

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2022

#### MINUTES

Location: CHI Lufkin Memorial  
Time: 5:02 p.m.  
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

#### 1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Mr. Scott Christopher

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

Mr. Christopher announced that 4 members had utilized a proxy for today's meeting. A reconciliation of all in attendance was performed. A DETRAC General Assembly Attendance Record will be maintained in the DETRAC office.

#### 3. Introduction of Guests

Mr. Christopher welcomed our new agency members, Powelltown VFD and Woodville VFD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

#### 4. Review / Approval of January 12, 2022 Minutes

The minutes which were prepared by Carmen Stuck were handed out to members to review. Forrest King and Deb Harkins made a motion to approve the minutes. They will be added to the DETRAC website.

#### 5. Review/Approval of Treasurers' Report

##### ◆ Grant Funding Report (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev)

Mr. Christopher shared the Profit and Loss reports for each funding stream. All expenditures and remaining balances were discussed.

Expected expenditures within the next 3 months include operational expenses and the Bob Page courses. All Needs Assessment Grants have been paid out. The board will meet in July to discuss the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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

Jonathon Walker encouraged all members still in need of spine boards to let him know.

##### ◆ Ad-Hoc Grant Review and Needs Assessments

Mr. Christopher announced that almost \$15,000 had been given out during the round 2 Needs Assessment meeting. A portion of the \$15000 was used to purchase approximately 90 tourniquets (orange and black) for all of our agencies. Mr. Christopher discussed what everyone received and the process for the decisions made. DETRAC awarded over \$40,000 in Needs Assessment Grants this year. Mr. Christopher explained why some requests were denied and encouraged members not to ask for large amounts unless they list that they will be matching funds. The trauma courses that CHI is requesting will be added to next years education budget.

#### 6. Committee Activities – All encouraged to attend

##### ◆ Pre-Hospital – Jonathan Walker

Mr. Walker met with EMS and first responders to conduct a continuing education course on the stages of drowning and how to care for drowning victims. Participants of this course were able to view Bob Page's course catalog and choose which classes would best fit the RAC. Courses chosen include Pedi Courses for day 1 and Cardiac on day 2.

Mr. Christopher expressed that there is a need for the Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) course and will most likely be added to next years budget. The RAC will possibly pay for some of our members to become instructors.

##### ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown reported that the Acute Care Committee met today and went over the Burn Surge Plan. He explained that there are only 56 burn beds in our region that are available to transfer patients to. Education is needed for our hospital personnel in the case that they need to care for burn victims. UTMB Galveston conducts an affordable class that some of our area nurses may attend.

##### ◆ Perinatal / Maternal – Jamie Lee

Ms. Lee announced that there were 10 attendees at the Perinatal Committee Meeting. The group discussed questions that should be asked to patients regarding child birth. Ms. Lee gave an overview of the Fetal Monitor Instructor Course that she attended and requested that the RAC help fund some of the supplies and models needed to teach the course. Mr. Christopher agreed that the RAC will help with the costs.

##### ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Michael Rankin / Stephen Bennett

Mr. Litton shared that all ventilators and monitors that were borrowed from the state have been demobilized. Lori Upton is acting as the Interim CEO for SETRAC and will conduct roundtables regarding staffing. Mr. Litton reported that this year's Hurricane season is predicted to be very high and that the Texas Forrest Service is expecting a high fire rate this year. Mr. Litton was excited to announce that the Mobile Infusion Trailer that was used for COVID has been converted into a Special Medic Unit (SMU) and will at some point offer mobile dialysis. Mr. Litton announced a few trainings in our area including a state level training taught by Jon Clingamen with TDEM and also a Hurricane Table Top hosted by SETRAC on June 8<sup>th</sup> at CHI Livingston. SETRAC will hold their annual symposium Nov.2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> in Galveston and the Texas Emergency Management Conference will be held May31-June 2<sup>nd</sup> in San Antonio.

Sondra Williams thanked Mr. Litton for all his hard work and commended him on the wonderful asset he has been over the years.

Mr. Christopher announced that SETRAC and DETRAC have discussed holding meetings on the same day starting in January 2023.

