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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2022

ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81398514922?pwd=eFpqUzcvTFBNUmVlS0pSRFArRzV5UT09>

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MINUTES

Location: ZOOM Conference Call and F-T-F CHI Lufkin Memorial

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order-

The Zoom Teleconference meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Mr. Scott Christopher

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

Mr. Christopher announced that there were no reported or received Proxies. A reconciliation of all in attendance was performed. A DETRAC General Assembly Attendance Record will be maintained in the DETRAC office.

Moment of Silence- Held for several recent line of duty deaths including a LODD within our RAC EMS providers.

3. Introduction of Guests

Several new attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

4. Review / Approval of September 15, 2021 Minutes

The minutes which were prepared by Carmen Stuck were emailed to members before the meeting. Members reviewed the minutes and Justin Cude and Jonathon Walker made a motion to approve them.

5. Voter Representative Forms Due – <https://detrac.wp.masseymedia.com/forms/>

- ◆ Mr. Christopher congratulated and thanked the members for getting the Voter Representative Forms in on time. We are only missing a Voter Representative form for one of our active agencies.

6. Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report

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

Mr. Christopher shared the Profit and Loss reports for our funding streams. At this time 18% of our RAC EMS and System and Development funds have been spent. A large portion of our funds have gone to Axley & Rode for assistance with various QuickBooks issues and for IRS filings.

- ◆ Local Project Grant Funding Update (spine boards x127) –

Mr. Christopher announced that DETRAC has given out 12 backboards and discussed a distribution process with the members. Members who were not in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting were asked to email DETRAC with the number of Med Units they have in service.

- ◆ Ad-Hoc Grant Review and Needs Assessments

Needs Assessments must be received by February 1, 2022 and an ad-hoc meeting will be held in early February to discuss and make grant funding decisions.

7. Committee Activities – All encouraged to attend

- ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathan Walker

Mr. Walker emailed Continuing Education materials to members covering the topic of Occupation Stress and Burnout of EMS Providers. This CE will cover ways to take care of yourself as well as coping with recent deaths in the medical field and among EMS personnel. This CE was open to all of our EMS providers only.

- ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown announced that there was an acute care meeting held at 4:00pm and shared information discussed during the meeting. He announced that because of the COVID surge that there has been a shortage in staffing. Mr. Brown updated members on the TNCC information that was discussed during the Executive Committee Meeting.

- ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Jamie Lee

Ms. Lee announced that Texas Aim was starting back up and that there would be an OB Emergency Course held in February. Ms. Lee updated the members on the Fetal Monitor Instructor Course that DETRAC will be funding up to \$500.

- ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Michael Rankin / Stephen Bennett
 Gary Litton announced that there would be a Web EOC training held on Jan. 13 at 6pm to target night shift personnel. There is currently a nurse shortage due to COVID. There have been 2600 STAR requests for RNs and 920 of those requests were granted. Many of the Rapid COVID Tests are coming close to their expiration date and SETRAC has emailed many providers in this area to see if they would like any of those tests. SETRAC has decided to begin using CareStart brand tests instead of Bionex.
 Mr. Litton discussed that nursing homes are seeing a large surge in COVID cases and expressed that this certain population is very vulnerable to the latest COVID strand.
 Justin Cude asked if EMS Waiver H has been extended and Mr. Litton is going to look into it.
 Mr. Litton expressed that SETRAC has been in “response mode” for the last 2 years and that things need to get back on track. He would like everyone to still do their day-to-day WebEOC, EMResource, etc.
 There will be a CCTA exercise on February 5th and the Catastrophic Medical Operations Center will be participating. They will be testing the federal surge tool.
 A Burn Surge Exercise is planned for April 12th and more information will be given out at a later time.
 The North Corridor Meeting is February 9th at CHI St. Luke’s Hospital in Lufkin.
 - ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI – Scott Christopher
 Nothing new to report.
 - ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Shere Beguin
 TNCC information was discussed earlier in the meeting. Scott is going to assess using outside instructors and check SFA for availability as soon as possible. It was decided that we should avoid virtual training due to cost.
 Mr. Christopher announced that the Stop-The-Bleed organization would like to encourage everyone to perform an act of service on MLK day by conducting a Stop-The-Bleed course for an organization in your area.
8. **Executive Committee Report** – Mr. Christopher informed members of topics and discussions that took place during the Executive Board Meeting.
 - ◆ **Website-** Mr. Christopher announced that Massey Media had released the new version of the DETRAC website and encouraged members to look at it.
 - ◆ **Texas Wristband Project** – Mr. Christopher discussed that all EMS agencies should be placing wristbands on all 911 patients who travel to the hospital by ambulance as it will most likely become mandatory.
 9. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Scott
 Mr. Christopher announced the results of the TETAF Board Elections. Scott Christopher, Kathy Perkins, Danny Updike, Dan Little, and Rhonda Manor-Combs will be serving on the 2022 TETAF Board. The new TETAF Perinatal Director is Jessica Phillips and she has an extensive background in Perinatal.
 The TETAF December and January newsletters are now online.
 10. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Winter Edition -2022
 Mr. Christopher announced that the newsletter is now available to view on the DSHS website.
 11. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update** – Scott
 Scott reported that Petra at the EMS Convention had announced that because of COVID that the EMS Registry was not able to handle the amount of volume that was being keyed in. An EMS Registry upgrade is in the works.
 12. **GETAC Meeting** –
 Mr. Christopher announced that the next GETAC Meeting will be held on February 9th from 9-11am. There are also GETAC meetings scheduled for May 24-26, August 17-19, and November 19-21.
 13. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements** - Hospital Representatives
 Kaylee McDaniel reported that Sabine County Hospital will be doing their Trauma Survey later in 2022.
 14. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
 There are no new announcements to report.
 15. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives
 No new updates or announcements to report.
 16. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Development** – Hospital Representatives
 Jamie Lee reported that Woodland Heights has moved from a level 2 to a level 3 for Perinatal.

17. **Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement** – Agency Representative

◆ Angelina County 911 Coverage

Justin Cude reported that Allegiance EMS had taken over 911 coverage in Angelina County on January 1, 2022. He announced that the transition went smoothly and that everyone is working well together. He would like to meet with Air Medical Agencies next week to discuss some needs.

◆ EMS Children Survey

Mr. Christopher encouraged EMS providers to participate in the short survey at emscsurveys.org

18. **Other Announcements**

Connie Bryant announced that HCA Conroe has been experiencing a CT Tech shortage. They have gotten extra staffing and are fully staffed thru January 31, 2022.

19. **Next Meeting**

Mr. Christopher announced that the next DETRAC meetings will be held on March 9, 2021.

If we are able to meet in person for the next General Assembly Meeting, Crofab is interested in doing a presentation and will provide food.

20. **Adjourn** – 6:03 pm