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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2022

ZOOM in: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85604230394?pwd=VTNtQXhwdkZFZ1BVQWpXWkdiSkdNQOT09>

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MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on the Zoom platform – 2:33 pm

2. Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection/Announcement of Proxies

Mr. Scott Christopher announced that there were no reported or received Proxies. A reconciliation of all attendance was performed. A DETRAC Executive Committee Attendance Record will be maintained in the DETRAC offices.

3. Introduction of Guests

Mr. Christopher introduced Hart Hintze, CNO of Nacogdoches Memorial.

4. Review/Approval of November 10, 2021 Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck. April Adams and Monty Cartwright made a motion to approve the minutes.

5. Treasurers' Report – Justin / Scott

◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev) – Scott

- Mr. Christopher shared that DETRAC had spent a total of \$16,406 from funds within EMS RAC and System and Development. There is a total of \$73,098 remaining in those funding streams. A copy of the financial reports was presented for members to review. Each member was able to see what has been spent from each funding source. Mr. Christopher discussed the recent IT issues that DETRAC had been experiencing and the reason for the \$999.99 QuickBooks restoration. Mr. Christopher discussed that a large majority of the funds spent went to Axley & Rode for their assistance with QuickBooks as well as filing of the 941X form.
- Mr. Christopher and Justin Cude discussed the recent change in EMS providers in Angelina County and what it could mean in reference to EMS County/ Pass Thru Distribution. Mr. Christopher is going to contact DSHS to discuss the possibility of splitting the Angelina County funds between Lufkin Fire Department and Allegiance EMS.

◆ Ad-Hoc Grant Review Committee and Needs Assessments

- Mr. Christopher announced that Needs Assessments need to be turned in by February 1, 2022. An Ad-Hoc meeting will take place in early February to review the Needs Requests and make decisions on grant awards.

◆ Local Project Grant Update (127 backboards)

- Mr. Christopher stated that 12 backboards have been given out. He expressed that EMS providers would be receiving the majority of the backboards and that the number received would be based on the number of trucks that they had in service and asked that all EMS providers email the number of trucks they have to DETRAC. Hart Hintze suggested that 15% of the boards go to hospitals and the remaining 85% be disbursed to EMS providers and first responders. Further decision will be made based on the number of med units each entity has in service. There was also discussion about finding a new place to store the boards which are currently being stored in the Nacogdoches EMS Warehouse.

Thomas Brown made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report.

6. Sub-Committee Planning

◆ Perinatal / Maternal-Child – Jamie Lee

- Ms. Jamie Lee announced that there is an Obstetric Emergency Course coming up soon and that Texas Aim would be starting back up.

- Ms. Lee discussed that the perinatal group has expressed a need for an AWHONN Fetal Monitoring Instructor in our RAC. This is something that can benefit all of the OB departments within our RAC. She asked that the RAC help with funding of a course to teach one of our local perinatal nurses to become an instructor. Once we have a certified instructor in our RAC they can provide the course to all of our hospitals' OB staff. Mr. Christopher asked for the Executive Committees' input on this request and suggested that we approve funding up to \$500 for the Fetal Monitoring Instructor Course. Sondra Williams and Hart Hintze made a motion to approve funding.
- ◆ Pre-Hospital – Chair – Jonathan Walker provided a CE course over “EMS Burnout” for the EMS personnel within the RAC. This information was emailed to each agency.
- ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Chair – Thomas Brown reported that in our RAC there are 76 people in the hospital and 30% are in ICU. He announced that Angel Staffing had approved extra nursing staff in this area due to staffing shortages. There were 3200 requests and 952 of those were approved.
 - TNCC Needs

Mr. Brown expressed that many of our nurses need the TNCC course. He suggested that in order to reduce staffing conflicts and allow everyone to have the opportunity to attend the course that we offer two back to back courses. Mr. Christopher is going to look into holding the course at SFASU.
 - Mr. Brown announced that the Acute Care Subcommittee will meet today at 4:00 pm.
- ◆ HPP North Corridor – Michael Rankin / Gary Litton

Mr. Litton will be giving his report at the General Assembly Meeting.
- ◆ PI / Physicians Advisory – Scott Christopher

No new announcements at this time and nothing to report on Groveton EMS. This agenda item will continue to be monitored.
- ◆ Inj. Prev. /Education – Shere Beguin
 - ◆ Ms. Beguin was out sick and will update the committee if any injury prevention opportunities arise.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Executive Board Activities / Report

There are no new activities to report.

8. Trauma / Acute Care Regional Plan Announcements / Revisions

Work in progress

9. CISM Report – There have been zero activations for the CISM team. An alert was received for a possible need for CISM Team intervention, but the organization decided that it was not needed.

10. Bylaw Revisions

Mr. Christopher announced that the Bylaws would be reviewed in July of 2022.

11. SB500 Projects (\$26,356) – Wristbands

Mr. Christopher announced that most of our agencies have received the wristbands and that everyone needs to get accustomed to using the bands as they could possibly become required by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) by January 2023. It was discussed that utilization of wristbands could possibly become at stipulation of RAC participation credit. Mr. Christopher will be asking for written DSHS guidance.

12. DETRAC Web Page –

Mr. Christopher announced that the new version of the website has been launched and displayed it on the screen for members to view. Members reviewed each tab and discovered several changes that were needed. Members were encouraged to report website errors to Carmen Stuck. Mr. Christopher will be contacting Massey Media to allow Carmen to add information or make changes to the website.

13. COVID Activities

There was nothing new to report.

14. CARES Registry

No new activities to announce.

15. RAC Self-Assessment – No new business to report at this time, but will likely be on the agenda for the next 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS

16. RAC Annual Report to DSHS (Distributed 11/12/21)

Carmen Stuck emailed the RAC Annual Report to all members on 11/12/21 and it is available as needed.

17. Special Reimbursements

Sabine County Hospital was approved for reimbursement of \$325 for TNCC course.
Jamie Lee was approved for reimbursement for \$100 for Obstetric Course.
Sondra Williams and Justin Cude made a motion to approve the reimbursements.

18. Interim Texas Legislature Study on Perinatal Data Analysis

Mr. Christopher announced that there is an opportunity for collateral funding for trauma, stroke, and STEMI.

19. RAC Data Collaborative Participation

Mr. Christopher discussed that Eric Epley from STRAC wanted to know if DETRAC would like to participate in the RAC Data Collaborative. The cost to participate could be from \$1500-\$2500 a year. After members discussed the pros and cons of the collaborative a decision was reached to not participate at this time. Justin Cude and Hart Hintze made a motion to decline the offer.

20. EMS Recruitment Money (\$1.1M/Year)

Mr. Christopher announced that the State of Texas has set aside \$1.1M per year for EMS personnel recruitment and retention. DETRAC will partner with other RACs for efficiencies and more will be discussed on this topic at a later time.

OTHER

21. Announcements

- ◆ Jim Speier announced that the Hall of Honor Fund raised \$23,000 to go to the families of first responders killed in the line of duty. \$4,000 was raised to go into an Educational Fund for the children of the fallen first responders.

22. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:53pm