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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 10, 2021

ZOOM in: <https://zoom.us/j/91681076857?pwd=cVMvak8yQUJ3Sm5sQTJmQTlVbnFYdz09> Passcode: 462227
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MINUTES

Location: ZOOM Conference
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 14:35 by Mr. Scott Christopher.
2. Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection/Announcement of Proxies
The only announced / known proxy for this meeting was that of Darlene Williams (CHI San Augustine) to Scott Christopher.
3. Introduction of Guests
No guests were in attendance.
4. DETRAC Personnel Changes
Ms. Carmen Stuck was introduced as the newly hired (on 3/1/21) DETRAC Manager. She continues to orient, but appears to be settling into the role nicely.
5. Review/Approval of January 13, 2021 Minutes
A draft of the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting on January 13, 2021 was distributed by email earlier. No formal motion for approval was provided. Mr. Christopher instructed everyone to review the draft and let him know if any edits were necessary or recommended.
6. Treasurers' Report – Justin / Scott
 - ◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev) – A written Profit/Loss report for each of the five funding streams for the DETRAC were shared on the ZOOM meeting. Mr. Christopher reviewed each report in detail. There were no questions or recommendations.
 - ◆ DSHS Financial Reports – Mr. Christopher announced that there are currently two reports to DSHS that are overdue. He reported that he and Ms. Stuck have an agenda to get those reports completed and submitted on 3/12/21.
 - ◆ Grants Review Recommendations – The Grant review ad-hoc group met recently. The group's recommendations were shared on the ZOOM meeting and presented by Mr. Christopher. There were no questions or concerns voiced. Mr. Jonathan Walker made a motion to approve the recommendations, with a second to the motion by Mr. Johnny Luman. There was no opposition. Spending documentation will be requested and due by April 30, 2021. The awardees will be notified as soon as possible.
7. Sub-Committee Planning
 - ◆ Perinatal / Maternal-Child – Jamie Lee
Ms. Lee announced that the various hospitals in our region continue to work on their maternal-child related designations. She stated that the TCHMB/TXAIM group are rolling out the 'hypertensive' quality improvement initiative; with most of the facilities in our region participating in this project.
 - ◆ Pre-Hospital – Chair – Natalie Parrish
Ms. Parrish was not present and there was no report presented.
 - ◆ Hospital Acute Care – Chair – Thomas Brown
Mr. Brown briefly reviewed the current state of COVID infection in our RAC (11% capacity). He reviewed the military support project enjoyed by CHI Lufkin Memorial. He stated that fortunately/unfortunately?, the hospital's census dropped shortly after the military support nurses arrived. Mr. Brown announced the plans for TNCC course in Nacogdoches soon. He also discussed the creation and recommended 'rules' for the ENA ESI online Triage project. All hospitals in our region are using ESI Triage model and are requesting participant spots.
 - ◆ HPP North Corridor – Michael Rankin / Gary Litton
Mr. Rankin and Mr. Litton were not present and there was no report presented.
 - ◆ PI / Physicians Advisory – Scott Christopher
Mr. Christopher reported that there has been no activity with this group and no 'system' cases have been requested for review.
 - ◆ Inj. Prev. /Education – Shere Beguin

Ms. Beguin was not present and no report was presented. Mr. Christopher discussed some future education opportunities.

- Advanced Burn Life Support – August 18-19, 2021 – Mr. Christopher reported that Mr. Steven Bennett has been active in getting a course set up for our region. A location needs to be determined and a flyer/registration needs to be created. This course will be presented with funds from this fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Executive Board Activities / Report
Mr. Christopher reported that there have been no formal or informal meetings of the DETRAC Executive Board.
9. Trauma / Acute Care Regional Plan Announcements / Revisions
Mr. Christopher announced that there have been no requests for update, or identified need for major update. Ongoing update/edits will be performed, and the plan will be made available to providers as needed.
10. CISM Report
Mr. Christopher announced that there have been team activations to Hemphill and Timpson since the last DETRAC meetings. These deployments were viewed as very successful.
 - ◆ Partnering with DETCOG – The committee was informed that Mr. Christopher and Ms. April Adams have been meeting with DETCOG representatives to possible join forces for CISM responding. The DETRAC group is predominately healthcare, while the DETCOG group is predominately Law and Fire based. The two groups currently have two different practice models. At this time, the two groups will not combine their efforts, but will rather work independently and call on each other's assistance as deemed necessary.
 - ◆ New Provider Class – Ms. April Adams was called away from the meeting, and Ms. Brittany Hopson provided the report. Ms. Hopson recommended DETRAC sponsoring a repeat CISM Provider Course this fiscal year. Ms. Adams has already confirmed that Mr. Brandon Miller can return to teach our region. His estimated travel is \$2,200. Ms. Adams has reported that she thinks the textbooks can be donated. Ms. Adams wants to also provide agency education on the current CISM team available. It was agreed that a venue for holding the course needs to be determined. There was no recommended cap on the number of students to allow to attend. A motion was made to move forward with this project, with a spending cap of \$5,000, by Mr. Justin Cude, with a second to the motion by Mr. Thomas Brown. There was no objection voiced.
11. Bylaw Revisions
No recommendations for Bylaw revisions are pending or recommended at this time. Will continue to monitor.
12. SB500 Projects (\$26,356)
 - ◆ State Projects – Falls, Disaster wristbands – Mr. Christopher announced that he has no new information to report
13. DETRAC Web Page
Mr. Christopher reported that there have been no significant changes to the DETRAC web page. He apologized for not posting the bi-monthly meeting information on the DETRAC web site. Mr. Christopher is hopeful that Ms. Stuck will be able to monitor and keep DETRAC web site up-to-date with useful information.
14. COVID Activities
No significant information to share at this time. All agree that patient volumes are declining.
15. CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) Registry DETRAC Funding?
Mr. Christopher informed the group that continues to be discussion at the state-level on the development of a CARES program for Texas. He reminded the committee members that this online registry is designed to improve out-of-hospital outcomes for patient with cardiopulmonary arrest. No activity to report currently, but will continue to monitor/report to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

16. TETAF Legislative Priorities – “Preserve and Increase Funding for Regional Healthcare Systems”
 - ◆ Provide sufficient funding for RACs
 - ◆ Recognize needs of the RACs for COVID-19 response
 - ◆ Improve and fund statewide health data collection efforts
 - ◆ Continue State efforts to train bystanders in bleeding control

Mr. Christopher briefly reviewed that Legislative priorities listed. He reminded the committee members that the Texas Legislature is currently in session. Members should discuss DETRAC funding needs when able and appropriate.
17. ENA Emergency Severity Index Course Opportunity (\$2,500)
This subject was briefly discussed earlier by Mr. Brown. He further added that the spending of up to \$2,500 for this program was approved by the DETRAC in January 2021. He stressed that we are moving forward with setting this educational program up. DETRAC is currently getting information from the Emergency Nurses Association on how to purchase and distribute the educational modules.
18. Regional Winter Weather Virtual AAR – March 22, 9a-12p

Mr. Christopher announced that he received an email from SETRAC announcing this AAR plan. Notify him if you have not received the email announcement and you want him to forward it to you.

OTHER

19. Announcements

- ◆ There were no announcements

20. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:15.