

RAC- V Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	TRAC-V Board of Directors
Meeting Date:	January 24, 2025
Meeting Place:	South Texas Health System McAllen, 301 W. Expressway 83, McAllen, Texas 78503
Meeting attended by:	Carlos Palacio, Wesley Milum, Cat Domian, Rene Perez, Jennifer Milum, Eira Romero, Kathleen Dassler, Jose DeLuna, Jason Waller, Oziel Garcia, Aaron Lopes, Danny Ramirez, Rolando Ramirez, Ray Marroquin, Frank Torres, Eric Panzer, Rolando Guerrero
Proxy:	Jennifer Volcy for Jeffrey Skubic, Ruben Pena for Anna Hinojosa, Rolando Guerrero for Lutano Villarreal, Frank Torres for John Hovorka
TRAC-V:	Nathan Ramon
Guests:	Alicia Cruz (Med Care EMS), Veronica Waller (Driscoll RGV), Charlie DeLeon (Lonestar Ambulance)

Agenda Item:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order		Dr. Palacio called the meeting to order at 11:01am.
Introductions	All board members introduced themselves.	
Trac-V Board Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cameron County non-911 EMS b. Hidalgo County 911 EMS c. Willacy County EMS d. Officers of the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Chairman II. Secretary 	<p>Nathan Ramon gave out handouts for nominations for a-c.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Aaron Lopes with Brownsville FD EMS accepts nomination for Cameron County non-911 EMS as lone nominee. B) Hidalgo County 911 with 3 EMS Companies voicing interest, Alicia Cruz and Ray Marroquin accepting nominations; Carlos DeLeon not in attendance to accept at this time. C) Frank Torres with Willacy County EMS accepts nomination as lone nominee. <p>Wesley Milum motion to elect by acclamation Frank Torres and Aaron Lopes with second by Oziel Garcia. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Votes by ballot for Hidalgo County 911 EMS with 3 nominees. Rene Perez and Wesley Milum counted</p>

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		<p>ballots away from members. 17 votes with Ray Marroquin out of 19 total, winning the Hidalgo County 911 EMS.</p> <p>D-I) Nominations for chairman of the board: Rene Perez and Oziel Garcia nominate Dr. Palacio, he accepts the nomination. Wesley Milum asks for other nominations, none other received. Frank Torres made a motion to close the nominations for chairman of the board, with a second by Wesley Milum. Danny Ramirez makes a motion that Dr. Palacio is reelected as chairman of the board by acclimation with a second by Aaron Lopes. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>D-II) Nominations for secretary. Kathy Dassler nominates Cat Domian, she accepts the nomination. Rene Perez asks for other nominations, none other received. Frank Torres made a motion to close the nominations for secretary with a second by Rene Perez. Aaron Lopes makes a motion that Cat Domian is reelected as secretary by acclimation with a second by Oziel Garcia. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
Approval of Minutes		<p>Rene Perez made a motion to approve the minutes for November 18, 2024, with a second by Wesley Milum. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
Financial Report	Presented by Rene Perez	<p>See the Management Report prepared on January 10, 2025, for the period ending December 31, 2024.</p> <p>RAC Systems Development- \$60,477 EMS RAC- \$53,656 EMS/CO - \$119,301 SB8- \$9,145 EI- \$119,698</p> <p>No questions were voiced regarding the financial report.</p>

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		<p>Danny Ramirez made a motion to approve the financial report prepared on January 10, 2025, with a second by Wesley Milum. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
Executive Director's Report		<p>Invoices for dues are being sent to hospitals and EMS companies.</p> <p>EMS eligible companies have been determined for 2024 based on having met eligibility criteria.</p> <p>EMS company Baaxten Ambulance LLC will be discussed later in meeting, but all other EMS companies will be receiving letters regarding their continued past due amounts. TRAC-V will work with an EMS company if payment schedule is needed.</p> <p>EI funds are in the state budget as per DSHS so more to come. March 31, 2025, is the next due date for state reports.</p> <p>SB8 is continuing to move forward. As students reduced the work hours needed for Noemi Sanchez decreased so TRAC-V will owe funds back to DSHS. Pending more directions on how we will take care of this payment. Additional hours may need to be worked by Noemi Sanchez but again awaiting DSHS to give further direction.</p> <p>ESO finalization is taking place, 9 agencies remain unsigned with BAA agreement, but all are non-participating members of TRAC-V. 11 agencies have already signed up and set up with some data available at this time. More work on ensuring all data is being submitted as 28 agencies are pending to start submitting data.</p>