##### ◆ Physicians Advisory / QI – Scott Christopher

Nothing new to report.

◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Shere Beguin

- Mr. Christopher shared that Shere Beguin has resigned her position as the Education & Injury Prevention Chair. DETRAC is looking for someone to fill this position if anyone is interested.
- Mr. Christopher recognized that we have a lot of StopTheBleed instructors in our RAC and encouraged all members to take the course.  
Justin Cude announced Livingston Fire School will be taking the STB course and CPR First Aid this coming year. Mr. Christopher offered for the RAC to help in some way.
- Mr. Christopher announced that the EMS Conference will be held Nov. 20-23 in Austin. Speakers will include trauma surgeons from UCLA Medical and cover both pediatric and adult trauma. A discount is offered for early registration. Seton Austin Trauma Conference will be held June 1st -3<sup>rd</sup>.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

◆ **EMS Recruitment Funds**

Mr. Christopher announced that there has not been any money disbursed for EMS Recruitment. A workgroup has been meeting every week to discuss details of the program. Once the funds are disbursed DETRAC will notify our members.

◆ **Pass through Money**

All EMS County Receipts are due on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>.

◆ **Texas Wristband Project** – Scott Christopher

Mr. Christopher discussed that hospital staff should no longer cut the arm band off patients. All EMS and hospital personnel should be logging the serial number into their electronic medical records. If an agency uses software that does not offer the “Texas Wristband” field then they need to contact the software vendor to request the data field be added. Mr. Christopher read an email from Christine Reeves stating that the wristbands would be mandatory beginning January 2023 as well as the price list for wristbands. EMS agencies are responsible for ordering more wristbands once they use the ones distributed by DETRAC.

8. **Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Scott

Mr. Christopher announced that the TETAF April and May News Letters are now available at TETAF.org and the TETAF Board will meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> via teams.

9. **Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Spring Edition -2022

Mr. Christopher announced that the newsletter is now available to view on the DSHS website.

10. **Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update** – Scott Christopher

No new business

11. **GETAC Meeting** – Scott Christopher

Mr. Christopher informed members that GETAC will meet in Austin and virtually on the following dates: May 24-26, August 17-19, and November 19-21. If members are planning to attend this month’s GETAC meeting they need to register by tomorrow.

12. **Trauma Center Designation Update / Announcements** - Hospital Representatives

Scheduled surveys are as follows:

Nacogdoches Memorial – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Tyler County Hospital – June 2 & 3, Sabine County Hospital – September  
Woodland Heights just received their re-designation as Level 4.

13. **Stroke Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives

There are no new announcements to report.

14. **Chest Pain Center Designation Update / Announcements** – Hospital Representatives

No new updates or announcements to report.

15. **Perinatal / Maternal Systems Development** – Hospital Representatives

Jamie Lee reported that no ED nurses in our region had applied to be part of the Pre-Eclampsia Workgroup.

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

- ◆ Mr. Christopher informed members of the CE tracking tool on the DSHS website.
- ◆ Jamie Lechler from Powelltown VFD informed members of the new air medical landing zone that their department created on Lake Sam Rayburn. His department worked hard to clear the road to the landing zone and paint the perimeters. The landing zone is ready to use.

17. **Other Announcements**

18. Connie Bryant announced that the base for AIRLIFE was being moved from Conroe to Livingston on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
19. Skip Strauss stated that Physio Heart Start AED’s were experiencing problems with the internal battery. His department as well as others have had this problem with their AEDs.
20. Connie Bryant announced that HCA has a new Simulation Ambulance that they will let members use and to call her if interested.
21. Kaylee McDaniel informed members of a course taking place in Lufkin on June 22<sup>nd</sup> covering forensic nursing, domestic violence, and child exploitation. This training will be offered to nurses, law enforcement, and medical personnel and CE hours can be earned. DETRAC will send the flyer to all members.

22. **Next Meeting**

Mr. Christopher announced that the next DETRAC meetings will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Crofab will be doing a presentation and may provide food at the General Assembly Meeting.

23. **Adjourn** – 6:37pm