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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2021

MINUTES

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

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Call to Order**
Scott Christopher called the tele-conference meeting to order at 14:39.
- 2. Attendance – Review of Attendance Spreadsheet / Collection/Announcement of Proxies**
There were no proxies received or announced. The attendance spreadsheet with September 30, 2020 and November 11, 2020 meeting information was reviewed, and there were no requested changes.
- 3. Introduction of Guests**
There were no new members or guests in attendance.
- 4. DETRAC Personnel Changes (Reminder)**
Mr. Christopher wanted to remind the committee that Mr. Peyton Ware has resigned and moved to the Dallas area. His replacement is Ms. Stefanie Ross has proven unable to devote the necessary time to the job, predominately due to COVID lifestyle changes/demands. The position will be posted as vacant again, with a focus for ‘book-keeping’ skills. Mr. Christopher commented that the Executive Board and the Executive Committee members will be asked to participate in the interview process. Mr. Christopher announced that most of the office delinquencies and participation letter requests are caught up. He stated that there are a few outstanding / overdue DSHS reports. Ms. Wilson offers to take responsibility for getting participation letters out. This activity is low volume and will be kept in the DETRAC office for now. Mr. Christopher stated he will plan to come in to the DETRAC office every 3-5 days and tend to day-to-day business and get the outstanding/late DSHS reports completed.
- 5. DETRAC Office Location Change (Reminder)**
The committee members were reminded that the new DETRAC office location is 314 E. Lufkin Ave (Lufkin Fire Sta Downtown). The mailing address remains the same as PO Box 190, Lufkin, TX 75902. The group discussed subscribing to a digital online FAX service. Mr. Cude commented that he uses an online FAX service for approximately \$10/month. Mr. Cude will further investigate / recommend.
- 6. Review/Approval of November 11, 2020 Minutes**
Mr. Christopher stated the draft copy of these minutes were sent to Executive Committee members earlier today for review. Mr. Cude and Ms. Lee provided motions to approve the minutes as presented. There was no opposition.
- 7. Treasurers’ Report – Justin / Scott**
 - ◆ Status of Various Funding Sources (EMS County, EMS RAC, Sys&Dev) – Scott
A great deal of time was spent reviewing the P&L reports for the five various funding streams (EMS RAC May, EMS RAC Sept, EMS Co May, EMS Co. Sept, Sys & Dev). Mr. Christopher discussed how only a 20% portion of the Sys & Dev funds can be used for Admin expenses; and historically about \$40K of this funding stream has been used for provider grant funds. He further explained that DETRAC received dual stream of EMS RAC monies this year: both \$32,752. One of these streams of \$32+K can be added to the pot with Sys & Dev funds for provider grants. The other \$32+K can be primarily used for DETRAC operations. The EMS Co also has dual streams this year totaling \$152,974. A listing of each counties allocation of EMS Co money was announced.

◆ DSHS Financial Reports

The committee members were informed that all outstanding / overdue will be completed / submitted as soon as possible.

8. Sub-Committee Planning

◆ Perinatal / Maternal-Child – Chair – Jamie Lee

Ms. Lee announced that newborn temperature measurement is being used as a QI measure. The sub-committee will meet today. Ms. Lee stated that COVID demands / activities have been high. She commented that 'Neonatal' re-surveys and 'Maternal' initial surveys are taking place. Ms. Lee states that most hospitals are being cited for Physician participation in the RAC. She is investigating the establishment of a physician-specific conference call format.

◆ Pre-Hospital – Chair – Natalie Parrish

Ms. Parrish announced that there has been no meeting activity. Ms. Shere Beguin questioned major and severe trauma patients being driven to Level IV facilities rather than being air transported (on good days) to higher-level trauma facilities. Differences in the practices between Angelina Co. and Nacogdoches responders were discussed. Medical Director responsibilities were discussed. The Pre-Hospital committee is asked to look into this issue and recommend best-practices.

◆ Hospital Acute Care – Chair – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown announced that the committee will meet by conference call today. He will discuss burn education, ESI triage education, and COVID vaccine administrations. He stated there is currently no 'live' education for ESI triage training and will look into getting online access for providers in our region. Mr. Brown further stated that hospital staffing demands are being challenged due to COVID demands.

◆ HPP North Corridor – Michael Rankin / Gary Litton

Mr. Stephen Bennett provided the report. He stated a regional burn exercise is planned. The group is monitoring PPE demands. He will research and report Advanced Burn Life Support course availabilities.

◆ PI / Physicians Advisory – Scott Christopher

Mr. Christopher reported no activity or case reviews to report.

◆ Inj. Prev. / Education – Shere Beguin – reports limited activity due to COVID demands.

- Stop-the-Bleed?
- Ms. Beguin comments that she still has interest in Child Safety Seat events in our region. She will perform further investigation and report.
- Ms. Beguin stated that she has learned that Cyanide kits that can be placed in each ambulance in the region costs approximately \$1,300/each. She will perform further investigation and report.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Executive Board Activities / Report

Mr. Christopher reported no activity to announce. The Executive Board members have shared informal discussions regarding DETRAC staffing issues and office demands.

10. Trauma / Acute Care Regional Plan Announcements / Revisions

Nothing to report or announce ... this is a perpetual update as information is learned / shared with DETRAC office.

11. CISM Report

The committee was informed that the CISM team has not had any recent activations.

12. Bylaw Revisions

There are no new Bylaw revisions identified for discussion.

13. SB500 Projects (\$26,356)

Mr. Christopher reported that the 'regional' component for these funds is completed and delivered. The 'state' projects of – Falls, Disaster wristbands – continue, with some pilot programs underway.

14. DETRAC Web Page

Mr. Christopher announced that there has been some limited clean-up activity on the DETRAC web site. He will continue to improve our web site and make the information available current / accurate.

15. RAC Annual Development Meetings

Mr. Christopher stated that the annual meetings, typically held in San Antonio, were planned to be held virtually this year. The virtual meetings have been cancelled and not re-scheduled at this time due to COVID demands / activities.

16. COVID Activities

No announcements, concerns or questions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

17. TETAF General Assembly Representatives for DETRAC (TSA-H)

Mr. Christopher announced that historically he and Mr. Peyton Ware have been the TSA-H voting representative to TETAF. Since Mr. Ware has moved out of the area and has not been re-elected to the TETAF Board, our RAC needs to identify his replacement. Ms. Sondra Williams will be a TSA-H TETAF voting representative with Mr. Christopher. There was no opposition voiced.

18. TETAF Legislative Priorities

Mr. Christopher listed the TETAF Legislative priorities as follows:

- ◆ 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.

Information only, with no further discussions.

19. CARES Registry DETRAC Funding? ... Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival

Mr. Christopher reported that there continues to be activity at the State level to develop a TEXAS CARE program. He stated that this registry is predominately utilized by EMS for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, with limited hospital participation requirements. He stated that the current discussion is to have the RACs come up with variable funding to help support the costs for the 'state-wide' project. Mr. Christopher voiced his concern for reliable future funding capabilities. He stated that no decision need to be made to today, but he wanted to make the members aware.

OTHER

20. Announcements

- ◆ None

21. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss and no members objections, the meeting was adjourned at 15:30.