



**Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council  
Executive Board  
February 26, 2015  
12:00 – 2:00 pm  
CATRAC Offices  
4100 Ed Bluestein Blvd Suite 207, Austin 78721**

**MINUTES:**

- I. **Call To Order** - Kenny Schnell called the meeting to order at 12:08pm
  - Kenny Schnell completed the roll call and introductions. There were 15 Board members present, 3 members of CATRAC staff and 5 guests.
  - Kenny Schnell asked those present at the meeting to introduce themselves.
    - **Phone:** Dr. Neel Ware, Annie Burwell
    - **Present:** Kimberly Gill, Karla Hosick, Dr. Jayson Aydelotte, Scott Fernandes, Diana Kraus, James “Scooter” Green, Ben Oakley, Darlene Parker, Sharon Muzny, Ken Strange, Sylvin Mersiovsky, Cristy Knapp, Mike Elliott, Kenny Schnell, Dave Reimer, Robin Wiatrek, Marilyn Hollingsworth
    - **Absent:** Diana Kraus
    - **Guests:** Frank Urias, Robert Hartigan, Keith Noble, Chris Alexander, Dr. Michael Craun
  - Review of January 22, 2015 Ex. Board/General Membership Meeting minutes. The minutes were reviewed by all. They will be approved at the April General meeting.
- II. **Treasurer & Financial Report** – Marilyn Hollingsworth presented the financial report. She reported that we are approximately half way through our budget cycle and things are going well. There was no further discussion. 13 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- III. **Public Comments** - There were no public comments.
- IV. **Chair Report** – Kenny Schnell provided the Chair Report. He reported that St. David's is revalidated as a Level 1 stroke center. He reported that St. David's is now a Level 2 stroke center. He also reported that Seton Medical Hays is revalidated as a Level 4 trauma center. Perinatal regions will be coming online under RAC's in the future. He reported that Ebola preparedness videos are out.
- V. **Executive Director Report** - Dave Reimer provided the Executive Director Report. Dave reported that there is funding coming down for the Ebola Treatment centers. He presented information on the essential criteria on what is necessary to be a RAC. He advised he would distribute the document out.
- VI. **DSHS Update** - Dave Reimer reported that Linda Reyes is retiring in the coming months. Indra Hernandez will be filling in as interim for Linda's position. Chris Alexander reported that LPG notifications should be going out soon. Ben Oakley reported that Denny Martin retired from DSHS.
- VII. **TETAF (Texas EMS Trauma and Acute Care Foundation) Update** - Dave Reimer reported that the RAC has been a membership of TETAF for quite some time. The dues are approximately \$3,600 which is taken out of the general fund. It does provide Level 4 survey discounts, as well as advocacy in the legislature. Dave believes that the TETAF membership is highly beneficial for the RAC as the legislative advocacy since RACs are not allowed to lobby to the Legislature. The TETAF website, tetaf.org, is an excellence source of information for legislation affecting healthcare. It is very important to be up to date on bills affecting your disciplines as they are having a huge impact on funding and procedural issues.

