

**Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council
Executive Board
February 23, 2012
12:00 – 2:00 pm
CATRAC Offices
4100 Ed Bluestein Blvd Suite 200, Austin 78721**

Minutes

I. Call To Order

- Roll Call of Executive Board – Kenny called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Dr. Ware and Tim Vasquez were absent.
- Introductions – Stuart Williams was introduced at the new Injury Prevention Manager for Dell Children's.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Review of January 26, 2012, Executive Board & General Membership – Glen Germer provided corrections to be made under the Caldwell County report regarding collaboration on protocols. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Motion Elliott and seconded by Sylvin Mersiovsky.
For: 17 Opposed: 0

III. Public Comments – None.

IV. Treasurer & Financial Report

Handouts are on file at CATRAC. There were questions regarding email contacts for education requests which emphasized the need for representatives to send email changes to CATRAC and to update the contact list sent with the yearly dues. A reminder was given that education classes utilizing funds from the current grant year must be completed by end of grant period.

The motion was made by Charles Peeler and second by Ken Strange.

For: 16

Opposed: 0

V. Chair Report

Scott mentioned the loss of Kenny's mom. Kenny gave an update on GETAC meetings. He discussed the presentation at the RAC chairs regarding terminology regarding freestanding EDs vs "satellite" ERs. Dave will push out info to membership. Dr. Brown requested that we look at the current criteria and work within the confines of what is approved, as opposed to what is being proposed. Dave will look at having a presentation for this RAC. Mike Elliott offered to share the ATCEMS criteria for what they transport to the St. David's Bee Cave and Pflugerville freestanding EDs. Anne Verstraete from DSHS said rules are vague but will be tightened up. CATRAC staff will review terminology relating to the definition of "satellite" EDs.

VI. DSHS Update

Anne Verstraete provided the update. The DSHS Environmental Epi and Injury surveillance group is having two webinars, Tuesday, February 28 and Thursday,

March 1st. March 1st is the last chance to provide stakeholder input to the trauma registry rules. As a reminder, the trauma registry participation affects the funding received by the RAC. Anne offered DSHS help for agencies that have trouble achieving registry participation. There has been \$350,000 less allocated in the state budget for EMS county funds this year. We are the only RAC that is not losing money because our agencies are still consistently reporting to the trauma registry. The regional registry that the CATRAC had previously considered is on hold until we see what the state offers up this summer.

VII. Trauma Centers Update –

UMC Brackenridge (Level 1) - Dr. Brown said UMC Brackenridge ACS verification is coming April 1st and 2nd. The Trauma Conference is May 31st and June 1st. Planning is in progress related to providing care at Formula One medical infrastructure for all events of that size at that facility. There is ATLS course this coming Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Brown would like to see additional attendance from physicians in this region. Call Trauma Services at Brack for registration or check the ATLS website.

Dell Children's (Level 1) – Dell Children's ACS re-verification is May 24th & 25th and the expansion is continuing. There is an upcoming Pedi Care After Resuscitation course on March 29th & 30th and a Care After Trauma Resuscitation course for all age patients on Aug 12th and 13th. The courses are coordinated in conjunction with TETAF. Dell is hosting a Texas Injury and Violence Prevention Conference and the CATRAC website has the link and registration info. Juliette has paper forms if needed. There are 31 planned speakers for two full days of training. Nursing CEUs are being offered.

St. David's Round Rock MC (Level 2) – They have received their verification letter from the state for Level II Trauma designation.

VIII. Executive Director Update -

The MS150 will be held on April 21-22. There is a conference call tomorrow with SETRAC to help coordinate care. They still need a sponsor for the finish line tent. CATRAC will be providing support for Fayette County EMS for the overnight stay in LaGrange for the riders on April 21st. A handout was provided on EMTF-7. CATRAC does have quotes on furniture and are getting a few more. The current quote is for 48 chairs and 20 six foot tables at \$15,764. The first week of April is Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio.

