

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 11, 2015

### Minutes

Location: Memorial Medical Center Lufkin – Medical Staff Meeting Room

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

#### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Scott Christopher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Willo Silestine (Alabama Coushatta Resv.) to Mr. Justin Cude.

Mr. Chuck French (Cushing VFD, Angelina Univ.) to Mr. Michael Self

Ms. Tara Tapley (Nacogdoches County) to Mr. Michael Self

Ms. Tesha Cook (Scenic Loop VFD) to Mr. Justin Cude

Sign-in sheets were passed around the room to record the attendance.

#### 3. Introduction of Guests

Around-the-room introductions were held. Guest included Mr. Robert Friedrich and Mr. Joey Ancelet; both from the Department of State Health Services. Individual in attendance for the first time were asked to identify themselves.

#### 4. Presentation – Handevy Pediatric Resuscitation System (Peter Antevy)

A web-based 15 minute presentation was provided on this pediatric resuscitation system. The system is composed of two systems, with system #1 being age-based resuscitation tape. Reportedly, the experts in pediatric resuscitation are moving to age-based over length-based systems. Hazardous material considerations are included in the system. The system is available in paper, electronic and/or app versions. References are available. Contact information was provided for those interested in pursuing this product. After the presentation there was brief discussion on purchasing this system as a RAC-wide purchase.

#### 5. Review/Approval of November 2014 and January 2015 Minutes

Mr. Christopher informed the assembly members that both of these sets of minutes were not completed to the point of group review and approval. These draft minutes will be presented at the May 2015 meeting.

#### 6. Treasurers' Report – Justin Cude / Peyton Ware

A summary of each revenue streams income / expense / net income status was circulated through the room for review. A contract spending dashboard was distributed with the Quickbook reports. Mr. Peyton Ware provided a verbal report on the documents being distributed. There were no questions or concerns voiced regarding the Treasurer's Report.

#### 7. Standing Report on General Assembly Member Attendance

A spreadsheet listing each agency's attendance pattern since September 2013 was included in the packet for the members to review for accuracy.

## 8. Tobacco Progress Report

A copy of the report was included in the meeting handout. A review of the report was provided by Mr. Christopher. There were no recommended corrections or questions by the committee members.

## 9. Committee Activities

### ◆ Pre-Hospital

Ms. Cyndye Hilliard provided the report. She commented that the CE offering today was on Cardiac emergencies. She stated the CE topic for the May meeting will be pediatric trauma.

### ◆ Hospital Acute Care

Mr. Christopher stated that he does not believe the group has met recently. This committee still needs a Chair. He stated he has had initial discussions with an individual from CHI Lufkin Memorial who has expressed some interest in this position.

### ◆ HPP North Corridor

– Mr. Ken Jobe provided the report. He announced that the North Corridor group met in February. There is a regional disaster exercise planned on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Agencies interested in participating in this exercise need to complete a SETRAC Extent of Play form. Agencies with specific inject desires need to get those communicated to SETRAC by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jobe stated that there are efforts underway to get the nursing homes in the region to become active in the North Corridor meetings. He requested that individuals go back to their service areas and discuss the RAC and the North Corridor structure with their local nursing home representatives. Mr. Jobe reported that the regional Mass Fatality Management plan has been completed and is available for review on the DETRAC and SETRAC web sites. The assembly members were informed that Mr. Jobe will be visiting with Burke Center representatives to discuss the formation of a regional Critical Incident Stress Management response team. He stated the large DETRAC response trailer will be used at the Tyler Co. rodeo soon. Mr. Jobe concluded his report by informing everyone that there will be EMTRAC training on March 25. He commented that three individuals from the Nacogdoches area need to be identified as soon as possible. Mr. Christopher will discuss this need with the Nacogdoches Emergency Manager.

– WebEOC Upgrade – There are two servers that currently do not communicate together. The SETRAC server is primarily for ‘medical’ utilization, while the DETRAC server is currently targeted toward ‘law, fire and emergency management’ utilization.

– Two-way Radio Education – No new information to report.

– Ms. Lisa Spivey was present and provided the report from SETRAC/EMTF-6.

▪ End-of-Year surveys will be sent to the providers soon.

▪ Planning Emergency Preparedness Symposium for November in Galveston. Currently seeking speakers.

