



**Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council
Executive Board & General Membership**

April 23, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 pm

St. David's Medical Center

5th Floor Auditorium

919 East 32nd Street, Austin, TX

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call To Order**
 - Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Kenny Schnell at 1317 and began with roll call. Quorum with 13 Board members present.
 - Introductions – Kenny Schnell asked those present at the meeting that were not included in Board roll call to introduce themselves.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - January 22, 2015, Executive Board & General Membership
 - A motion was made by Dr. Drue Ware to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Kim Gill. 13 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- III. **Public Comments** - Dave Reimer invited Courtney DeBower from TETAF to make some comments regarding bills filed in the current legislative session as it relates to the healthcare setting. Courtney DeBower introduced herself as a new staff member at TETAF as of January this year. She reported that we are in a good position in the legislative session this year, particularly in regards to advocates for healthcare funding and the level of funding. She provided a quick update on the important lawmakers this year, which does affect our region. Overall, there are bills filed which will greatly enhance funding of the trauma system this year. Courtney invited everyone to visit the TETAF website for more information or to collect some of the informational materials available today.
- IV. **Treasurer & Financial Report** - Ken reported that the RAC has updated the Cost Allocation methodology to more properly align the proportion of expenses allocated to each grant. This adjustment reduces RAC and Tobacco grant expenditures and will result in better and longer use of RAC and Tobacco funds. An amendment of the FY15 HPP budget was submitted on April 2, and has cleared the first checkpoint at DSHS. It has been forwarded for processing, and we should receive the amended contract by late next week or early the following week. The RAC submitted the budget for the new FY16 HPP grant on April 15. The new grant year runs from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- V. **Chair Report** - Kenny Schnell presented to the Chair Report. Kenny reported that the HPP grant submission is complete and commended the RAC employees for a job well done in that submission. Kenny reminded everyone that the Texas Emergency Management Conference is coming up from May 12th through 15th. Seton Medical Center and UMC-Brackenridge were re-designated as comprehensive (Level I) stroke centers recently.
- VI. **Executive Director Report** - Dave Reimer presented the Executive Director report. Dave reported that they have submitted for additional staffing under the HPP grant this year, and is hopeful that he will be able to expand his staffing at CATRAC. Dave also reported that there will be some Ebola funding grants coming out soon. CATRAC will be receiving a total allocation of \$278,444. 70% of this will be allocated over Years 1 & 2, 30% will be allocated over years 3 through 5.
- VII. **Executive Board Action Items** - There were no Executive Board action items today.
- VIII. **DSHS Update** - Beth Holimon from DSHS presented the DSHS update today. She reported that HB 2197 has been filed which would take away DSHS ability to fingerprint EMS

personnel for background checks. She reported that as of present it is still in committee. She also reported that the EMS Medical Director course is still available for free until the end of August.

IX. Trauma Centers Update

- Diana Kraus from Dell Children's reported that they are preparing for the ACS verification visit. Diana reported that Mike Hastings is leaving for Washington and his last day is May 22nd so she is in need of a replacement and will have several job openings soon.
- Dr. Aydelotte reported that UMC-Brackenridge just completed their re-verification this past weekend. He also reported that construction is going well on the new Brackenridge.
- Dr. Ware from Seton Williamson reported that things are going well, and their geriatric trauma service is continuing to operate well.

X. Emergency Medical Task Force Update - Mike Elliott reported that things are going well for the EMTF, but there really have not been any disasters to try out EMTF assets. He reported that they really need to test the EMTF system to make sure it all works well.

XI. County Representative Updates

- **Bastrop** - Scooter Green reported that they are working on final negotiations with Acadian for another 4-year contract for 9-1-1 EMS services for the county.
- **Hays** - Ken Strange reported that the Wiener Races are going on in Buda this weekend. He also reported that the Wimberley EMS Duck Race on May 16th.
- **Llano** - Cristy Knapp reported that Llano County EMS are still going through the licensure process, and they are about to do a hiring process in the first part of May.
- **Fayette** - Sharon Muzny reported that Fayette County EMS have an EMR course coming up in mid-May. She also thanked CATRAC staff for their assistance at the MS150.
- **Blanco** - Ben Oakley reported that Blanco County is gearing up for the HITS Triathlon this weekend, MMU setup will begin tomorrow morning with assistance from CATRAC staff.
- **Burnet** - Darlene Parker reported that Marble Falls Area EMS is conducting a hiring process starting tomorrow and that they have re-branded their logo and now have a new patch.
- **Travis** - Mike Elliott reported that the AMBUS will be in Dripping Springs this week and that the second half of the MS150 went well in Travis County.
- **Williamson** - Kenny Schnell reported that they will be having a hiring process in September. He also reported that Joe Granberry will be retiring from Williamson County on May 28th and Mike Knipstein will be taking over.

