

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## TRAUMA SERVICE AREA – H

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 11, 2012

#### Minutes

Location: Woodland Height Hospital - Lufkin  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Scott Christopher.

#### 2. Attendance – Collection/Announcement of Proxies

Darlene Williams (MHSET San Augustine) to Sondra Wilson  
Connie Blalock (MHSET Livingston) to Scott Christopher  
Ricky Jones (Woden VFD) Forrest King  
Michael Self (Nacogdoches Fire) Chuck French

#### 3. Introduction of Guests

Ivan Farias from Verizon supplied pizza and discussed Verizon Communications. He reported that Verizon is expanding in the East Texas area. The company offers 25% discounts to EMS and Fire providers. The company offers a GPS program called Field Force Manager.

#### 4. Review/Approval of May 31, 2012 Minutes

Minutes approved as presented on a motion made by Sondra Wilson and seconded by Justin Cude.

#### 5. Treasurers' Report – Byron/Brenda

- 1) EMS/ County 11/12 \$43,611.00 have to date expended half of those funds.  
Awaiting receipts from Lufkin EMS and Nacogdoches EMS.
- 2) EMS/County 12/13 – Contract has been received. \$38,394.00 total
- 3) Local Projects 11/12 – \$15, 105
- 4) OASPR Year 10 – All but \$9 have been expended out of the \$ 250,000  
OASPR 12/13 CONTRACT AMT \$316,217.00
- 5) Tobacco 11/12 – \$44,000 left to disburse.
- 6) Tobacco 12/13 – Contract received. \$80,627.00 Funds have not arrived.  
Will receive monies in 4 installments  
Current Account Balances: Project acct: \$19,803.52  
Trauma acct: \$81, 409.50  
OASPR acct: \$21,163.29

#### 6. Local Projects Grant / Trailer Project Update

Local projects amount \$15,105.00 for Trailer supplies purchased and reimbursement received from DSHS.

## 7. Grants Review Committee Update

Excel Spreadsheet of grant awards was displayed overhead. There was no disagreement voiced by the membership on the recommended award decisions. Agencies have to submit their proof of payment by August 24, 2012.

## 8. Standing Report on General Assembly Member Attendance

A spreadsheet listing member attendance patterns since September 2011 was provided in the handout. There are several agencies below the 50% participation requirement.

## 9. Committee Reports

- ◆ Pre-Hospital – Chris Collier
  - Trailer Project – Chris updated the Committee on the Trailer Project. The trailer project is near complete. Trailer will be housed at the City of Livingston. Discussed need for Public Education and Publicity. Operational Guidelines and Activation Protocols need to be developed. Discussion as to which workgroup/or a combination needs to work on these guidelines.
- ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Jackie Laird
  - Has not met recently. Work Group met to review Acute Care plan and develop the Regional Healthcare plan that will encompass trauma, acute care and stroke.
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness Committee Report – Brenda
  - New Contract Year funding amount will be \$316, 217. All of last years' money was dispersed except for \$9. Work Plan has been completed. RFP Expected in the next 6 months. SETRAC representative Donald H. Morrison discussed MOUs, RN Strike Teams, mobile assets, etc. with the Executive Committee.
- ◆ QI/Physicians Advisory – Dr. Evans- Have not met.
- ◆ Inj. Prev. /Education – Tammy Hanson
  - Announced Injury Prevention and Education opportunities to the Committee.
    - a) New EKG Course (Bob Page) is starting tomorrow at SFA, two day course. First day is the beginner day, followed by an advanced on the second day. The facility can accommodate 100 people. Registration is available at the door. Contact Cindy Stewart at Nacogdoches County EMS for additional information.
    - b) Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse in Houston - 7/28/2012
    - c) Memorial Diabetes Support Group- contact Mary Rodriguez for information.
    - d) GETAC/TETAF/TTCF in Austin 8/13-8/17.
    - e) AAAM Houston 9/27 and 9/28. Stroke Symposium- Lubbock- 10/12/12.
    - f) STEMI Conference –SETRAC 9/2012.
    - g) 2012 Emergency Medical Services for Children Pediatric Symposium (EMSC) 9/13 and 9/14.
    - h) 2012 RHPC Preparedness Symposium – Galveston- October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10, 2012.
    - i) Texas EMS Conference – Austin- November 11-14, 2012