▪ EMTrack and WebEOC Training – Ms. Spivey reported that training was performed in Nacogdoches today, and she will be in San Augustine to train tomorrow. She stated that the Emergency Management Coordinator is invited.

### ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI

The Assembly members were reminded that the Chair position is VACANT! Mr. Christopher he will be developing a data collection tool for the Stroke / STEMI Data Collection project. All were encouraged to build processes to capture and report this data.

◆ Education / Injury Prevention

Ms. Hanson was unable to be present for the meeting and had provided a written summary of prevention and educational activities for her committee. Mr. Peyton Ware recited the report to the assembly members.

- Injury Prevention – Mr. Christopher announced that the cooperative with the SFA University to produce an ATV safety video has been completed. The video was displayed overhead for the assembly members.
- Education
  - There are multiple opportunities listed on the DETRAC web site. Ms. Hanson continues to have computer compatibility issues with her new hardware and the DETRAC web site.
  - Mr. Christopher reminded the membership that EMS Medical Directors are expected to complete a course for their position to meet provider eligibility rules. Currently, there are opportunities to take this course for no cost.
  - Mr. Ware announced that there will be Evacuation Kit Training in Lufkin on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be a AAAM Injury Scoring Course for Level III representatives in Austin in a couple of months. There is DSHS grant funding for each RAC to assist the individual attending this offering.
  - TETAF will be presenting an Injury Prevention Symposium in Austin in August.
  - The Trauma Coordinator’s Forum’s Trauma Designation Education Course is planned for May.
  - Mr. Christopher announced that he is targeting a May date for the Trauma Nursing Core Course in Nacogdoches.

◆ Ad-Hoc Grant Review Recommendations

The Assembly members were informed by Mr. Christopher that this committee needs to meet soon. He will distribute 3-4 potential meeting dates soon to start the meeting plan.

10. **Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Christopher stated that subjects covered in today’s Executive committee meeting were increasing physician participation, the Stroke/STEMI data collection project, and naming a RAC representative to attend the Data Management course. New business included discussion on TETAF restructuring plans, legislative targets this session, seeking additional RAC funding through regional and specific grants, and the Just Drive injury prevention program information on the TETAF web site.

11. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update**

The Assembly members were informed that the March 2015 TETAF Update can be found on the [www.tetaf.org](http://www.tetaf.org) web site. Mr. Christopher stated that the reports are that the tours and visits at the State Capital were very successful. He stated he was unable to attend the event for a personal report. He stated that TETAF is focusing on three areas to discuss with legislators: distracted driving, protecting trauma funding, and increasing RAC funding.

12. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update**

Mr. Christopher said that there have been positive interactions and development within the Bureau of Epidemiology Registry division since Dr. Chris Drucker assumed the leadership role. Dr. Drucker has proven very good at working with stakeholders. A report of agencies not currently reporting to the EMS Registry was included in the handout. 100% agency compliance will be expected by DSHS beginning January 1, 2016.

**13. GETAC February Meeting Notes**

The 11+ pages of meeting notes were included in the member's handout. Mr. Christopher led a review of several topics in these notes from the main GETAC meeting; i.e. legislative update by DSHS, EMS run sheets, DSHS field inspection surveys, and funding updates.

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

There were no reports, needs or concerns announced.

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

There were no reports, needs or concerns announced.

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

There were no reports, needs or concerns announced.

**17. Peri-Natal Designation / Alignment**

Mr. Christopher informed the group that the rule development process for aligning the Peri-natal programs within the RAC boundaries is in process. The Health and Human Services Commission will soon be having meetings for stakeholder input regarding the peri-natal designation rules.

**18. Other Announcements**

- ◆ Mr. Christopher asked the assembly members if anyone was experiencing any issues of businesses calling air medical providers directly and bypassing the 911 system. He commented that this is being experienced in some areas of the State. None of the members expressed any issues.
- ◆ Mr. Christopher reported that a fixed-wing air medical provider is now based in Nacogdoches. The agency's name is First Flight. Their administrative offices are located in Palestine, Texas.
- ◆ There will be Haz-Mat training offered in Livingston in mid-April. A flyer should be made available soon.

**19. Next Meeting**

The Assembly members were informed that the next meeting is planned at the same time as the GETAC meetings in Austin. He asked if there was any objection to moving the RAC meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. There was no opposition voiced.

**20. Adjournment**

With no further discussion or business, a motion to adjourn, with a second to the motion by several individuals. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.