IX. Project(s) Update

- EMTF – Mike Elliott said they are making progress on the Ambus with a June/July projected delivery timeframe. The transferring of funds from a CHEMPACK vehicle to the Ambus project will be used for wireless monitoring of patients. As soon as grants folks approve, we will start purchasing. CATRAC is the largest of the four RACs participating in the EMTF-7. We would like to have 2 Ambulance Strike Teams to deploy. An Ambulance Strike Team includes 5 ambulances and a leader. In order to receive reimbursement for state declared event, EMS agencies need the current DSHS MOU signed and on file with DSHS. Our commitment is one strike team but two would be ideal. Acadian and other regional EMS agencies are participating and will help as units are available. Guy Stevenson RN, St. David's North Austin Medical Center, has taken the lead for the nursing strike team/MMU components in the CATRAC region.

X. County Representative Updates

Bastrop County – George Bosquet reports the nationwide narcotic shortage is affecting them heavily. Guardian EMS has a Valium shortage and can use Ativan but it is also in limited availability. CATRAC is aware the most EMS agencies and hospitals are having difficulty with certain types of medications used in pre-hospital and hospital care. The medical shortage generated substantial discussion among EMS/hospital representatives.

The Bastrop County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is in place and their primary mission will be providing medical assistance for shelters. The MRC will be requesting any spare medical equipment available from regional agencies. The MRC is willing to store this for use when needed in region wide disasters. Per Steve Garcia, Guardian EMS is running short on glucometers as well. Scott Fernandes states vendors usually provide the glucometer free if they buy the strips. Williamson County EMS, ATCEMS offered their contact info for assistance with this.

Fayette County – Sharon Muzny has similar problems with the medication shortage with only one spare unit Valium available but all trucks are stocked.

Caldwell County – Glen Germer reported that Luling EMS held a car seat safety day with Seton Edgar B. Davis and they helped about 20 kids. Juliette asked if CATRAC car seats were what was handed out. She will contact Kristi for info. For community appointments in this area, contact Luling EMS 830-875-9699 or Kristi Bullock at Seton Edgar B. Davis at 830-875-7000.

Lee County – Sylvan Mersiovsky said that they have new 800 MHz digital radios. They are expecting one or two new trucks/remounts. They currently use E series chassis, and asked for any information on different types of engines for their remounts since Ford doesn't put diesels in that series.

Hays County – Ken Strange stated that Wimberley EMS will be looking at pharmaceutical compounding for help with narcotics shortage. The Public Safety Day is March 24th in Wimberley. No update from San Marcos other than narcotics shortage. Buda has three ambulances but they are down to one due to maintenance issues. The 2nd should be up shortly.

San Saba County – Charles Peeler said things are going well. He currently has paid staff that want to volunteer on their units but is not sure of regulations surrounding this. General consensus by EMS agencies was that this is not a workable solution. Richard Herrington offered assistance offline regarding this issue.

Burnet County – Darlene Posey said they are affected by narcotic shortages as well. Pharmaceutical compounding is being evaluated as well.

Williamson County – Kenny Schnell said that child car seat safety check-ups are being held monthly. Call 512-943-1264 to the admin office to set up appointments. The Wilco Public Safety Technology team met and discussed the upcoming projects and complexity. They have the narcotics shortages as well and are tracking with DEA/DPS. WCEMS is collaborating with the Williamson County Fire Chief Association to help with additional training in the region.

Travis County – Mike Elliott said the narcotic shortages are affecting them as well. They are using compounding but it is very expensive. Consensus of the board was to see if an Ad Hoc meeting could take place in the next two weeks between

hospitals and EMS agencies to address the medication shortage. Scott Fernandes asked if there is a report that any agency or the CATRAC gets concerning medication shortage updates. ATCEMS are 40 short of staff and will start hiring EMTs in the next employment process based on their new staffing plan utilizing mixed ALS and BLS crews.

