



Minutes
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
February 25, 2022
11:00 AM – General Membership
Zoom

Board Members Attended:

Carlos Palacio, MD, Rene Perez, Eugenio Cardenas, David Salas, Ana Hinojosa, Mack Gilbert, Eira Romero, Kathleen Dassler, Rolando Ramirez, Gustavo Ramirez, Frank Torres, Usman Khan, MD, John Hovorka, MD

1. Call to Order - Carlos Palacio, MD

Carlos Palacio, MD called meeting to order at 11:04 am.

2. Welcome of New Members and Guests – Introduction of new members and guest were made.

3. Review of Previous Minutes – December 10, 2022

Gus Ramirez made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Wesley Milum. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Report:

A. Board Meeting - Carlos Palacio, MD

B. Financial Report - Rene Perez

- EMS/RAC Grant
- RAC System Development
- EMS County Passthrough

5. Executive Directors Report

Update/Status of quarterly State Report

DSHS Reports:

1st Narrative Financial Report to GM that included expenditures and/or upcoming planned expenditures for the months of September thru December and updated By-Laws were submitted to DSHS on January 31, 2022.

Board Attestation form for new Board members has been emailed also.

Upcoming report in March will be 2nd qtr. supporting document for December – February is due March 31, 2022.

RAC System Development:

In December there was a PHTLS training in McAllen and a AMLS Course February 16th and 17th in Mission. Upcoming course will be an ACLS and PALS, an email with open registration will be sent out to general membership.

We will keep you informed with future course coming up.

EMS County Funds:

EM Providers who are in compliance with the TRAC do not forget to email us the expenditure report that was emailed to you earlier in the year.

Please continue to email us your wristband count and any out of valley transfers by the 10th of each month.

Dues: invoices have been emailed please send payment to avoid late charges.

Wristband/Out of Valley Transfers:

We are currently missing wristband count from January to current and also out of valley transfers from both hospitals and EMS Providers. Hospital, please email us any and all interfacility and out of valley transfers.

A self-assessment from DSHS has been emailed to Cardiac, Perinatal, Stroke, Trauma and Pre-Hospital for review the assessment has a scoring tool that will be used to score each for compliance.

EMTALA meeting with Mr. Marcus Foster (Hospital Liaison) has been rescheduled for 1:00 pm on March 9th. He will be updating the EMTALA LAW and will be available for questions.

6. TETAF / GETAC – Carlos Palacio, MD

TETAF Advocacy team has regular meetings scheduled to strategize and plan for the 88th Texas Legislature convenes in January 2023.

7. HPP Report – Bernie Palacios

8. EMTF Report- John Phillips

Currently have a few units covering medical care at the detention centers in Edinburg and Jim Hogg County. In the process of completing a second type III MMU for Region 11 in the Corpus Christi area, the first one is house in the Mission Fire Department, an MBUS was bought 8 months ago.

9. Subcommittee Reports - Agendas

A. Pre-hospital Disaster Communication Committee/EMTF (Emergency Medical Task Force) – Gustavo Ramirez/Oziel Garcia
Reviewed Self-Assessment and Hospital wait time.

B. Injury Prevention/Special Population /Education Committee – Jennifer Volcy / Ruben Pena
Report included with Allied report.

C. Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement – Mack Gilbert
No active Incidents, met 3 weeks ago and closed the only case they had.

D. South Texas Trauma Coordinators – Elena Guajardo
No report

E. Allied Health Committee- Raul Torres / Jennifer Volcy
Met with the Courtyard at Marriot and have everything lined up for the Symposium. Tracks are still pending CME applications those need to be turned in by end of day today. Thursday, April 21st is Pre-Hospital EMS Day there will be a FREE cadaver lab day, the other two day will be tracks of Trauma, Stroke, Perinatal and Cardiac. Brochure will be out once the CME application is turned in the brochure will include the Eventbrite link for registration and fees.

F. Stroke Committee – Dr. Tekle / Alejandra Ayala
No Report

G. Bylaw Committee – Rene Perez
No Report

H. Medical Oversight Committee – Raul Barreda, MD
No Report

I. Compliance Committee – Rene Perez
No Report

- J. Cardiac Committee – Martha Perez / Cesar Rodriguez**
Finalizing speakers list and continue meeting to discuss the self-assessment.
- K. Perinatal/NICU/ Maternal Committee – Annabelle Salinas / Aide Martinez**
Currently have all documents from perinatal just missing one for the symposium speakers.

11. Old Business:

Whole Blood Project - currently have guidelines on whole blood and working on an MOU for the RAC with Mr. Becerra and Mr. Cisneros and hopefully it be ready before the Board meeting in March. Document will be submitted to QA/PI and Medical Oversight for review.

12. New Business:

Self-Assessment / RAC Rules

Frank Torres reported that participation is needed by all EMS and Hospitals for the self-assessment that will go into place either 2023 or 2024.

By-Laws

Discussion if membership will be receiving a copy of the amended By-Laws to reflect the changes on the term limits that were approved at the previous Board meeting. Dr. Palacio mentioned that there is a working document on trauma plan the trauma plan will be sent to the Board before the next Board meeting in March. Once approved the trauma plan will be emailed to membership with the amended By-Laws.

Med Com

Waiting on one more hospital to submit their 2021 Data once received a meeting with the Medical Directors Advisory Group will be scheduled before March 11th Board meeting.

Jorge Alvarez (DSHS) reported the rules do not require members to pay any fees or dues to the RACs to be considers participating members, they do advise them to participate with the RACs. Rene Perez mentioned the TRAC V By-Laws require each entity to be compliance which includes paying dues. Mr. Alvarez will clarify with his leadership.

13. Next Meeting Date:

June 10, 2022