



**Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council
General Membership (Virtual)
July 22, 2021
1:00 – 3:00 pm**

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Dial in #: 469-480-8158 | Conference ID: 746 568 275#

Minutes - DRAFT

I. Call to Order

Ben Oakley called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
Last virtual membership meeting –St. David’s in person next time

II. Welcome and Introductions

A. Roll Call of Executive Board

Scooter Green, Ben Oakley, Terri Thompson, Jim Jewell, Josh Vandever, Ken Strange, Rodney Mersiovsky, Soni8 Hunt, Wesley Alexander, Mike Knipstein, Sarah Leach, Kimberly Barker

B. Introductions of General Membership and Guests

- Went around the room for everyone present to introduce themselves
- Those on call as well

III. Approval of Minutes

A. May 27, 2021: General Membership

The minutes from the May 27, 2021, General Membership meeting were presented. A motion was made by Ken Strange and seconded by Sarah Leach
Vote was made by those in room, in favor 37:0 minutes approved.

IV. Public Comments

None offered

V. Treasurer & Financial Report: Slade gave Treasure & Financial Report

- **FY21 HPP Funds-TSA-O**
100% COVID-1 Spent
97% COVID-2 Spent
- **FY21 HPP Funds TSA-L**
100% COVID-1 Spent
89% COVID-2 Spent
- **FY21 HPP Funds TSA-M**
100% COVID-1 Spent
76% COVID-2 Spent
- **FY21 HPP Funds TSA-N**
100% COVID-1 Spent
99% COVID-2 Spent
- **FY21 EMTF-7 HPP Funds**
100% COVID-1, COVID-2 Spent
- **SB500 Funds**
Purchased Vehicles

- \$26,707 State Wristband Project
- **RAC & RAC Systems Development** - Ends on August 31, 2021
Opportunities for Regional Projects
- RAC I & RAC II Contractual: \$164,083.81
 - ❖ Simulators (SimJunior, Premature Anne, & SonoSim)
 - ❖ LP 15 (2)
 - ❖ IV arms (4)
 - ❖ CPR Manikins (10 sets)
- Equipment Purchased by July 1, 2021
- Education/Training complete by August 31, 2021

- **LPG & EMS County**
FY21 Local Project Grant (LPG)
 - \$29,525 (May 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021)
 - LPG Workgroup has decided to use on Whole Blood Equipment
- FY21 EMS County (Alignment Funding)
 - \$183,416 (May 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)
 - \$183,416 (September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)
 - Packets Due- May 31, 2021

- **FY22 HPP Funds (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)**
TSA-O - \$713,394.00
TSA-L - \$1654,669.00
TSA-M - \$164,669.00
TSA-N - \$164,669.00
EMTF-7 - \$131,736.00

VI. Chair Report – Ben Oakley

- Appoint Physician Chair – it will be Dr. Gonzalez
- Emergency Healthcare Systems focus
- Introduced CATRAC Executive Director, Douglas Havron
 - Meet & greets being set up by Rishla Calvert, Administrative Coordinator
 - Board Members
 - Committee Members
 - Looking forward to meeting everyone – contact Rishla for meeting set up. Will be happy to come to you
 - Meet Stakeholders TDEM, DSHS Leadership (Contract Management, Operations, etc.)
 - Reset button on managing CATRAC Operations and Staff– all staff will attend General Membership to be more accessible to our Stakeholders

VII. Executive Director Report

- Thanks to Melissa Hamaker for holding reigns
- EMTF funding increase \$2 million over 2-year period expected in September, more information to come
- Stopped PPE Distribution end of last month (demob of staff in May)
 - 03/2020 – 06/2021 35,000,000 pieces of PPE Distributed
- DSHS Tasked CATRAC to continue COVID Response thru August
 - Seek approval for every dollar spent

- Region 7 Regional Calls
 - CAMOC calls with Randy Crutsinger for all Healthcare Facilities, Long Care Facilities, Dialysis, Emergency Management, etc. to bring situational awareness
- ATC Executive Leadership Calls
 - 130% increase in hospitalizations across all 4 TSA's
 - Infections of unvaccinated
 - Delta Variant transmissions by individuals that are vaccinated
 - 12 STAR requests for Staffing (100's of nurses)
 - 1 request for Cardiac Monitors
 - Request for support of RIC (Dr. Walkes, APHA to lead)
 - Expect additional equipment requests
- RAC Trauma Funding – Rules for RAC Trauma and Stroke in revision
- DSHS – Changes to indirect expenditures
 - Office, internet, phone, etc. will be going thru a Training Session

Comments:

Kim Barker – St. David's starting infusion clinics at some of free-standing locations. More to come hopefully will be available in a week or two

Dr. Jesudass – Working with Dr. Walkes to get contract in place to administer monoclonal antibodies in this area

VIII. By-Laws Revision

- Review needed, opportunity for improvement
- Working on them
- Generate first draft, send for public comment
- Final Draft created once feedback received
- Present in October to vote in January

Douglas comments – Do By-Laws as infrequently as possible. Number of items in structure of the organization need to be brought to public for comment. Propose changes and present options, i.e., Option A, Option B to get feedback before final draft is created. Workgroup to give feedback, provide vision, you will not write by-law changes. CATRAC will write the By-Laws.

- By-Laws Workgroup request for volunteers
 - Ken Strange, Sarah Leach, Wesley Alexander volunteer
 - Goal is a draft for Public Comment by September 1

IX. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

- CATRAC Education Committee Miniseries August 25-26 at St. David's save the date sent out. A lot of speakers lined up, more information to come out first week of August.

