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CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gander called the meeting to order at 1302. Dr. Gill welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting of the EMS Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Dr. Aaron Roberts presented maternal resuscitation and related topics to the SETRAC EMS committee. He highlighted a discrepancy between EMS supervisors and field personnel regarding transport policies for pregnant patients in cardiac arrest, advocating for immediate transport to a facility with obstetric capabilities rather than waiting 20-30 minutes. Dr. Roberts also addressed RhoGam administration for first trimester spontaneous abortions, noting that while some guidelines suggest it may not be routinely indicated, UT Health System has not changed its policy due to legal restrictions on elective surgical terminations on whole blood transfusions for pregnant and reproductive-age women, citing a 2025 paper co-authored by Dr. Roberts that argues whole blood is superior for massive transfusions and should not be withheld based on potential future pregnancy complications.

DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>EMS PERFORMANCE</u> <u>Old Business:</u> • No items to report. <u>New Business:</u> DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update: No Update. <u>GETAC Update:</u> GETAC was held in Ausin whole blood remains a major focus. Both EMS Medical Directors and EMS Committees are working on position statements for reduction of lights and sirens usage. The Rural Revisions Workgroup is still meeting to discuss revision 15711. Their next workgroup meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2025. The next GETAC meetings will be held November 21-24 in Fort Worth during the EMS conference. <u>Goals for EMS Committee:</u>	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Standing report Standing report



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• Provision of whole blood • Wall time • Whole blood toolkits to help agencies get their program started and become a part of the regional system • Template on standardized process (bag for patient belongings) • Body camera implantation • Ultrasound education • Challenges with meeting participation and making the meeting more valuable. • Integrating better • Getting outcome data to bring to the meeting and having discussion. • A regional process having a form for clarity where everybody is following the same process. • <u>SB8 EMS Scholarship Update:</u> DSHS sent out an obligation letter to scholarship recipients from a list that was sent in December since then they may have obtained their certification. If they have questions have them email Sabrina to get clarification. The letter also stated that SETRAC would be the collect of repayment SETRAC will not be collecting repayment DSHS will now be collecting payment for questions contact the state directly. SETRAC is no longer doing anymore scholarships. County Funds FY26: There were no significant changes.		
<u>JOINT COMMITTEE INITIATIVES</u>		



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Old Business: • Regional MCI Plan (RHPC): No update currently New Business: • SETRAC Emergency Department Committee (ED) At the last ED Committee meeting in Huffman SETRAC EMS Committee discussed regional goals. They discussed behavioral challenges that continue to increase. • SETRAC Blood Products Committee (Blood) The regional whole blood products committee met the week after GETAC. There has been a lot of talk about Pre-Hospital Whole Blood mostly because the legislature gave EMS 10 million dollars. There have been meetings with Gulf Coast and hospital system represented. They focused on the progress of the pre-hospital whole blood programs and the implementation of a regional blood rotation system. SETRAC reported significant developments including Gulf Coast's willingness to serve as the regional whole blood provider and facilitate a rotation system using vending machines at EMS stations. Hermann Hospital committed to holding 480 units of whole blood monthly, with potential for OBGYN cases to double that amount. The next meeting was scheduled for the following Wednesday at 1:30pm to discuss equipment lists and contact details with representatives from various hospital systems and EMS agencies encouraged to attend. • Committee Leadership Nomination: Clayton advised if anyone wanted to serve on the Blood Products Committee nominations are still open, they will be voting at the next meeting let him know if interested positions needed are physician and hospital EMS representative.	No action items or recommendations. Recommendation to work with the newly formed SETRAC ED Committee. No action items or recommendations. Recommendation to join if interested.	Closed. Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting Update to be provided at a future meeting



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<u>SUBCOMMITTEE / WORKGROUPS</u> • Mobile Integrated Health Subcommittee Update (EMS): Did not meet will have an update at the next meeting.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing Report
<u>EMS SYSTEMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (SQI)</u> Old Business: No old business New Business: • Limited Data Set Data Use Agreement: They are going to start collecting EMS data and doing heat maps to show where to administer whole blood and if and/or where it has been administered for quality improvement. Everyone will need to sign a revamped data use agreement it will be sent out to everyone on the lookout. • Pulsara & EMS Wristbands Everyone should have wristbands and be using Pusara. Does anyone have any issues with it from an EMS or hospital perspective. Clayton asked if there were TAC 157.11 discussions on wristbands in the workgroups. • Reduction of Lights & Sirens This was talked about at the last meeting it will be left on as one of the goals to work towards maybe working with the EMS committee to get a policy or regional guideline. • Sepsis Criteria	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 future meeting. Update to be provided at future meeting. Update to be provided at future meeting. Update to be provided at future meeting.
<u>AIR MEDICAL</u>	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.