XII. Committee/Workgroup Reports and Action Items

- Air Medical [James "Scooter" Green & Terri Thompson] - James "Scooter" Green reported that they are still working on hammering out the details on using EMResource for Air Medical availability.
- Bylaws [vacant] - No Report
- Cardiac Care/Mission Lifeline [Dr. Wozniak & Dr. Gigliotti] - Amy Bary would like to invite everyone to the next QI subgroup meeting is on June 24th at 7:00am. STEMI Texas will be in Dallas this year and is coming up in the fall. Amy Bary also presented the 2015 STEMI EMS award recipients: Wimberley EMS, Acadian Ambulance for Bastrop County, San Marcos/Hays County EMS, Marble Falls Area EMS, Caldwell County EMS, Austin/Travis County EMS, Travis County STARFlight and Williamson County EMS.
- Education [Sarah Leach] - Kim Gill reported that Vangie Barefoot has resigned as the co-chair of the Education Committee. She reported that negotiations are continuing in regards to the Basic Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO) course

and that CATRAC is working on the Advanced Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO).

- Injury Prevention [Stewart Williams] - Robin Wiatrek reported that they are working on compiling the data from the survey on IP programs that was sent out to stakeholders in the region and they need additional responses back from regional stakeholders. The next meeting will be on June 2nd at 11:00am, all are encouraged to attend.
- Performance Improvement -Trauma [Dr. Aydelotte] - Dr. Aydelotte reported that he completed some data analysis on transfers in and did not find any significant findings. He is particularly looking at cases of prolonged extrication now. Dr. Aydelotte reported that they are teaching a Rural Trauma Team Development course at Seton Hays on July 18th and he is more than happy to bring this course to any other facility.
- Pre-Hospital [Robert Hartigan & Keith Noble] - Chris Postiglione reported that they discussed the CDC Trauma Triage guidelines today as well as the use of backboards and the changes with that.
- Regional Preparedness & Response [Freddy Krail] - Dave reported that RPRC discussed the Ebola funding and how it would be utilized. Robin Wiatrek talked about the healthcare coalition and the status of that group. Kenny asked if the Ebola funding would be used for PPE purchases freeing up funding to be moved or if it would be additional PPE. Robin Wiatrek advised it would likely be additional equipment.
- Stroke [Dr. Pulido & Dr. Miley] - The Stroke Committee meeting had a great turnout today but unfortunately no consensus was made regarding the updated guidelines, but the stakeholders were encouraged to attend the subgroup meeting on May 21st at 9:00am.
- Trauma Coordinators/Registry [Karla Hosick & Diana Kraus] - Robin Wiatrek reported that they are working on the Trauma Healthcare Systems Regional Plan. All of the plans will be consolidated into this document, but Robin has been working on dividing up the various plans to the appropriate representatives. Robin reported a question came out of the group if the ICD10 codes would still be going live in October. Diana Kraus reported that yes they are moving forward and ICD10 will be live in October.

XIII. Events / Exercises

- May 16th - StarFlight will be having an event celebrating their anniversary.

XIV. Other Business

- There is no other business today.

XV. Discussion / Scuttlebutt

- There was no discussion or scuttlebutt.

XVI. Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Strange, seconded by Dr. Drue Ware. There was no further discussion. 13 voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Kenny Schnell adjourned the meeting at 2:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Oakley, BA, LP

Board Secretary - CATRAC



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Agenda

- I. Call To Order
 - Roll Call of Executive Board & General Membership Voting Members
 - Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - January 22, 2015, Executive Board & General Membership
 - March 26, 2015, Executive Board
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Treasurer & Financial Report
- V. Chair Report
- VI. Executive Director Report
- VII. Executive Board Action Items - None
- VIII. DSHS Update
- IX. Trauma Centers Update
- X. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Update
- XI. County Representative Updates
- XII. Committee/Workgroup Reports and Action Items
 - Air Medical – James “Scooter” Green & Terri Thompson
 - Bylaws – vacant
 - Cardiac Care/Mission Lifeline – Dr. Wozniak & Dr. Gigliotti
 - Education – Sarah Leach
 - Injury Prevention – Stewart Williams
 - Performance Improvement -Trauma – Dr. Aydelotte
 - Pre-Hospital – Robert Hartigan & Keith Noble
 - Regional Preparedness & Response – Freddy Krail
 - Stroke - Dr. Pulido
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HANDOUTS / Documents:

- Next Meeting Updates:
 - **Executive Board:** May 28, 2015 at CATRAC



- **General / Executive Combined:** July 23, 2015 at St. David's Medical Center Medical Office Building
- **Committee Meetings:** As Per Committee Chair