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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 11, 2012

Minutes

Location: MHSET / Lufkin Memorial Hospital - Lufkin
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Scott Christopher.

2. Attendance – Collection/Announcement of Proxies

Darlene Williams (MHSET San Augustine) to Sondra Wilson
Lonnie Johnson (Six Mile VFD) to Cody Nance
Ricky Jones (Woden VFD) to Scott Christopher

3. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests or first-time attendees in attendance.

4. Review/Approval of July 11, 2012 Minutes

Minutes approved without opposition as presented on a motion made by Shirley Naquin and seconded by Forrest King.

5. Treasurers' Report – Byron Stowe

Mr. Stowe was unable to attend the meeting. Brenda Anderson provided a brief update on the status of the various funding streams for the DETRAC. She stated that all FY11/12 funds have been received and disbursed. One installment of the Tobacco funds for just over \$20,000 has been received. Both EMS/RAC and EMS/County grant funds have been received. The OASPR grant is funded for \$316,000 and approximately \$25,000 has been spent to date.

6. Local Projects Grant / Trailer Project Update

Mr. Christopher stated that the trailer project continues to move forward. The smaller trailer has had the interior completed, and the supplies from the larger trailer have been removed while awaiting to deliver it to Foretravel for interior configuration. The committee stated that several standard operating procedures will have to be developed to address such things as who has the authority to activate the asset and procedures related to the trailer operations. The group also agree that media coverage would be needed as the project get nearer to completion.

7. 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.

8. Committee Reports

- ◆ Pre-Hospital – Chris Collier
 - Trailer Project – previously discussed. No new information.
- ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Jackie Laird
 - Ms. Laird reported that the group will restructure to more of a 'program' focus rather than a 'meeting' focus. Their initial project will be to build a Welcome/Orientation packet for new members.
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness Committee Report – Connie Blalock
 - Ms. Blalock announced that the group is working on WebEOC training, HVA update, and regional mass fatality planning. She stated a regional disaster drill is being considered for December 2012.
- ◆ QI/Physicians Advisory – Dr. Evans- Have not met.
 - Mr. Christopher informed the assembly members that Dr. Evans has relocated to outside the trauma service area. Two other physicians (Duke & Cole) are being considered to take his place as the committee chairman.
- ◆ Inj. Prev. /Education – Tammy Hanson
 - Ms. Hanson announced that she has developed and will be maintaining a running list of provider education opportunities and injury prevention programs. This document will be shared with the DETRAC office. Ms. Hanson requested that the DETRAC membership contact her with any information that may be added to the list. Ms. Hanson specifically addressed a few of the opportunities on this list.
 - a) DETRAC has been offered four free seats at the SETRAC STEMI conference.
 - b) There is a simulated jail cell traveling across Texas to address DWI.
 - c) Mirror images being placed in bars and restaurants to simulate mug-shots and addressing DWI.
 - d) State level Spectrum of Prevention to address four common mechanisms of injury and injury patterns: alcohol related MVC, concussions, DWI prevention and child safety seat utilization. White papers on these four topics will be released soon to provide guidance and implementation strategies.
 - A handout on the 12 Annual Neurological Conference in Nacogdoches was provided in the packet.
 - A handout on the Defining the Stroke System of Care in Houston was provided in the packet. It was noted that Mr. Christopher is one of the panelists at this conference.
 - There will be a conference by the Rural Health Preparedness Council in Galveston on October 9-10.
 - The Texas EMS Conference will be in Austin on November 11-14.

9. Executive Committee Report- Scott

The Executive Committee received reports from the various sub-committees. The committee discussed media needs for the region, 1115 waiver activities, and MHSET Lufkin becoming in-active-pursuit of trauma designation. The committee also reviewed the 4th quarter EMS/RAC progress report. The Bylaws committee has completed the revisions and this document will be distributed to the membership for review and future approvals. The committee continues to work on the Regional Health plan and securing a formal representative from San Jacinto County.

10. 2012-2013 Meeting Calendar

A calendar of meeting schedules through July 2013 was included in the handout packet.

11. DETRAC Travel & Reimbursement Policy

A copy of this policy was included in the handout packet. Mr. Christopher encouraged the members to review and follow these guidelines when undertaking travel related to DETRAC business.

12. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update (8/31/12)

A copy of this document was provided in the handout packet. Mr. Christopher spoke specifically about a few of the topics in this update.

- TETAF fundraiser to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Texas Trauma Systems is planned during the Texas EMS Conference weekend.
- The revisions to the Texas Trauma rules continues. Anticipated implementation is not anytime soon.
- TETAF Board elections are soon. If interested in serving on this Board, nominations are being currently sought.
- TETAF is now an approved provider for EMS continuing education. The organization is working on becoming an approved nursing CE provider.

13. Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update – Scott

Mr. Christopher stated that the transition to the new EMS/Trauma registry is underway. The 'go-live' date was two days ago. None of the members stated that they had opportunity to trial the new software yet.

14. GETAC Meeting – November 10-12 – Austin Convention Center

- The membership was reminded that the GETAC meetings are Web Streamed through the TETAF web site (tetaf.org).
- The notes taken by Mr. Christopher during the August GETAC meeting he attended were included in the handout packet. In the interest of time, this document was not discussed. Mr. Christopher encouraged the membership to take time to read through the notes later and if they had any questions to please contact him.

15. Trauma Center Designation Update- Hospital Representatives

There were no announcements from any of the hospital representatives. Mr. Christopher announced to the group that the Uncompensated Trauma Care Funds application should be release soon.

16. Stroke Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives

There were no announcements from any of the hospital representatives.

17. Chest Pain Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives

There were no announcements from any of the hospital representatives.

18. 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.

19. Air Ambulance Stat

A document was included in the handout packet that provided a description and activation contact information for this new air medical asset in the region.

20. Other Announcements

There were no additional announcements voiced.

21. Next Meeting – Scheduled for September 12, 2012. Representatives from Six Mile VFD requested to host the September meeting. The assembly members accepted this offer to meet at Six Mile

22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Chris Collier and Forrest King at 5:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by S. Christopher