## 10. Executive Committee Report- Scott

The Executive Committee received reports from the various sub-committees. The group received updates from the Trauma Plan Workgroup and the Bylaws Workgroup. Both of these groups are moving forward with their assignments. And finally, the committee reviewed the Tobacco Report submitted to DSHS.

**11. 2012-2013 Meeting Calendar**

A draft calendar of meeting schedules through July 2013 was reviewed by the membership. The group agreed that single-day / all-day meetings were preferred over making multiple trips to Lufkin of different days. Brenda will attempt to schedule most meetings on one day, instead of multiple days.

**12. 2012 -2013 Board Officers**

The group was informed that the Executive Committee has decided that there will be no nominations or elections this year due to the recently accepted re-structure of DETRAC. The current Board will remain in place until next year. Next year the Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Medical Director position will be up for re-election.

**13. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update (6/22/12) – Division Representatives (pages 11-16)**

- 1) Preview of EMS/Trauma Registry
- 2) TETAF Data Management Course Sept 14, 2012
- 3) TETAF Proposal not selected for CMS Funding.
- 4) Survey Fees Increase for Hospitals in Non-subscribing RACs
- 5) Medicaid RHPs finalized, Anchors selected.
- 6) DSHS Agencies Prepare for More Budget Cuts
- 7) THHSC, TDSHS Officials Resign
- 8) Reminder: July 2 Deadline to Register in Runoffs
- 9) Important Dates
  - a) July 17<sup>th</sup> – Trauma Registry Demo, Houston
  - b) Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Face-to-face meeting in August in conjunction with GETAC
  - c) Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – Data Management Course
  - d) Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am CT-TETAF General Meeting Conference Call
  - e) Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>- Stroke Symposium, Lubbock
  - f) Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Face-to-face meeting in conjunction with GETAC.

**14. Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update – Scott**

The Registry group will provide a live demonstration of the new EMS/Trauma Registry on July 17 in Houston at the United Way building. Membership was encouraged to attend.

**15. GETAC Meeting – August 15-17 – Austin Airport Hilton**

The membership was reminded that the GETAC meetings are Web Streamed through the TETAF web site (tetaf.org).

**16. Notifications from DSHS**

The Trauma Designation office has two new State Coordinators ... Patricia Aston-Garcia and Michael Murray. A letter from DSHS describing each of their backgrounds was provided in the handout.

**17. Trauma Center Designation Update- Hospital Representatives**

There were no announcements from any of the hospital representatives. Scott reminded the group that the Uncompensated Trauma Care Funds were distributed last week.

**18. Stroke Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives**

There were no announcements from any of the hospital representatives.

**19. Chest Pain Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives**

There were no announcements from any of the hospital representatives.

**20. Stories for Texas EMS Newsletter?**

Scott reminded and encouraged the membership to submit their agencies accomplishment stories to DSHS for publication in the EMS Newsletter. Stories can be submitted to [Kelly.Harrell@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Kelly.Harrell@dshs.state.tx.us).

**21. Poison Control Apps**

The handout packet included information on a downloadable APP available from the Poison Control Center. This APP provides an easy way for people to have instant access to the Poison Center helpline phone number. Membership was asked to pass this information out in their communities.

**22. Other Announcements**

- Drug Shortages – Expired Drug List continues to grow.
- Care Plus Air Services - Clarification from last meeting that service does bill the patient for services.

**23. Next Meeting** – Scheduled for September 12, 2012

**24. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Chris Collier and Sondra Wilson at 6:17 pm.

***Minutes recorded by S. Wilson.***