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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 16, 2013 Minutes

Location: MHSET Lufkin – Medical Staff Meeting Room
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:12pm by Scott Christopher. He welcomed the attendees.

2. Attendance – Collection/Announcement of Proxies

Connie Blalock (MHSET Livingston) to Scott Christopher
Chuck French (Angelina College) to Scott Christopher
Connie Wayneright (Pendleton Harbor VFD) to Chloe Hardy
Joe Lane (Pineland VFD) to B.A. Fitzgerald (Alternate?)

3. Introduction of Guests

First-time attendees were asked to introduce themselves to the group. Mr. John Moore (Central VFD) and Mr. Shane Elmore (Flight for Life) were welcomed as first-time attendees. Mr. Elmore informed the group that Flight for Life has now stationed a helicopter in Palestine. He confirmed that he is visiting the various agencies in the region and providing them with contact and air activation information.

4. Review/Approval of November 28, 2012 Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were provided in the handout packet. Members were provided time to review the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Shirley Naquin, with a second provided by Paulette Wood. There was no opposition to the motion. *Note: after the meeting, it was determined that Ricky Jones is from Woden VFD and not Melrose VFD ... this correction was made to the minutes.*

5. Calendar

The proposed meeting calendar through July 2013 was provided in the handout. Appleby VFD will not be able to host the March General Assembly meeting. An alternate location will have to be determined. May's meeting is scheduled for Lufkin Memorial and July's meeting is planned for Nacogdoches Memorial.

6. Treasurers' Report – Byron/Brenda

Mr. Byron Stowe and Ms. Brenda Anderson were not available to provide the report. A Quick Books report summarizing revenue and expense activities from each of the revenue funding sources was reviewed by Mr. Christopher and then circulated among the committee members. The total revenues of the four funding streams were \$452,823.00, with YTD expenses among the four categories of \$96,144.18.

7. Standing Report on General Assembly Member Attendance

A spreadsheet listing member attendance patterns since September 2012 was provided in the handout.

8. Committee Reports

◆ Pre-Hospital –Chris Collier

Mr. Collier was present to provide a report.

- Mr. Christopher announced that Chris Collier has agreed to continue as Chair.
- Mr. Christopher reported that there has been very little activity on the trailer project since the last meeting. A few of the Nacogdoches Co. EMS staff members have had their trailer pulling competencies validated during the recent Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. Mr. Christopher was unsure if the delay getting the larger trailer to Foretravel was due to procrastination or waiting on approval from Foretravel to accept the project.
- Mr. Christopher requested that representatives from PHI and Mr. Collier re-visit the air medical activation criteria. Mr. Elmore was invited to join in these discussions.

◆ Hospital Acute Care – Jackie Laird

Ms. Laird was present to provide a report

Ms. Laird reported that the committee met this afternoon. The group met with representatives from the SFASU Nursing program and they are planning to have a regional disaster drill in March 2013. The committee received several announcements. MHSET Lufkin announced that they are pursuing Chest Pain Center designation. Nacogdoches Medical Center announced they are pursuing Stroke and Chest Pain Center designation.

◆ Emergency Preparedness – Connie Blalock

Ms. Blalock was not present to provide a report for this sub-committee. Mr. Christopher stated that this group has not met since the last General Assembly meeting. The HPP group and the Executive Committee are currently working on the future funding RFP application.

◆ QI/Physicians Advisory – Karrie Stanaland

Ms. Stanaland was not present to provide a report.

Mr. Christopher stated that he has not yet met with Ms. Stanaland to provide her direction in her new role as sub-committee Chair.

◆ Inj. Prev./Education – Tammy Hanson

Ms. Hanson provided a detailed handout for the packet. This document listed many opportunities for provider education (on-line & classroom based) and community injury and illness prevention. Ms. Hanson specifically reviewed several of the items (Mass Fatality Symposium, AT&T It-Can-Wait, Active Shooter) listed in her document. Her handout also listed many programs of interest for the members. Ms. Hanson also informed the group that there is a '211' phone service available that will direct callers to a variety of special services in their areas.