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		<p>The EMS Committee is scheduled for the next meeting and data metrics will be discussed. ESO Data will be available to be reviewed and shared.</p> <p>DSHS (Jorie Klein) is creating a presentation to display how money is distributed to RACs and hospitals through UCC throughout the state. Dr. Palacio is working on this along with DSHS.</p> <p>At the last TMD a quorum was not met so transfer out of RGV data was not able to be discussed. Next TMD meeting invite will go out soon to allow all members to be available to attend.</p> <p>Met with STBT and blood drive personnel to establish a relationship and schedule blood drives alongside TRAC-V. Quarterly blood drives have been scheduled to kick off March 25, 2025, at the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce. Blood drive will take place 2p-7p. Will look to do the same in other cities/counties throughout the RGV. Attempting to schedule a blood drive during a general membership meeting in the future as well.</p> <p>RAC is required to collect quarterly data will need to have an agreement with the hospitals in the future. This is based on approved RAC rules in 157.123 of the TAA. CHEPR and HPP should be leading this but more details to come.</p> <p>Chamber memberships will be coming up due in the next month or so.</p> <p>The Symposium registration is live and early bird registration ends March 28th. Agendas are being worked on as is the speaker schedule.</p>
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		<p>Dr. Palacio mentioned that a zoom option for meetings as per RAC rules and regulations is possibly an option for certain circumstances but face to face is really preferred. Maybe consider the distance and/or a % of meetings must be in person versus zoom. Nathan Ramon researched into a platform that allows zoom capability- Owl is one option. Kathy Dassler injected that we could also state that if joining via zoom your camera must be on.</p> <p>Motion made by Wesley Milum with second by Ray Marroquin to accept report. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<p>Discussion and Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review of DSHS Audit Draft Report & Trac-V Corrective Action Plan b. Approval to remove Baaxten Ambulance LLC form A/R Aging Summary (Expired EMS License) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DSHS auditors visited TRAC-V in November in which they reviewed financials, minutes, disbursements, and more. A draft report on their audit is attached to the agenda. Final corrective action plan was already submitted to DSHS on January 14, 2025, attached to the agenda. Pending the final report/feedback from DSHS at this time. Nathan Ramon suggests having a policy change to include the movement of equipment which will be documented, more to come at the next meeting. Discussion on possible processes to move equipment, options to be brought back to the next meeting. Motion made by Wesley Milum to accept the action plan with a 2nd by Danny Ramirez. All in favor, motion carried. b. Aaron Lopes made a motion to remove Baaxten Ambulance LLC due to an expired EMS License with a second by Danny Ramirez. All in favor, motion carried.

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Open Forum		<p>Whole Blood: Frank reports that the whole blood testing is finishing up today with late March early April kick off. Administration sets have been ordered. Aaron Lopes SOPs is stuck in legal process with City of Brownsville. Nathan Ramon reports that with remaining Moody Grant funds an additional battery will be ordered for the QinFlow blood warmers. Wesley Milum reported that VBMC Harlingen is in the process of getting whole blood in place in the ER for trauma patients. Working with his counterpart facility to become a rotation site for the whole blood. Danny Ramirez reports that the process with STBS is seamless and easy. Dr. Palacio reported that STHS McAllen has had good success with the use of whole blood.</p> <p>DCH Trauma: Veronica Waller from DCH is aiming for pursuit of trauma designation in August 2025.</p> <p>Pulsara: VBMC and HMC do not accept Pulsara reports from Willacy County EMS as per Frank Torres. Wesley Milum will bring to the attention of VBMC leadership. Wesley Milum reiterated that it is a work in progress with staff and leadership. Nathan Ramon reports that non-EMS based entities are asking for assistance with the use for events such as a running race to set up Pulsara Incidents. Also discussed that transfer data via Pulsara may be attainable soon.</p> <p>Discussion about wrist bands and run sheets in that they are hit or miss in terms of use of both.</p>
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		Danny Ramirez reports that one of his medics reported a social media post in which an EMS vehicle from another company was pulled over by ICE to ask for citizenship of the patient. This was posted on a personal social media page, but the EMS company was named in the post. Unsure if this was accurate or not. Group recommendation is for TRAC-V to communicate with ICE/CBP to set up an information meeting and validate these reports if needed.
Next Meeting	March 28, 2025, at South Texas Health System Edinburg/Children's	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:27pm.	Wesley Milum made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ray Marroquin. All in favor, motion passed.