XI. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- **Air Medical** – Traci Fox, Chair, said the next meeting is March 6th at 10 a.m. at CATRAC offices. They will have a flyer finalized for the Regional LZ class to be held May 19th at 10 am. They will then send the flyer out to membership for distribution.
- **Bylaws** – Juliette Brown, Chair – No report, no requests for changes. Scheduled to review this fall if we don't meet before then.
- **Cardiac Care** – Dr. Wozniak – He presented slides regarding data collection for stemi and cardiac care in the region.
- **Education** – Chris Parker, Chair – Ben and Chris were unable to attend.
- **Injury Prevention** – Juliette Brown, Interim Chair – She reminded the region that a chair is still needed. The regional allocation for injury prevention proposals are being accepted until March 9th. The link is on the CATRAC website. There will be a Car Seat Tech class at Dell on April 27-30th and you need to contact Juliette to register. It is a rigorous training so be prepared. Once you are certified, you are good for two years, but must use skills during that time or you will lose certification. Renewal includes a recertification fee and five obligations you must meet.
- **Performance Improvement-Trauma** – Dr. Brown, Chair – He said they met this past week. They completed the adult burn transfer guidelines and copies were handed out. Pedi intrafacility transfer recommendations presentation was made by Dave Golder. Recommendations are slightly different than American Burn Association (ABA) guidelines which state that greater than 10% of body surface area (BSA) patients should be transferred to a burn center. Dell's recommendation are to accept patients with 20% or less total BSA based on having the resources available to care for these types of burn patients. Outcome data was presented to PI committee supporting this. Mike asked if this has been run by the EMS medical directors committee. It was pointed out that this is for transfers only, not transports from the field. An update of CDC field triage guidelines (2011) presented as well. No major changes, just clarifications of the language from the previous guidelines.
- **Pre-Hospital** – Mark Montgomery, Chair – Mark was unable to attend so the update was provided by Darlene. Triage tags project is still in progress with vendor chosen. We are gathering info about how many are needed per agency. The vendor will conduct a train-the-trainer class and is willing to make some changes (within reason) to the tags. Also discussed drug shortages. Dave also discussed Fleet Eyes in-service presented to the pre-hospital committee. There is a need to determine if all EMS agencies have the capability for ambulances to be tracked using this technology (must have a modem in the unit). A version of this technology is being used through a

different vendor in Hays County per Ken Strange. Discussion also occurred on the ability of EMResource to capture the same type of data.

- **Regional Preparedness & Response Committee (RPRC)** – Freddy Krail (Seton Dell Children’s) Chair – Freddy is now the new chair for the committee. One of the ongoing projects for the committee is tracking inventory.
- **Stroke** - Dr. Harding, Chair – He said they haven’t met since the last meeting at the General Membership in January. They are reviewing regional stroke guidelines and improving ways to inform EMS agencies of those facilities seeking stroke designation status having the ability to take care of stroke patients. This enables those facilities to build the patient database needed for stroke designation criteria.

OLD BUSINESS:

Per Mike Elliott, an Urban Shield Exercise is being put together and will be held the first weekend of December. Contact him for info.

NEW BUSINESS:

XII. Action Items: Election of Officers for the CATRAC Executive Board

Dave introduced the nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chair - Kenny has agreed to be nominated as Chair. No other nominations for Chair were made. Voting occurred with 14 for and 0 opposed for Kenny as Chair.

Vice-Chair - Scott has agreed to be nominated as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Voting occurred with 14 for, 0 opposed for Scott as Vice-Chair.

Secretary - Juliette has stepped down and Traci is willing to be nominated as Secretary. Nominations for Secretary were opened. No other nominations were made. Voting occurred with 14 for and 0 opposed for Traci as Secretary.

Treasurer - Ken Strange was nominated. No other nominations were made. Voting occurred with 15 for, 0 opposed for Ken to be nominated as Treasurer.

