

## RAC- V Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Board
Meeting Date:	September 6, 2024
Meeting Place:	Valley Regional Medical Center, 100 E Alton Gloor Blvd, Brownsville, Texas
Meeting attended by:	Carlos Palacio MD, Wesley Milum, Michael Sanchez, Cat Domian, Rene Perez, Jeffrey Skubic, Jennifer Milum, Eira Romero, Jason Waller, Lutano Villarreal, Oziel Garcia, Aaron Lopes, Ray Marroquin, Frank Torres, Eric Panzer (virtual)
Proxy:	Tony DeLuna for Kennetha Foster, Ben Martinez for Danny Ramirez, Lutano Villarreal for Rolando Ramirez
TRAC-V:	Nathan Ramon
Guests:	Cris Villarreal CPA, Carlos DeLeon (Lonestar Ambulance), Elias Garza (Valley Regional Medical Center), Kim Vergara (Valley Regional Medical Center)

Agenda Item:	Discussion:	Action:
<b>Call to Order</b>		Dr. Palacio called the meeting to order at 11:05am.
<b>Introductions</b>	All board members introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of minutes</b>		Rene Perez made a motion to approve the minutes for July 26, 2024, with a second by Aaron Lopes. All in favor, motion carried.
<b>Financial Report</b>	Presented by Chris Villarreal, CPA.	See Management Report prepared on September 4, 2024, for period ending August 31, 2024. Discussed new category on report- Exceptional Items. Discussion about companies and facilities who have balances due >91 days being sent a letter with a copy to DSHS regarding balances. Michael Sanchez made a motion to accept the financial report and to have said letters sent with a second by Ray Marroquin. All in favor, motion carried. See agenda for FY24 and FY25 balances.
<b>Executive Directors Report</b>		Recap meeting with STBT held in recent weeks: *Working on process of whole blood throughout TRAC-V region. *MOUs should be in place- see Draft MOU attached. Considering the possibility of using Pulsara as platform

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		<p>to communicate/share the transfusion record used by EMS providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*If more than 2 EMS companies wish to receive the equipment ordered through the Moody Foundation grant, a committee would be formed to determine which 2 EMS companies would in fact receive the equipment.</li></ul> <p>ESO update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Payment was made after final negotiations were finalized. First onboarding meeting scheduled for next week.</li><li>*Goal is to go live by March/April 2025.</li></ul> <p>Pulsara and Pre-Hospital update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Pulsara training sheets ordered from STRAC will be shared with EMS members in the coming weeks.</li><li>*Test hospital has been set up for EMS companies to train on the platform. Many EMS companies are already using/testing.</li></ul> <p>SB8 Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*TRAC-V collaborated with RAC J &amp; K to fund an additional 16 Paramedics, 31 AEMTs, and 14 EMTs through its Extended SB8 program, totaling an additional \$253,532.</li><li>*Remaining SB8 funds carried over into FY25 must be expended by December 31, 2024 &amp; are expected to be spent in administrative costs</li></ul> <p>GETAC meetings update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*New trauma rules still in the works. Still lots of discussion regarding survey teams and costs.</li><li>*Whole blood task force continues to meet within the state. Working through product selection. CMS reimbursement also being touched on.</li></ul>
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		<p>*Application for GETAC committees opened on September 1, 2024.</p> <p>*Error on uncompensated care calculations were made so DSHS correcting it. Letters to hospitals being sent.</p> <p>*Dialysis transportation plan especially during a disaster being discussed to possibly state that dialysis patients are to be prioritized ahead of 911 calls during a disaster.</p> <p>Trauma Systems:</p> <p>*Rural hospitals who are level IV may have new rules for their trauma designation.</p> <p>*Survey team may differ than in the past.</p> <p>GETAC Council:</p> <p>*Discussion about if the GETAC Council were to approve a document how does it get funneled down to each RAC. Each RAC should/could take the document and review it and determine if its implementation makes sense for their region.</p> <p>TETAF Celebration for 35<sup>th</sup> year:</p> <p>*Discussion of TRAC-V progression over the years was held.</p> <p>Wesley Millum made a motion to accept the ED report with a second by Frank Torres. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<p><b>TMD &amp; EMS Advisory Committee Report</b></p>		<p>Dr. Palacio discussed data regarding pediatric transfers. Please refer to Q1 and Q2 OOV Support Graphics attachment.</p> <p>Michael Sanchez made a motion to accept the TMD &amp; EMS Advisory Committee Report with a second by Welsey Millum. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<p><b>Discussion and Action Items</b></p>	<p>Approval of FY 2021 RAC Annual Report to DSHS</p>	<p>Nathan Ramon reviewed and distributed copies of the draft of the annual report to DSHS. Report not due</p>

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	<p>Approval of FY 2025 Operating Budget</p> <p>Approval of Updated TRAC-V Whole Blood MOU</p> <p>Approval of Disaster Preparedness Committee Policies</p>	<p>until October but plans to complete ahead of schedule. Nathan will share the final submittal with members once complete. Frank Torres made a motion to approve the draft RAC Annual Report, as well as acceptance of possible minor changes, and submittal to DSHS with a second by Ray Marroquin. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Nathan Ramon reviewed the FY2025 preliminary budget. See attached. Frank Torres made a motion to accept the 2025 budget with the edits of switching the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line-item names (Symposium Reg. Fees and Symposium Sponsorships) under General &amp; Admin Receipts section with a second by Michael Sanchez. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Nathan Ramon discussed draft MOU with edits as discussed in TMD meetings. Rene Perez made a motion to approve the Whole Blood MOU with a second by Wesley Millum. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Nathan Ramon discussed need to get the committee up and running. Plans to build relationships between public entities and EMS companies. Committee structure to also be built- discussion regarding appointment, removal, and re-appointment. Wesley Millum made a motion to accept the Disaster Preparedness Committee Policies with three edits under section IV: 1) end 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph after word Directors; 2) in sub-section b) end sentence after word Director; and 3) remove sub-section c, with a second by Michael Sanchez. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
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	Approval of EMS/CO funds distribution process	<p>Wesley nominates Dr. Palacio as chair and Danny Ramirez as vice chair of the Disaster Preparedness Committee with a second by Michael Sanchez. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Wesley Millum made a motion that Dr. Panzer will assume the vacated chair for The TMD &amp; EMS Advisory Committee with a second by Michael Sanchez. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Discussion about how TRAC-V has historically divided the EMS/CO funds up as follows: 80% goes to 911 providers and 20% goes to non-911 providers per county all which must be in good standing. Frank Torres made a motion to maintain the same division of EMS/CO funds be maintained with a second by Ray Marroquin. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	None.	None.
<b>Open Forum</b>		DHR is now treating burns up to 30% body surface for patients 15+ years.
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	November 8, 2024, at Mission Regional Medical Center.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm.	Frank Torres made a motion to adjourn with a second by Wesley Millum. All in favor, motion passed.