9. Executive Committee Report

Mr. Christopher reported that the Executive Committee received reports from the various sub-committees. The committee reviewed the 1st Quarter Tobacco report submitted to the DSHS. The committee had lengthy discussion on MHSET pursuing trauma designation as a Level III or a Level IV. The committee agreed to support the hospital obtain Level IV designation with intent to obtain Level III upon re-designation. He stated the committee also had lengthy discussion on partnering with the TSA-Q RAC for future bioterrorism funding. The Executive Committee agreed to investigate the possibility of submitting an RFP individually, and as a partner with TSA-Q RAC. The committee also agreed that prior to any commitment to partnering with TSA-Q RAC, a written document addressing expectations and responsibilities for each RAC would have to be created and agreed upon.

10. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update (January 2013)

This document was included in the handout packet. The membership was also informed the information was available on the TETAF web site. Several topics were reviewed with the members by Mr. Christopher. TETAF will offer a Lunch & Learn webinar for EMS leadership on January 30th. The course will be presented by Diana Welsh on the Political Dynamics of the legislative session. The course is free, but registration is required. The new state legislative composition will include many new members. DETRAC membership should begin speaking with their legislator now about protection and enhancement of trauma and EMS funding. TETAF will be periodically sending out a Legislative update on the status of various bills related to emergency health care, EMS and trauma. Mr. Christopher stated that he and Ms. Anderson recently attended the RAC Annual meeting in San Antonio. There were many 'best practices' shared at this meeting. Also at this meeting, the decision was made to allow TETAF to put together legislative language to seek additional funding for EMS and the RACs from the state funds not being distributed as the original legislation had intended. These funds are from 911 charges, VFD accounts, trauma accounts, and red-light camera account.

11. Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update

Several of the members report continued difficulties entering and submitting data into the new EMS/Trauma Registry.

12. GETAC February Meeting Dates

The dates for the next GETAC meeting are scheduled for February 27 – March 1, 2013. The meeting will be at the Crown Plaza hotel in Austin. Mr. Christopher reminded the membership that the live and archived web streams are available on the TETAF.org web site.

13. Trauma Center Designation Update- Hospital Representatives

MHSET Lufkin's status of in-active-pursuit was previously discussed. Mr. Christopher reported that Nacogdoches Memorial will be submitting their Level III re-designation survey application by the end of January 2013. Ms. Sondra Wilson announced that Tyler County Hospital will have Mr. Marvin Cloud perform a re-designation survey of their Level IV program on June 13-14, 2013.

- The representatives from the various trauma facilities confirmed that all met the deadline for submitting the uncompensated care grant application yesterday.

14. Stroke Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives

Ms. Celina Serna announced that Nacogdoches Medical Center plans to obtain Stroke Center designation in 2013. Mr. Jerry Fears thought that MHSET has recently re-designated as a Primary Stroke Center. Mr. Christopher stated that Nacogdoches Memorial is anticipating a re-designation survey as a Primary Stroke Center in April 2013.

15. Chest Pain Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives

Ms. Serna stated that Nacogdoches Medical Center plans to obtain Chest Pain Center designation in 2014.

16. 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.

17. Equipment Needs

Mr. Christopher asked the membership if they had any equipment needs that could be met through a group purchase through the DETRAC. Many of the agencies confirmed a need for additional long spine boards. A few of the members expressed their need for oxygen regulators and pulse oximeters. One agency stated that they need a glucometer. The committee agreed that the DETRAC should move forward and begin acquiring these items for distribution to the DETRAC member agencies.

18. Other Announcements

There were no other announcements voiced.

19. Next Meeting

The calendar distributed earlier has the meeting scheduled for March 13, 2013.

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Forrest King and Sondra Wilson at 6:04 pm.

Minutes recorded by S. Christopher.