

**Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council
General Membership
January 31, 2019
1:00 – 3:00 pm
St. David's Medical Center, Medical Office Building (MOB),
5th Floor Classrooms
(Corner of IH-35 & 30th Street) 3000 North IH35, Austin, TX**

Minutes

I. Call To Order

A. Roll Call of Executive Board

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Gonzalez at 1:11 pm and began with roll call of the Executive Board members and CATRAC staff.

B. Roll Call of General Membership

General Membership attendees introduced themselves and the agency they represented.

C. Introduction of Guests

Guests introduced themselves to the group.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. November 29, 2018: General Membership

The minutes from the November 29, 2018 General Membership meeting were presented. A motion was made by Ken Strange and seconded by Scooter Green. The general membership and executive board voted to approve the minutes 60/0.

III. Presentation: Approaching Alzheimer's, by the Alzheimer's Association

Delia Jervier from Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas gave a presentation about the importance of first responders understanding how to interact with patients with Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association is offering a free 2-hour online training for first responders. 70% of Alzheimer's patients are cared for at home. Families may not be equipped financially. The Alzheimer's Association is a resource for caregivers. They can come out and do educational presentations for groups. Delia gave out handouts to the group.

IV. Public Comments

Austin/Travis County EMS and Austin Fire Department are working together to push Stop the Bleed training in schools. Keith Noble asked the CATRAC Board to support this initiative. CATRAC already supports Stop the Bleed, so we will support the effort of having it reaching schools.

V. Treasurer & Financial Report

Doing well with current grants HPP & EMS. CATRAC is now calling the Tobacco grant the EMS RAC 2 grant. CATRAC has level funding for FY2020 for HPP. CATRAC is currently in year 3 of the 5 year budget. EMS/RAC \$238,956 spent 40%, so far this cycle. There is \$152,487 in the EMS County grant. CATRAC received \$1,366,081 in HPP. We have spent 32%. CATRAC has \$9272 for regional projects and \$5000 for educational programming to spend. Committees need to present the Board with ideas for projects.

VI. Chair Report

The Board Officers were elected last month at the Executive Board meeting. No changes were made. Dr. Coopwood and Brandon Dempsey were welcomed as new Executive Board Members. Dr. Gonzalez shared that his 2019 goal is to grow transparency and continue to coordinate with community partners. Ben attended TETAF RAC Development Days with Dave Reimer. Dr. Gonzalez asked that everyone remember to update their membership information with Melissa if there are any staff changes. The Board is trying to have a representative on each committee, Dr. Gonzalez extended a warm welcome to Craig Maatta.

VII. Executive Director Report

DSHS Quality Assurance Audit was successful. Ben and Dr. Gonzalez attended RAC Education Days with Dave. Dave presented the CATRAC Newsletter to everyone and a handout was provided. CATRAC will begin using a new inventory system called Wise Track this summer. CATRAC will be conducting an EMResource training on March 1st. Dr. Huang from Austin Public Health will be leaving. He accepted the Director of Dallas County Public Health position.

VIII. DSHS/HHSC Update

The National Scope of Practice was published, but nothing has been changed here in Texas yet. Maddie Mendoza (took over for Daniel Williams) over education at DSHS.

IX. TETAF Update

TETAF has been busy lobbying since the legislative session began.

X. Legislative Updates

The legislation is in session. No other updates at this time.

XI. EMResource

The EMResource Workgroup met a few weeks ago. The goal is have hospitals updating and EMS agencies looking at the data on a daily basis. Any status change should be posted (cath lab, CT, etc.) CATRAC will be conducting an EMResource training on March 1st. St. David's and Seton are working to identify who will be responsible for updating. There is an EMResource app available.

XII. Membership Dues

The Executive Board is looking to raise membership dues in 2020. They are looking at a fee based on the number of beds for hospitals and the number of licensed units for EMS agencies.

XIII. Committee Reports

- Pre-Hospital: Terri King was elected as the new Co-chair. A survey went out via Survey Monkey regarding transport times. The group discussed backboard use guidelines and research showing that first responders should reduce using backboards. The group also discussed common badging and hopscotch. There will be a meeting on March 6th to discuss EMS County funds. The group also discussed the STAR Safety Net Initiative.
- Injury Prevention: The committee plans to focus on Child Passenger Safety and Fall Prevention this year. There will be a Fall Prevention Workgroup meeting on February 15th at 10am.

- Education: Meeting next month via conference call
- Trauma: There are Trauma Systems Plan revisions coming. The group also discussed hopscotching and changing the wording on plan to drop two patients at two separate facilities for adult and pediatric.
- Stroke: The group discussed data collection. Irene Lopez from STRAC has been collecting data for the RAC Data Collaborative to report to the state. Most stroke hospitals use national databases.
- Perinatal: The group discussed leadership and meeting structure, neonatal/maternal designation, and data case studies.
- Mission Lifeline: In December, there will be a Steering Committee Meeting to discuss hydration, Cardiac/Mission Lifeline Field Guide, and triage for STEMI patients. A meeting in January will be held to discuss activation for STEMI patients and data mapping.
- Air Medical: nothing to report

XIV. HPP/EMTF Update

A. Healthcare Coalitions TSA's L, M, N, O

February 5th and 6th is the annual capital area regional exercise. CATRAC will work in coordination with CAPCOG at Round Rock EOC on February 5th. On February 6th, CATRAC will coordinate exercise with healthcare agencies to include hospital and prehospital agencies and the 6th WMD Civil Support Team. CATRAC needs more evaluators, so please contact the office if interested.

B. Emergency Medical Taskforce

EMTF-7 will be providing support to Texas Forestry Service. EMTF needs ALS/firefighters interested in assisting. Please contact Chance Karshens to be involved in EMtF-7.

XV. Hospitals Update (All Levels)

No updates were provided

XVI. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

XVII. Discussion

None

XVIII. Adjourn

Ken Strange made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ben Oakley seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.