Committee.

B. **Vice Chair Hospital Services**

Sterling Taylor shared that the Bylaws Committee will be meeting in the near future.

C. **Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services**

James Campbell reported that the whole blood program is a big project for EMS across the state. Other initiatives at the state and regional level include the reduction of red lights and siren usage and continuing the usage of wristbands.

D. **Secretary**

Mr. Morrow reminded smaller counties in attendance that only a few days remain for county judges to submit applications for HB 3000 funds for assistance in purchasing ambulances.

E. **Officer-at-Large Report**

Dr. Kevin Schulz shared that the RHPC Board will be reviewing the RHPC charter in future months for potential updates. Open positions on the board will be filled and brought before the board for approval.

F. Treasurer Report

Lon Squyres reported on the organization's financials. Hard copies of the SETRAC financials were provided to the board.

The exit interview for the state audit was just recently completed. The only financial finding involved a few purchases that had sales tax included (a total of \$65).

A request was made to have line-by-line financials available to board members for future meetings. Hard copies will be provided at the meeting and returned at the end of the meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. Chief Executive Officer - Lori Upton reviewed items included in the written report that was provided to the board prior to the meeting.

B. Preparedness and Response –Lisa Spivey and Troy Erbenraut reviewed items included in the written report that was provide to the board prior to the meeting.

Dr. Kaziny shared that he recently attended the regional American Camping Association's Texoma Conference to help assist with emergency preparedness for summer camps in the state. Dr. Kaziny plugged the RACs as a resource for camps to get ideas about possible threats.

C. Emergency Healthcare Systems – Suzanne Curran and Melanie Aluotto reviewed items included in the written report that was provided to the board prior to the meeting.

Mr. Campbell asked if there is anything that needs to be done with the business associate agreements to be able to obtain behavioral health and wall time data since there appears to be an issue with submissions for behavioral health as well as obtaining trauma data from ESO. Ms. Aluotto and Ms. Upton clarified that the issues encountered for the trauma data should not be an issue for EMS data as the process is different (trauma data is correlated with the Texas trauma database and EMS data is directly from NEMESIS.)

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Cadence for Future Board Meetings

The board discussed the current frequency and times board meetings and the cadence, locations, and quorum needed for board meetings going forward.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Prior Meeting Minutes

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

B. Reports (Officer, Finance, and Executive)

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

C. Resolutions and/or Other Action Items

a. Confirmation of EHS service line medical director election results

A motion was made to approve the medical directors for the service line committees as presented to the board. There being no further discussion, the board approved the medical directors as presented with no objections or abstentions.

b. *Confirmation of RHPC board member election/appointments*

A motion was made to confirm Mel Bartis as the City OEM representative on the RHPC Board as elected by the RHPC members. There being no further discussion, the board approved Ms. Bartis for the City OEM seat on the RHPC board with no objections or abstentions. The two at-large positions on the RHPC board will be selected by Dr. Kaziny and will be presented to the board for confirmation at the next meeting.

c. *Approval of resolution for cadence for future board meetings*

A motion was made to have the eight (8) monthly board meetings in addition to four (4) general assembly meetings during the year. The general assembly meetings will be held in-person for board members and the monthly board meetings will be 50% in person and 50% virtual. There being no further discussion, the board approved the resolution with no objections or abstentions. The dates and times of the monthly board meetings will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Status Update on RAC G Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and EMTF Contract

Dudley Wait requested an update on the status of the bid for the HPP and EMTF contract for RAC G. Dr. Kaziny stated that discussions regarding the contract are not able to be held openly at this time. A motion was made to have an executive session of the board to discuss the current bid and budget for the RAC G HPP and EMTF contract. There being no further comments, the board approved the motion with no objections or abstentions.

B. Winter Weather Event – Use of Pulsara and Wristbands

Chief Wait shared that the use of Pulsara and wristbands were of great assistance in aiding affected residents of a couple of apartment buildings that were lost or damaged during the weekend's winter weather event. Chief Wait gave special kudos to CMOC for their assistance.

ADJOURN

Dr. Kaziny adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

SETRAC Board - Secretary: _____