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<u>Old Business:</u> • N/A <u>New Business:</u> • Nothing pressing other than just letting everyone know if they are looking for LZ classes, they are available on the GETAC website or reach out to your provider and they will be able to set up classes for you.	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report
<u>EMS DISASTER</u> <u>Old Business:</u> • No items to report <u>New Business:</u> • Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update: Grant, advise they continue to keep a presence in Kerrville. Currently there are 5 ambulances and five UTV medics. They are providing force protection and fast medical response for the Texas Task Force and the DPS dive teams that are still with search recovery. Currently the SMA is extended until October 13th and there's discussion that it'll go another 30 days past that. Our region EMTF 6 currently has two of those five ambulances as well as one of the UTV medics and an ambulance strike team leader that is still on deck out there. To date we have sent out 160 individuals from our region to the response, all of you guys, a couple of hospitals, and all the 25 different EMS agencies have supplied and partnered with us going out there. It has been nothing less than amazing. We are getting in sustainment mode and building our barn. Grant is attempting to send out new people that are experienced out there currently like the task force leader he's widely experienced. Grant will be sending out a new	No action items or recommendations. No action items or recommendations.	Closed. Standing Report



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ambulance strike team leader that has very little experience to continue to make our region more robust as we move forward. Important dates for EMTF work group for the state will be next. Important Dates • Tuesday on September 23rd in San Antonio or virtually. • SETRAC symposium is October 15th – 17th ○ The MMU2 2.0 will be on display in the Expo Center along with the Fort Bend AmBus. ○ Montgomery County OEM command trailer Regional EMTF workgroups – Third Tuesday of each month. Wild land - strike team MMU and operational medicine. MMU training at the medical center of Southeast Texas. Grant met with RNs in the region signed on 22 new nurses from Saint Elizabeth and Christus system to start developing strike teams. They will be out in the parking lot for a full-blown MMU training, bring all the tents and medical cash out if anyone is more than welcome to attend. If too far they will schedule something closer. The after action for Kerrville will be sometime in October for the entire state.		
<u>OPEN DISCUSSION</u> • Open Discussion/Partner Updates: Clayton advised the SETRAC symposium is October 15th-17th in Galveston. Clayton advised that at a recent board meeting SETRAC has increased the annual membership dues and to contact him if there are questions regarding this change. The SETRAC office is moving to the SETRAC warehouse at 5115 Rosslyn Road in Houston. SETRAC will not be able to hold meetings due to limited space, maybe be able to host small workgroup meetings at this time. Until the buildout committee meetings will have to be on a rotation basis and hosted by regional partners.	No action items or recommendations.	



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<u>ADJOURN</u> The meeting was adjourned at 1414. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025, a host is needed, let Clayton know if you will be able to host a future meeting. Code Word: Integrity	No action items or recommendations.	Closed.



SETRAC EMS Committee Meeting Attendance Roster
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Organization Name	Representative Name	Submission Date	Committee	How did you attend?
Acadian Ambulance	CHANCE BROWN	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
AM/PM EMS	Hazem Abdul Majid	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
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American Medical Response-Houston	Petra Burge	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Atascocita VFD	Jason Honeycutt	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Atascocita VFD	Samantha Sanson	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Baytown Fire Department	James Miller	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Bellaire Fire Department	Albert Figueroa	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Channelview Fire Department	Steven Adams	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
CHI - St. Luke's The Woodlands	Jerry Thomas	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
City of Pearland	Kelly Sears	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
City of Pearland	William Godfrey	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
City of South Houston	GILBERT ESPARZA	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Community Volunteer Fire Department	Brandon Sanson	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Community Volunteer Fire Department	Josh Taylor	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department	Andrew Smith	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
El Campo EMS	Garret Bubela	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Fort Bend County EMS	Dudley Wait	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Fort Bend County EMS	Michael Nixon	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Galveston County ESD2	Melissa Elliott	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Harris County ESD #11	Pandora Peckne	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Harris County ESD #11	Nicole Michels	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Harris County ESD #48	Jay Barrera	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person

Harris County Public Health	Brendan Sloan	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
HCA Houston Healthcare (regional rep)	Lisa Martinez	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
HCA Houston Healthcare (regional rep)	Christy Stermer	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	Jayme Perez	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	Trey Urech	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Highlands Volunteer Fire Department	THERESA YOUNG	Sep 18, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Houston Fire Department	Christine Langas	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Humble Fire Department EMS	Royce Worrell	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Integrity Alliance Partners LLC	Brandon Quarles	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Matagorda County EMS	Jason Gilliam	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Matagorda County EMS	Robert Campos	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Memorial Hermann Katy	Mo Akintola	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Memorial Hermann Life Flight	Aron Hanson	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
North Channel EMS/ HCESD6	Sean Hayes	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Priority Ambulance Transfer	Will Carey	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Priority Ambulance Transfer	Brandon Kabre	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
SETRAC	Grant Kelley	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Southlake Houston EMS	C.J. Brown	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Village Fire Department	Jose Montalvo	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Webster Fire Department	Bradley Starkey	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
West University Place Fire Department	Aaron Rosenfield	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	In person
Westlake Volunteer Fire Department	Maristelle Maulit	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually
Wharton EMS	Christy Gonzales	Sep 17, 2025	EMS Committee	Virtually