- VIII. Board Action Item: State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program**
- Dave reported that they are applying to be a part of the State of Texas Co-Op purchasing program which will bring many financial benefits and discounts to the RAC, for a nominal fee of \$100 yearly.
  - Ken Strange made a motion to adopt the resolution to enter into a purchasing service contract with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, seconded by Ben Oakley. There was no further discussion. 13 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- IX. Trauma Centers Update**
- The Level 1 designation for UMCB is up in April so they are in the process of re-verification.
  - St. David's Round Rock is busy aligning with the new standards from the ACS (American College of Surgeons).
- X. Discussion: American College of Surgeons Releases Position Statement Stressing Importance of Trauma Center Designation Based Upon Population-Based System Need**
- Dr. Carlos Brown, Medical Director of UMCB-Brackenridge Trauma Department presented a position paper from ACS that explains that trauma center designations should be based upon a population-based system need, not based on the hospital preferences. Dr. Brown reported that if there is an oversaturation of trauma centers, trauma patients will be diluted and quality of trauma care will go down. Dr. Brown posed the question if the RAC feels that there is a need for any more Level I trauma centers in the region. There was discussion about the oversaturation of trauma centers in Colorado and how the same issues may be relevant in Texas. There was extensive discussion about possibilities of the future of trauma care within the region.
  - A motion was made by Scott Fernandes to adopt the position statement from the ACS and to send it to the Performance Improvement committee for further research and data collection, seconded by Scooter Green. The motion was withdrawn by Scott Fernandes.
  - A motion was made by Dr. Jason Aydelotte to endorse this letter and to send it to DSHS and all of the hospitals in our region, seconded by Ken Strange. There was no further discussion. 12 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
  - A motion was made by Mike Elliott to bring data back from the Performance Improvement committee to determine if additional level I/II trauma centers are necessary in the region. Seconded by Scott Fernandes. 14 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- XI. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update** - Dave reported that Guy Stevenson is working on MOU issues and is taking it to a national level for resolution. Scott Fernandes reported that the next coordinator's meeting is on March 10th at 2:00pm through 3:30pm in Waco.
- XII. County Representative Updates**
- Blanco - Ben Oakley reported they are working on final revisions to countywide clinical operating guidelines update.
  - Fayette - Sharon Muzny had no report.
  - Bastrop - Scooter Green reported that his EMT class had 87% first pass success rate.
  - Llano - Cristy Knapp reported that they got a new used ambulance and it is at Frazer getting equipment.
  - Burnet - Darlene Parker reported that they are working on SOC testing.
  - Hays - Ken Strange reported that they are working on radio interop with Blanco County, working on CAD deployment (CIS).

- Williamson - Kenny Schnell reported that they are working on their budget, have been working on data quality with the trauma systems. He also reported that the HDE project is moving forward with Seton. He reported that the meeting with Scott & White went well.

**XIII. Committee/Workgroup Reports and Action Items**

- Education (Sarah Leach & Vangie Barefoot) Kim Gill reported there was a phone meeting recently. She reported that Williamson County moved forward with their Basic designated infection control officer course. She reported the committee is working on bringing in the advanced designated infection control officer. She reported that there was a request from Lakeway for a TNCC course. Kim is working on getting instructors lined up.
- Injury Prevention (Stewart Williams & Willis Sefcik) Mini-grant applications are being submitted and are due tomorrow.
- Performance Improvement - Trauma (Dr. Aydelotte) The PI Meeting was postponed due to the ice storm. They are working on some studies with double transfers (patients taken to a Level 4 by EMS with a high ISS score and then secondarily transferred to Level 1/2). They have also been looking at mortality and ISS scores.
- Pre-Hospital (Robert Hartigan & Keith Noble) Dave Reimer reported that EMSC is looking for the EMSC Crew of the Year, if you need to submit a nomination get it done soon.
- Regional Preparedness & Response Committee (Freddy Krail) No report.
- Stroke (Dr. Morton & Dr. Pullido) Robin Wiatrek reported that Jason Gilliam will be sending out a stroke survey soon.
- Trauma Coordinators/Registry (Karla Hosick & Diana Kraus) Robert Hartigan has requested a special meeting with them on March 31st at 1pm.

**XIV. Events / Exercises** – The MS150 and HITS Triathlon are coming up.

**XV. Other Business** – Scott Fernandes reported that LTFR (Lake Travis Fire/Rescue) will be having a hiring process soon. He also reported that LTFR will be going live with STRAC RMS soon, electronic tracking software.

**XVI. Discussion / Scuttlebutt** –

- It is Robin Wiatrek's birthday today.
- Gary Langshaw reports that they are preparing to hire more paramedics so please monitor.
- Chris Alexander reported that his last day at San Marcos Hays County EMS will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> as he is leaving for another position out of state. CATRAC and the region has benefitted from contributions Chris has made to the region and wishes him good things in the future position.

**XVII. Adjourn** - A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Elliott, seconded by Scooter Green. There was no further discussion. 11 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Kenny Schnell adjourned the meeting at 2:09pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Ben Oakley, BA, LP**

*Board Secretary - CATRAC*