

# DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## TRAUMA SERVICE AREA – H

314 E. LUFKIN AVE · LUFKIN, TEXAS 75901 / PO Box 190, LUFKIN, TEXAS 75902

· OFFICES (936) 639-0600 FAX (936) 639-0616 ·

· www.detrac.org ·

Angelina County  
Nacogdoches County  
Polk County  
Sabine County  
San Jacinto County  
San Augustine County  
Tyler County

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

July 13, 2022

### MINUTES

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

#### 1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Mr. Scott Christopher

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

Mr. Christopher announced that 3 members 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 introduced a new member from Segno VFD.

#### 4. Review / Approval of May 18, 2022 Minutes

The minutes prepared by Carmen Stuck were handed out to members for review. Approval of the minutes will be voted on at the next RAC meeting.

#### 5. CroFab presentation – Lisa Thompson

◆ CroFab representative, Lisa Thompson gave a PowerPoint presentation over snake bites and anti-venom. The presentation covered the effects that snake bites have on tissues and the benefits of CroFab. Members received informational handouts and were encouraged to download the "Snakebite 911" app.

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

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

All attendees were given a copy of the profit and lost reports for all of DETRAC's funding streams. Mr. Christopher announced that there is currently \$3,385 in EMS RAC and the account is predicted to be at zero balance before August 31<sup>st</sup>. Systems and Development is already at a zero balance. There are two agencies that have not turned in receipts for the county funds distribution and the cut off to submit documentation is July 31<sup>st</sup>. The FY22-23 funding will not be deposited till September.

##### ◆ Budget Preparation/ Recommendations

Mr. Christopher asked members to be considering things they would like to add to next years budget and let him know within the next 2 days. The budget will be reviewed at the September meeting.

##### ◆ Tourniquet purchase (60 orange and 24 black)

Mr. Christopher announced that the RAC has 84 tourniquets to distribute among members and asked for suggestions on how to allocate them. Wade Blake developed a distribution plan that will be used to determine how many each department will receive.

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

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

Mr. Walker held an EMS CE class today which covered the topic of spinal emergencies. The Bob Page Course will offer EMS CE but nursing CE is not available. Mr. Walker encouraged everyone to share the Bob Page flier on social media and to get the word out as there are only 15 people signed up at this time.

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

◆ Mr. Brown met with the Acute Care Committee at 4pm and discussed a burn surge plan as well as the possibility of having our regional hospital staff attend an ABLIS course in Galveston or bringing an instructor to our area to teach a one-day ABLIS course.

◆ Mr. Gary Litton updated the group on a few changes being made to EMResource including the addition of an "active threat" tab.

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

Ms. Lee announced that there was a good turnout at the perinatal meeting today. The attendees discussed AWONN staffing standards and post-partum hemorrhage. There is a forensic nursing class scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> in Tyler.

##### ◆ Emergency Preparedness / HPP / North Corridor – Gary Litton / Stephen Bennett / Janay Yancey

Gary Litton reported that the Hurricane Tabletop Exercise held at CHI Livingston was a success and that an after action survey is posted on the SETRAC website for attendees to view. SETRAC is planning to hold a course covering radio communications. Mr. Litton announced that Stephen Bennett is the new North Corridor Chair and Janay Yancey is the new co-chair. The next meeting will be held August 10<sup>th</sup> in Jasper.

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

Nothing new to report.

##### ◆ Education / Injury Prevention – Position open

◆ Mr. Christopher announced that DETRAC is still in need of a new Education and Injury Prevention Chair and encouraged members to nominate or volunteer for the position.

◆ There are several Stop The Bleed classes scheduled in the next two months and instructors are encouraged to hold a course in their area.

◆ Nominations for EMS awards for the Texas EMS Conference are due before September 16<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to book their hotels now if they plan to attend.

- ◆ There will be an AAAM Conference in Waco August 3-4 and the cost is \$835

- 8. Executive Committee Report** – Scott Christopher – Budget, Bylaws, Phone / Internet
  - ◆ **Budget** – Mr. Christopher informed members that the Executive Committee would be submitting suggestions on things to add to next years budget. There is about \$30,000 that can be designated to courses needed. Some suggestions include PHTLS courses, Advanced Trauma (TCAR), burn courses, and additional TNCC courses.
  - ◆ **Texas Wristband Project** – Mr. Christopher reported that most of the EMS agencies are using the bands and encouraged hospital directors to educate staff to not cut the band off of patients.
  - ◆ **Phone/ Internet** – DETRAC will soon be unable to use the City of Lufkin's server and will need to purchase their own internet and phone service. Mr. Christopher presented quotes from Consolidated and Suddenlink and the group selected to use Suddenlink for these services.
  - ◆ **Bylaws** – The bylaws will be reviewed and voted on in the September meeting.
- 9. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update** – Scott
  - ◆ Brenda Putz is resigning from her position at TETAF after 14 years of service.
  - ◆ The new TETAF newsletter is posted online at TETAF.org
  - ◆ The TETAF Board will meet on August 16<sup>th</sup>
- 10. Texas EMS Trauma Newsletter** – Summer Edition -2022  
The summer newsletter is now posted to the DSHS website and contains information on the Trauma Rules
- 11. Texas EMS & Trauma Registry Update** – Scott
  - ◆ Cares Registry Update – no news
  - ◆ ISS Scoring – RAC H has very low participation in submitting ISS scores to the registry. Members were encouraged to educate staff on the importance of entering all required data. There is a possibility that there is an issue with the Maven software capturing data submissions.
- 12. GETAC Meeting** –  
Mr. Christopher announced that the next GETAC Meetings will be held 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 in September
  - Nacogdoches Memorial is scheduled for a survey in January 2023
  - Tyler County Hospital has already completed their survey
  - Lufkin and Livingston CHI have both applied for designation
- 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
  - Regional AWONN meeting will be held July 16<sup>th</sup> in Tyler
  - Jamie Lee will instruct an AWONN Fetal Monitoring Class August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nacogdoches Medical Center
  - The Maternal Designation Rules are in progress and have a 31-day comment period
  - ENA obstetrical Education should be given to all ED Nurses to raise awareness of post-partum issues and conditions.
- 17. Pre-Hospital Provider Update / Announcement** – Agency Representative
  - ◆ Pass Thru Funds
    - Pass Thru funds documentation is due to the RAC office by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - ◆ Air Life 11
    - Mr. Christopher announced that Air Life 11 is now stationed in Livingston and may start attending RAC H meetings
- 18. Other Announcements**
  - Everyone received information about the COVID Relief Grant (\$38 million) in their agenda handouts
  - Mr. Christopher asked members to send pictures of their agencies in action or attending classes to Carmen to post on the DETRAC website
  - A representative from Powell town VFD expressed that we need to advertise the availability of their new helicopter landing zone centrally located on Lake Sam Rayburn.
  - Mr. Walker announced that there are still 60 backboards in the Nac EMS storage building for members to claim
- 19. Next Meeting**  
Mr. Christopher announced that the next DETRAC meetings will be held on September 14, 2022
- 20. Adjourn** – 6:15 pm