



Minutes
General Membership
June 10, 2022
Valley Baptist Medical Center Harlingen

Board Members Attended: Carlos Palacio, MD, Archie Drake, Rene Perez, Wesley Milum, Eugenio Cardenas, Ruben Pena proxy for Anna Hinojosa, Mack Gilbert, Eira Romero, Kathleen Dassler, Lutano Villarreal proxy for Rolando Ramirez, Julie Beller, Gustavo Ramirez, Frank Torres, John Hovorka, MD

1. Call to Order – Carlos Palacio, MD

Dr. Palacio called meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

2. Welcome of New Members and Guests

Introduction of new members and guests were made.

3. Review of Previous Minutes – February 25, 2022

Rene Perez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Archie Drake. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Report:

a. Board Meeting – Carlos Palacio, MD

Air Methods will be a new air EMS coming to the Region and are new TRAC members.

TRAC website is in progress and will be meeting next week to discuss further.

ABLS Class will be on August 11, sponsored by the TRAC.

b. Financial Report – Rene Perez

i. EMS/RAC Grant

Totals spend for May \$6,976.00; total spend to date \$73,812.00.

ii. RAC System Development

No money spent for the month of May. Amount spent to date \$18,304.00.

iii. EMS County Passthrough

Total amount allocated to EMS providers to date \$14,459.00. Total amount to spend by 8/31/22 is \$43,606.00

5. Executive Directors Report

a. Update/Status of quarterly State Report

DSHS Reports:

2nd Narrative financial report was submitted to DSHS for January through April. 3rd quarter report will be due in June for the months of March, April, May & June.

EMS County Funds:

All EMS providers have turned in documentation for the EMS county funds with the exception of two (2) providers.

Wristband/Out of Valley Transfers:

Wristband data collecting will be mandatory effective January 2023. All hospitals and EMS need to continue reporting those numbers to the TRAC.

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.

GETAC:

EMS Staffing waivers are in place until August 26, 2022, or until the declaration is lifted by the governor.

EMS Extraordinary Emergency Funds (EEFs) amount available \$810,865.00, copies were provided to the general membership.

6. TETAF/GETAC – Carlos Palacio, MD

A copy of the RAC Rules from DSHS was distributed to all general membership for review.

Senate Bill 8 is currently being discussed at the RAC Chairs meetings, which will be for the EMS Education funding, those funds will be a second contract not including the current contracts.

7. HPP Report – Bernie Palacios

Upcoming meeting on the 15th, HPP will be reviewing Bylaws and conducting adjustments to Bylaws.

Will be having a Pediatric Disaster course sponsored by TEEKS and participants will receive CE credits.

8. EMTF Report – John Phillips

No Report.

9. Subcommittee Reports -

a. Pre-Hospital Disaster Communication Committee / EMTF – Gustavo Ramirez

Committee discussed having a joint response team for mass casualty situations, will be meeting to discuss further.

Discussed Pulsara, communication tool and how it will be implemented into the TRAC.

Air Medical committee will be created under Pre-Hospital and will report to them as well.

b. Injury Prevention/Special Population/Education Committee – Jennifer Volcy / Ruben Pena

Over 400 people were trained on Stop the Bleed during Stop the Bleed day at Pharr EMS on May 19th, and a total of 916 for the month.

Active shooter training was put on due to the events in Ulvade, over 400 were involved in the training.

Knapp will be hosting a cadaver lab sponsored by Teleflex, it is a first come first served event and will be filling up quickly, Aug. 10 and you will be getting 1.5 CE credits.

c. Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement – Mack Gilbert

No report.

d. Trauma Coordinator Committee – Elena Guajardo

Committee discussed Out of Valley Transfer data, along with the urgency that is needed to gather clean data for the trauma registry.

e. Allied Health Committee – Raul Torres/Jennifer Volcy

Committee put on a successful Symposium this year. Goals for next year will be to bring in more vendors from all industries, and to have more speakers from out of the region. Symposium 2023 dates are April 20, 21, 22.

f. Stroke Committee – Dr. Tekle / Alejandra Ayala

Committee has been discussing Stroke education opportunities and how they can provide the communities with information on Stroke awareness.

Committee is gathering speakers for the 2023 Symposium.

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

No report.

k. Perinatal/NICU/Maternal Committee – Annabelle Salinas / Aide Martinez

Committee has been discussing new rules that are coming about for redesignation for both maternal and perinatal programs. Meetings will be held quarterly instead of monthly moving forward.

l. Trauma Medical Directors and EMS Advisory Committee –

EMS providers need to send in their data for the trauma registry.

Senate Bill 8 will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting; date is still yet to be set.

10. Old Business:

No old Business.

11. New Business:

No new business.

12. Open forum

13. Next Meeting date: September 30, 2022, at Pharr EMS