XIII. Discussion / Scuttlebutt – Women’s Heart Health Event at North Austin Medical Center is this Saturday. Hays County will be using the ID badges that STRAC currently uses in their region. Ken suggested looking at a similar badging system for CATRAC. Kim Gill invited the CATRAC Board to the annual “Rodeo” party at Westlake Medical Center.

XIV. Adjourn –

A motion was made by Ken Strange and second by Darlene Posey. The meeting adjourned at 1450.

HANDOUTS / Documents: TBD

Next Meeting Update:

- **Executive Board:** March 22, 2012 at CATRAC
- **General / Executive Combined:** April 26, 2012 at St. David’s Medical Office Building
- **Committee Meetings:** As Per Committee Chair
 - **Regional Preparedness and Response Committee:** March 9 at 0900 at CATRAC

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Executive Board & General Membership Meeting Calendar

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
Jan. 26, 2012	Lunch General Member/ Exec. Board	12 pm-1 pm 1 pm-3 pm	St. David's Medical Center Medical Office Building
Feb. 23, 2012	Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
March 22, 2012	Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
April 26, 2012	Lunch General Member/ Exec. Board	12 pm-1 pm 1 pm-3pm	St. David's Medical Center Medical Office Building
May 24, 2012	Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
June 28, 2012	Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
July 26, 2012	Lunch General Member/ Exec. Board	12 pm-1 pm 1 pm-3 pm	St. David's Medical Center Medical Office Building
Aug. 23, 2012	Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
Sept. 27, 2012	Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
Oct. 25, 2012	Lunch General Member/ Exec. Board	12 pm-1 pm 1 pm-3 pm	St. David's Medical Center Medical Office Building
Nov. 15, 2012	Holiday Schedule Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200
Dec. 20, 2012	Holiday Schedule Executive Board	12 pm-2 pm	CATRAC Office-Suite 200

CATRAC Committee scheduling will be based on need and the discretion of the Committee Chairperson.

Executive Board – Meets 4th Thursday of the month (Exception: Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays)
Combined General Membership & Executive Board – Meets the 4th Thursday of January, April, July, and October.

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Executive Board – 2012

Position Representing	Name	Affiliate Organization
Registered Nurses	Kim Gill, RN	Hospital at Westlake
Rural Physician	Dr. Bob Harding	Seton Highland Lakes
Trauma Physician	Dr. Neal Ware	Seton Medical Center Williamson
Non-Lead Facility (CATRAC Treasurer)	Traci Fox, RN, EMT-P	St. David's MC
Lead Facility	Dr. Carlos Brown	University MC at Brackenridge
Pre-hospital (CATRAC Vice-Chair)	Scott Fernandes, EMT-P	Travis County ESD #6
Pediatric Facility	David Golder, RN	Dell Children's Medical Center
Bastrop County	George Bousquet, EMT	Bastrop County 1 st Responders
Blanco County	Tim Vasquez, EMT-P	North Blanco EMS
Burnet County	Darlene Posey, EMT-P	Marble Falls EMS
Caldwell County	Glen Germer, EMT-P	Luling EMS
Fayette County	Sharon Muzny, EMT-P	Fayette County EMS
Hays County	Ken Strange, EMT-P	Wimberley EMS
Lee County	Sylvin Mersiovsky, EMT-P	B&M Ambulance Service
Llano County	Greg Knapp, EMT-P	Scott and White Healthcare Llano
San Saba County	Charles Peeler, ECA	San Saba County EMS
Consumer (CATRAC Secretary)	Juliette Brown, MPH	Dell Children's Medical Center
Travis County	Mike Elliott, LP	Austin Travis County EMS
Williamson County (CATRAC Chair)	Kenny Schnell, LP	Williamson County EMS
(CATRAC Immediate Past Chair)	Jackie Gondeck, RN	St. David's Medical Center
Executive Director	Dave Reimer, RN LP	CATRAC Staff
Emergency Prep. Coord.	Robin Wiatrek, MPH	CATRAC Staff
Accounting	Marilyn Hollingsworth	CATRAC Staff
Admin. Assistant	Michelle Fillman	CATRAC Staff