



**Executive Board Meeting
June 24, 2021
12:00pm – 2:00pm
Virtual**

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Dial-in # 469-480-8158 | ID 911 226 90#

Minutes – FINAL

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call of Executive Board

Scooter Green, Ben Oakley, Terri Thompson, Jim Jewell, Josh Vandever, Ken Strange, Rodney Mersiovsky, Wesley Alexander, Adam Johnson, Mike Knipstein, Cassie Campbell, Karla Jones, Sarah Leach, Dr. Gonzalez, Kimberly Barker, and Dr. Ira Wood

II. Minutes

A. Approve January 2021, April 2021 Executive Board Minutes

Ken Strange Motioned / Kimberly Barker seconded
All approved/None abstained / minutes approved

III. Financial Report

- Slade reviewed financial report with Executive Board and members present
- Melissa discussed LPG Survey – still determining how to spend equipment and training funds

IV. Chair Report

- Mr. Oakley shared that he was excited to be meeting in-person again.
- The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2021. The meeting will be held in-person at St. David's Medical Office Building.
- Introduction of Cassie Campbell, New Lead Pediatric Board Member
 - Cassie Campbell gave a brief introduction of herself
- Mr. Oakley may have a lead on someone interested in filling the Rural Physician position on the board. Hopefully more to come at the next meeting.

V. Executive Director Report

- CATRAC staff are the process of winding down COVID Response Operations and demobilizing the Travis County Expo of durable medical equipment and PPE which should be completed by July 31, 2021.
- The State Mission Assignment was extended until the end of July and is expected to be extended until at least the end of August.
- The CAMOC is still activated, and staff members are monitoring phones
- Hospitals staffing continues to be of concern
- Hospital COVID admissions continue to average around 80 per day
- RAC Chair Summit Meeting
 - Expectations of State in future - More requirements for data and performance Measures. The Newborn Temperature Project is currently the only data being collected outside of COVID. Other data resources we can look into include RDC and CARES.
 - Funding for FY22-FY23 - Initially the state cut 5% of RAC funding across board, but the legislative session ended with us receiving level funding for next couple of years
- SB500 Funds
 - CATRAC went forward with purchasing: 1 F550 to pull the EMTF MMU, 1 F350 Truck for MMU supply trailer, and 1 SUV for staff & personnel
 - Wristbands have arrived for the statewide wristband project. We purchased enough wristbands for 2 years of EMS runs.
- Cyber Security Issue – a staff members email was recently compromised. There is an ongoing investigation. Please contact the CATRAC office if you receive anything suspicious from one of the staff.

VI. Public Comments

None given

VII. Update: TETAF Legislative News

- Level funding RAC Budget
- The state legislature added EMTF funding to the General Budget. Over the next 2 years, \$5 million will be allocated to EMTF. It is unknown how much each EMTF contractor will receive. DSHS is expected to begin working on drafting the new contract in July for a September start date.
- Senate Bill 969 – Passed
- Senate Bill 1876 – Passed
- Senate Bill 640 – Passed
- Senate Bill 1397 – Passed

VIII. Discussion: Expanding Board

- Discussed GAP that exists with information sharing at the C-Suite level in the healthcare systems
- Discussion to add a seat for each healthcare system C-Suite level for Ascension, HCA and BSW
- Current board tends to be heavy in pre-hospital and clinical focused personnel – need more healthcare administrators
- Melissa discussed the Healthcare Policy call during COVID. Valuable info and sharing between systems, RAC and state
- Adding 3 new Executive Board Seats:
 - 3 C-Suite members
 - 1 Perinatal
 - Present to GM in July / Final vote by GM in Oct.

IX. Discussion: Hospital Staffing

- Discussed diversions
- Executive Board setting up a Workgroup to seek out ways we can help the regional situation
- Focus on collaboration between pre-hospital and hospital
 - Utilize EMResource - hospitals update at least 2x day, however changes throughout the day

X. Discussion: PI Measures and Data

- DSHS changing RAC rules
 - Bring in more data
 - Establish more PI at the RAC level
- STRAC pushing DSHS to fund DRC – all other RACs using STRACs system for cardiac, stroke, and trauma data
- STRAC stopped invoicing the other RACs
- Board is asking staff to investigate what needs to happen to bring RDC to CATRAC
- CARES trying to get RACs to fund it
 - \$50 thousand 1st yr., \$100 thousand 2nd yr., \$150 thousand 3rd yr.
 - RAC Chairs ask where other funding is coming from – Looking for more details and clarity – statewide
- Other RACs do not collect data consistently each yr., however, have a process to review cases in a closed session and bring outside people to give their opinions to improve performance

XI. Discussion: Expanding RAC Funds

Agenda item was skipped.



- XII. Discussion: Interim Strategic Plan**
Agenda item was skipped.
- XIII. COVID-19 Reports from Executive Board Members**
None were provided.
- XIV. Committee/Workgroup Updates/Action Items**
- XV. Next Meeting Action Items**
 - A. General Membership**
No comments were made
 - B. Executive Board**
No comments were made
- XVI. Discussion**
Mr. Oakley proposed that the meeting be extended an hour in August. None were opposed.
- XVII. Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.