

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MARCH 20, 2013**

#### **Minutes**

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

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by Scott Christopher. He welcomed the attendees.

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

Byron Stowe (Dogwood EMS) to Sondra Wilson  
Darlene Williams (MMSET San Augustine) to Sondra Wilson  
Joe Lane (Pineland VFD) to B.A. Fitzgerald  
Ricky Jones (Woden VFD) to Forrest King  
Monica Keaton (Acadian EMS) to Shirley Naquin

#### **3. Introduction of Guests**

First-time attendees were asked to introduce themselves to the group. George and Teresa Miller with South Nacogdoches Co. VFD were welcomed as first-time attendees.

#### **4. Review/Approval of January 16, 2013 Minutes**

The minutes from the January 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 Justin Cude, with a second provided by Paulette Wood. There was no opposition to the motion.

#### **5. Calendar**

The proposed meeting calendar through July 2013 was provided in the handout.

#### **6. Treasurers' Report – Byron/Brenda**

Ms. Brenda Anderson provided the report. A Quick Books report summarizing revenue and expense activities from each of the revenue funding sources was reviewed by Ms. Anderson 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 \$156,863.04.

#### **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 not present to provide a report.

- Mr. Christopher reported that there has been very little activity on the trailer project since the last meeting. Mr. Tim Leonard has assumed coordination for

the project. A trailer inventory has been completed and a copy of that inventory was shared with the membership in the handout packet.

- ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Jackie Laird  
Ms. Laird was present to provide a report  
Ms. Laird reported that the committee has not met, but will plan to meet on May 8<sup>th</sup>. She stated that a disaster drill is planned for later this week that most of the hospitals are participating in.
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness – Connie Blalock  
Ms. Blalock was not present to provide a report for this sub-committee. Mr. Christopher stated that this group continues to meet on a regular basis. The committee is working on finalizing spending plans for the HPP grant.
- ◆ 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 (EMS leadership webinar, Austin Trauma/Critical Care conference, etc.) listed in her document. Her handout also listed many programs of interest for the members. Ms. Hanson informed the group that the TNCC course will be in Nacogdoches on June 28-29<sup>th</sup>.
  - It was announced that there will be a Fire Fighter’s convention on April 5-6<sup>th</sup> hosted by Lumberton Fire/EMS

## **9. Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Christopher reported that the Executive Committee received reports from the various sub-committees. The committee reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tobacco report submitted to the DSHS. He stated the committee continues to discuss and monitor the development of partnering with the TSA-Q RAC for future bioterrorism funding. The group reviewed and approved a corrective action plan for emergency bed reporting to DSHS. And finally, the group was informed of WebEOC server issues within the TSA.

## **10. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update (March 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.

## **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 Notes**

Fourteen page of type-written notes taken by Mr. Christopher while attending the various TETAF and GETAC meetings in February / March were included in the packet. Several topics were reviewed with the members by Mr. Christopher. See handout for items discussed.

- 13. Trauma Center Designation Update- Hospital Representatives**  
MHSET Lufkin and Nacogdoches Memorial are currently in a survey year. Tyler County Hospital has a re-designation survey scheduled in June 2013.  
- The hospitals were informed that the Uncompensated Care grants have been announced. This information is available on the DSHS website.
- 14. Stroke Center Designation Update – Hospital Representatives**  
Ms. Celina Serna announced that Nacogdoches Medical Center continues their plans to obtain Stroke Center designation in 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](mailto:Kelly.Harrell@dshs.state.tx.us).
- 17. Equipment Needs**  
Mr. Christopher announced that purchasing plans are underway for long backboards, pulse oximeters and oxygen regulators.
- 18. Other Announcements**
- ◆ Information on a WebEOC training video was provided in the handout.
  - ◆ Information on pending Texas legislation regarding requiring CPR training in schools was provided in the handout.
  - ◆ Mr. Christopher also informed the group that legislation has been filed to create supplemental funding for air medical providers.
  - ◆ Ms. Anderson requested that one of the members volunteer to be a coordinator for filling pick-ups / drop offs at the oxygen refill station. The DETRAC is now a department of 'one' and finding ample time to coordinate with the various agencies is becoming difficult. No volunteers were identified immediately.
  - ◆ South Polk Co VFD announced that they will be hosting a Landing Zone course on April 1, 2013 at 18:30hrs.
  - ◆ Mr. Fears announced that Lufkin Memorial is now offering an Express Lab. A handout with facility information was distributed. This Lab does not require a physician order.
- 19. Next Meeting**  
The calendar distributed earlier has the meeting scheduled for May 8, 2013.
- 20. Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned on a motion by Forrest King and Sondra Wilson at 6:11 pm.

***Minutes recorded by S. Christopher.***