

**Capital Area Trauma  
Regional Advisory Council  
Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2007**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1308 by RAC chair, John Sneed.
- II. **Approval of the minutes:** There was a motion to approve January's minutes with some minor corrections. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Gaylen Tips reporting – There is currently \$2,102,207.55 in the account. A motion to approve the minutes was made and carried.
- IV. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- V. **DSHS Report:** There were no DSHS representatives present.
- VI. **Chair Report:** John Sneed reporting – John felt that membership attendance was low last month due to the STEMI conference being held and the same day. John inquired if Fayette county had retrieved all of their stolen equipment? Lee Charlton stated they had everything back with the exception of a D-cylinder and their narcotics, but they will be able to replace those.
- VII. **Trauma Center Update:** Gaylen Tips reporting – During construction, Gaylen asked that all appropriate patients be brought through the waiting room doors. Dr. Ben Coopwood reminded the group of the upcoming Harley Davidson Rally this summer. After reviewing previous years there were not any more admissions than any other weekend. The ED will be staffed with extra RN's and MD's. The rally will be May 30<sup>th</sup> June 1-3. The Llano rally is April 27-28. They are expecting 12,000 people at that rally.
- VIII. **Director's Report:** Melanie Tucker reporting – Melanie reminded the group that the new Children's Hospital will open June of 2007. There will be a meeting on the new modules for EMS systems. It starts at 10am on June 28<sup>th</sup> it will take 1 and 1/2 hours. Melanie, Jackie Gondeck and Tara Lowe attended the HRSA stakeholders meeting in Houston. Years 2008 – 2011 will be open for bidding. It was agreed upon at that meeting that they will continue to go by the TSA boundaries. North Carolina's mobile response units will be here in Austin the week of GETAC. It will be set up in the parking lot of the Crown Plaza Hotel. There have only been 87 ground companies and 2 helicopter companies that have signed the stat MOA. Joe Fowler was introduced to the group. His company, Guardian Ambulance, will be servicing Bastrop County's 911 calls. Melanie is requesting any satellite phone numbers for the drill next week.
- IX. **Old Business:** The Regional Disaster drill will be next week, February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The most amount of activity will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> between 1000 and 1400.
- X. **New Business:**
  - A. **Future Programs:** Half of the PPE equipment and the body bags are here. Melanie has ordered 15,000 body bags have been ordered. She is talking to St. David's about using some space at their warehouse to store the bags.

Some people feel that the RAC is more geared to the hospitals and the EMS people are feeling left out. The next RAC meeting will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the CATRAC offices. There will be an EMS operations meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. On March 28<sup>th</sup> there will be 1<sup>st</sup> combined meeting with breakout sessions.

- B. **Bastrop County:** On February 28<sup>th</sup> at noon Guardian Ambulance will take over all 911 responses for the county. Guardian covers 22 counties in Texas. Their communication center is in Columbus. They will be using 6 – 7 trucks to cover the county. Three of those trucks will be 24 hour coverage the other 3 will be 12 hour trucks. Metro Care is trying to sublet some more of their open space. They also have classroom space available.
- C. **Motion:** There was a motion to combine some of the meetings to avoid having to repeat the same information at multiple meetings.

**XI. Discussion and Scuttlebutt:**

- A. **Eddie Walker:** Eddie was asked to provide a list of people who applied for classes He is unable to find the list he apologized and will continue to look for it. He will e-mail it. Eddie will be resigning from the board as of February 28 at noon as he no longer will be working in Bastrop. He will continue to be active in the RAC.
- B. **Gaylen Tips:** She will be having a car seat safety check on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wimberley from 1000 – 1400 at the Trinity Chapel.
- C. **Melanie Tucker:** There will be an ACLS class in Burnet. Melanie will get the information out.
- D. **John Sneed:** John discussed the problem with the new toll roads. They are charging emergency vehicles. HB 937 is already in place but TX DOT is not honoring it.

**XII Adjourn:** John Sneed adjourned the meeting at 1430