



SETRAC Cardiac Care Committee

Friday, April 24, 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 January 23, 2026, 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: Melanie Aluotto Topic: New Business	Cathy started the meeting with facilitating the introductions for all the attendees in person today. For new business, Melanie discussed the PCI Capability Survey, she announced that it was sent to PCI centers to help EMS determine appropriate locations for complex cases and requested completion from those who hadn't responded yet. Melanie will be sending out the survey again this afternoon.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Avive Solutions- Sawyer Harris Topic: 4 Minute City Program Revolutionizing Cardiac Arrest Response	Avive representatives, including Sawyer Harris, presented on their company and their AED device, which highlighted the need for early intervention in cardiac arrest situations and introduced their solution. He presented their new AED technology featuring WiFi, cellular, and GPS connectivity, including a "Quick Rescue" feature that automatically calls 911 during cardiac arrests and provides precise location data. They explained that the device generates an incident report with ECG data available on-site, which can be accessed via a QR code stored indefinitely on the AED, making it easier for first responders to obtain critical patient information. The representatives explained that this AED program involves comprehensive partnership including community awareness events, training, and ongoing support rather than just providing devices. He mentioned an early pilot partnership with the American Heart Association and Chief Wake, involving community assessment to determine optimal AED placement locations.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Chiesi- Allen Tirey Topic: P2Y12 Inhibitor	Allen Tirey a representative from Chiesi presented on Cleviprex (clevidipine) also known as Kangrel, a IV P2Y12 inhibitor with a rapid onset of action within 2 minutes, making it suitable for high-risk PCI cases where same-day surgery might be needed. He explained that while oral agents typically take 30-60 minutes to become effective, Kangrel's 1-hour	The committee has no further recommendations



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	offset and rapid platelet inhibition make it advantageous for complex cases, particularly when patients cannot take oral medications due to intubation or unknown renal/hepatic status.	
Presenter: HCA Kingwood- Krystl Harkins Topic: Best Practice Presentation Cardiac Rehab Performance Improvement Project	Krystal Harkins and Valarie Richardson presented on their performance improvement project at HCA Kingwood Hospital to improve cardiac rehab orders and education for ACS patients, particularly STEMI and NSTEMI cases. They reported improvements in compliance rates from 54.55% to 75% for STEMI patients and from 36.99% to 55.93% for NSTEMI patients over several quarters, implementing new order sets, badge buddy systems, and education initiatives across both cardiac and non-cardiac units.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Micah Panczyk Topic: TEXAS CARES Data Update	Micah Panczyk wasn't in attendance. Melanie shared a snapshot of the data on his behalf. She reviewed SETRAC region's 2023-2025 outcome data, compared to the state which showed an improvement in witnessed survival rates from 31.8% to 33.1%.	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. Melanie mentioned the Heart of Matter program. Next event is August 20 th and she encourages all the members to volunteer.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Cathy Williamson/ Patrick Byrnes Topic: DIDO Workgroup Update	Cathy gave the DIDO Workgroup update. She discussed the challenges in reaching out to non-PCI hospitals regarding patient transfer protocols. She noted that while progress has been slow, they are exploring new avenues for feedback.	Melanie will be in contact with Fidel (SETRAC) special populations manager, for assistance with connecting with PCI facilities.
Presenter: Melanie Aluotto Topic: STEMI Coordinator Subcommittee	Melanie mentioned the need for a new leader for the STEMI Coordinator Subcommittee, as the previous leader Rebecca Nutt had left their position. They explored options for co-leadership to share responsibilities	The committee has an open position for this subcommittee.



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	and discussed the purpose and structure of the coordinator meetings, including goals around NCR agreements, PI projects, and increasing Heart of the Matter event participation.	
Presenter: Cynitha Hernandez/ Grace Farquhar Topic: Standing Reports Q4 2025 Regional Data Review	Cynthia Hernandez reviewed the slide on total hospital submissions from Q1-2020 to Q4-2025. She started by thanking Melanie Aluotto (SETRAC) for getting 100% of all facility participation for the first time ever. She reviewed STEMI data from Q1 to Q4 2025, with 37 hospitals submitting complete data. Key discussion points included the 93.5% door-to-balloon time goal, which has been trending downward from previous quarters, and the need to improve EMS arrival rates rather than patients driving themselves to hospitals. There was discussion on NCDR data only reflecting discharge diagnoses, while SETRAC data includes patients with correct EKG presentations who may not be diagnosed as STEMI at discharge. The team discussed challenges with transfer times, noting that only about one-fourth of transfer patients are getting treated within 30 minutes, and emphasized the importance of administering lytics when transfer times exceed 30 minutes. There was more open discussion on door-to-balloon times, transfer metrics, and the need for better thrombolytic administration in transfer cases.	The committee recommendations are to review and recode reasons for delays and no PCI in data submissions to ensure accurate classification (e.g., move "difficulty crossing the lesion" to medical reason, "delay in transport" to system reason).
Open Discussion	The members reviewed and discussed the progress on the 2026 goals. 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 July 24, 2026 @ 9:00am-10:30am	Code Words –spring



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Apr 24, 2026	SHAWNETT JOUBERT	Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	
Apr 24, 2026	Halee Childs	HCA Houston Healthcare Conroe	
Apr 24, 2026	Kristine Macalalad	HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball	
Apr 24, 2026	Cathy Williamson	Houston Methodist Hospital (TMC)	
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