

## RAC- V Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	TRAC-V Board of Directors
Meeting Date:	April 17, 2025
Meeting Place:	South Texas Health System Edinburg 1102 W. Trenton, Edinburg, Texas 78539
Meeting attended by:	Carlos Palacio, Wesley Milum, Michael Sanchez, Cat Domian, Rene Perez, Jeffrey Skubic, Jennifer Milum, Cesar Guerra, Eira Romero, Kathleen Dassler, Jose DeLuna, Jason Waller, Lutano Villarreal (virtual), Aaron Lopes (virtual), Danny Ramirez, Rolando Ramirez (virtual), Ray Marroquin, Eric Panzer (virtual).
Proxy:	None.
TRAC-V:	Nathan Ramon
Guests:	None

Agenda Item:	Discussion:	Action:
<b>Call to Order</b>		Dr. Palacio called the meeting to order at 9:06am.
<b>Introductions</b>	All board members introduced themselves.	New member Cesar Guerra introduced himself as CNO at Mission and interim at Knapp.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		Rene Perez made a motion to approve the minutes for January 24, 2025, with a second by Danny Ramirez. All in favor, motion passed.
<b>Financial Report</b>	Presented by Rene Perez	<p>See the Management Report prepared on April 6, 2025, for the period ending March 31, 2025.            SB8 is closed as of March 2025.            RAC Systems Development- \$56,939            EMS RAC- \$31,680            EMS/CO- \$79,112            SB8- \$0            EI- \$95,290</p> <p>Still collecting RAC yearly fees.</p> <p>Dollars coming in from vendors for the symposium.</p> <p>Discussion about balances in all accounts and the need to ensure we have the dollars to stay afloat if any state funding goes away. Possibility of placing some dollars in a CD account discussed with no decision made.</p>

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		<p>No questions were voiced regarding the financial report.</p> <p>Wesley Milum made a motion to approve the financial report prepared on April 6, 2025, with a second by Ray Marroquin. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>		<p>Reports due to the state have been submitted on time.</p> <p>All dollars due back to the state for SB8 have been sent as needed.</p> <p>ESO registry invoice pending.</p> <p>EMS Count Funds being handled by Fernandette.</p> <p>Extra batteries for the Whole Blood QinFlow Warmers have been ordered as discussed last meeting through the Moody Foundation Grant.</p> <p>EI funds remaining at the end of the FY to possibly be used for the disposable blood administration supplies need by EMS during Whole Blood transfusions.</p> <p>Spring Break check-in calls held for Cameron County facilities and EMS companies. Data shared on the EMS runs completed during the 2-week Spring Break with the members. Discussion regarding Spring Break numbers seemingly declined once again this year.</p> <p>The week after Spring Break the 1<sup>st</sup> TRAC V and STBTC blood drive was held. 17 units obtained out of a goal of 25.</p> <p>South Texas All Hazard Conference was held in March; first aid kit raffle was held. Lecture was also</p>

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		<p>given by Dr. Palacio and Nathan Ramon on whole blood in the RGV. Discussed the possibility to write this project up as a research study was discussed. Do need the hospital data regarding patients who received whole blood in the field and the status upon arrival.</p> <p>ESO repository update given regarding report generating discussions/actions being taken. ESO is stating that they do not need a BAA with the hospitals to mine the data but ESO will verify with their legal team; discussion regarding the high likelihood that all facilities will require a BAA. Nathan Ramon will discuss further with other RACs and get some sample BAA's to start with. Discussion as to if the by-laws indicate participation includes data sharing- does this suffice is the question.</p> <p>Symposium update given on sponsorships and attendees, as well as forecasted net revenue of \$48, 525.</p> <p>Reviewed hospital and EMS Pulsara volumes and data for 2024. Nathan Ramon will present 2025 YTD at next board meeting.</p> <p>Out of the Valley transfer data for 2024 Q3 and Q4 reviewed. Data shows a steady decline in out of valley transfers overall. August 2024 had a spike in level I transfers which was also discussed in the last TMD/TC meeting on April 16, 2025. Discussion about requesting the facilities to submit more details to the reason for transfer.</p> <p>Motion made by Danny Ramirez with second by Ray Marroquin to accept report. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
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<p><b>GETAC &amp; TETAF Updates</b></p>		<p>At GETAF and TETAF meetings Dr. Palacio is involved with the burn discussions. As well as civilian versus military teamwork needed as per one of the orders President Trump signed. A meeting with the DoD earlier this year was held with TRAC-V and EMS companies.</p> <p>Committee chairs update given by Dr. Palacio:          Pre-hospital- working on website; EMS run sheets submittals.          Trauma- partnering with EMS.          Injury Prevention- need assistance at community events; some members were removed from the WhatsApp chat which was pointed out to be unacceptable.          Stroke- grateful for the magnet purchase approval; reviewed pre-hospital times.          Cardiac- grateful for the ads in the Harlingen Airport; looking at door to EKG times.          Maternal- no issues voiced.</p>
<p><b>Discussion and Action Items</b></p>	<p>ACS COT Updates</p> <p>Treatment of Patients along the Southern US_Mexico Border Updates</p> <p>RAC Self-Assessment Modules</p> <p>TRAC-V Simple IRA Retirement Plan</p>	<p>Tabled.</p> <p>Tabled.</p> <p>The TRAC V is required to complete the EMS and trauma self-assessment and modules- reviewed and members completed sections 1-6 and submitted to Nathan Ramon.</p> <p>Nathan Ramon has researched IRA plan options. Attached to the agenda is one plan to consider. It would require a 60-day advance notice to the employees before the IRA. Dollars would come from general management funds. Kathy Dassler made a</p>

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	Ideas for the next TRAC-V Strategic Planning Session	<p>motion to sign up for the IR option for the TRAC V staff to include the option of up to 3% with a second by Dr. Skubic. All in favor, motion passed.</p> <p>Plans to be made for 2025 strategic planning session. Budget needs to be determined. Nathan Ramon will send out a poll for date/time options/preferences. Wesley Milum made a motion to allow for up to a \$5000 budget for the strategic planning sessions with a second by Rene Perez. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<b>Open Forum</b>		None.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	May 23, 2025, at Starr County Memorial Hospital	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.	Kathy Dassler made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jennifer Milum. All in favor, motion passed.