B. Pre-Hospital

- Common Badging
- Simulators Training Information and Checkout information coming soon
- Wristbands working on process
- Red-Blue work with Trauma Committee

C. Perinatal Committee

- Ongoing DSHS Designation Process
 - Neonatal & Maternal going smoothly
- Feedback mechanism (RAC PCR Alliance)
 - 22 RACS across state
 - Help Quality Improvement
- Ongoing Neonatal Temperature Project
 - CDC designated Quality Improvement Project
 - 70% of deliveries in state registered for this project
 - 1st data collections at end of month
 - Start with intervention in January and Collect Data for 18 months
 - Objective: 50% increase in number of eutermic infants delivered in hospitals across the state
 - Race and ethnicity also considered
- Putting together a group to discuss a screening process for CMV hearing loss in infants
- Putting together a subcommittee to improve neonatal transport and staff communication between systems

D. Injury Prevention

- Went over changes/challenges since COVID, moving forward

E. Stroke Committee

- Discussed collection of data on stroke patients
- EMS lights & Sirens - getting stroke patients to center expeditiously
- Use EMResource better from EMS & Hospitals
- Ground vs. Air Transport decisions

F. Trauma Systems & Operations Committee

- Trauma Plan updated – sometime soon to Executive Board

G. Whole Blood Workgroup

- CATRAC WOU finalized
- Currently working with We Are Blood on contract
- About 4 agencies
- Starflight, 2 units on each flight
- Careflite – use PRBC's & Liquid Plasma
 - Get blood from Cater challenging

Comments: Ben – Do not delay because contract process is lengthy

Douglas – Would like to be involved

H. Wristband Workgroup – Wristbands are in

I. LPG Workgroup

- Moving forward using funds for Whole Blood Equipment

Comments: Maternal Designation Information – Babies & maternal are the same
I-Lowest, IV Highest, get with Douglas offline to answer concerns about designations

Regional Guideline (Dr. Kidd) for Maternal EMS Transport? Yes, falls under the Emergency Healthcare System

X. Update on Common Badging

- At St. David's - it's at division office
- Stewart & Elena will chat

XI. HPP/EMTF Updates – Joy Meehan

- Just finished Burn Annex (Submitted to State)
- COVID Response AAR broken down into sections
 - Will send Hot Wash meeting invites
- Infectious Disease (Ebola Focus)
- Pediatric Annex two years ago waived due to COVID
- Tabletops listed, information to come

Comments: Douglas met with HCC Leaders, CATRAC operational & fiduciary responsibilities regarding all dollars: EMS, Emergency Management, Hospitals, Public Health, LTC, Dialysis Centers, etc. Formulate to work collaboratively and collectively with Coalition Chairs. HPP plan for those four regions (Joy oversee the staff)

Emergency Medical Taskforce-7 (EMTF-7)

- EMTF will be meeting
- Advocate for AmBus for northern part of our region (EMTF-7)

XII. DSHS/HHSC Update

None Given

- **GETAC Meeting Dates** – In order to attend you must register online
 - **2nd Quarter GETAC Council Meeting (Virtual)**
Friday, June 18, 2021 @ 10 am
 - **3rd Quarter GETAC Meeting (Virtual)**
September 17, 2021
 - **GETAC Retreat Meeting**
October 2021
 - **4th Quarter GETAC Meeting**
November 20-22, 2021
(Held in conjunction with the Texas EMS Conference)
 - **GETAC Trauma Systems Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 9am

GETAC meeting info: <https://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/governor.shtm#Meetings>

XIII. TETAF and Legislative Updates – Just monitoring

XIV. Hospitals Update

- St. David's Round Rock Medical Center
 - ACS re-verification survey
 - Additional ICU beds opening in 2 weeks
 - RIC @ Cedar Park – antibody infusions go live August 4th
To take place Wednesdays in 1-hour increments

- Ascension Hays
 - 8/9 – 8/10 ACS Trauma Designation Level II
 - 2 additional OR's in construction
- Baylor Scott & White – Rhonda
 - Austin/Round Rock Region given Magnet Status
 - Contemplating Level III at Lakeway
- Kim Barker – St. David's North Austin Medical Center
 - Crane at Women's Tower begin this weekend with traffic changes
 - 32 beds South should open Late Winter, Early Spring
- Baylor Scott & White Taylor – Brenda Vege-Hamilton
 - New 64 Slice CATSCAN has arrived
 - Next month new parking lot to effect changes to EMS traffic
- Baylor Scott & White Round Rock
 - Rerouting EMS Traffic, clearly marked (for up to 2 years)
 - Go through May Street
- Baylor Scott & White Institute for Rehabilitation Lakeway – Raul Carrera
 - Opened a Wound Care Clinic
 - Moved In-Neuro Clinic over to other side of the hospital

XV. Other Business

- Careflite Education Opportunity September 13-14, live \$25, virtual less 12 hours CE (Nursing and EMS)
- Add Level of NICU & Maternal Designations to EMResource
 - EMS access, changes & routes posted through system
- Paramedics buy in needed to EMResource (Jenny Fritz)
- Generic login to EMResource for entire EMS Agency
- September 1 Starflight will start accepting insurance payment in full for transporting patients
- CATRAC has LinkedIn account
 - Highlight staff, initiatives on regular basis
 - Please like and follow
- EMResource - Josh at Fayette County EMS
 - Coming from an hour away, Level 1 or 2 trauma patients after checking EMResource, they will head to Austin anyway even with hospitals red lined on EMResource to ensure transport of patient

Thanks for coming, great to see everyone in person, look forward to future collaboration

XVI. Next Meeting/Adjourn

Executive Board: August 26, 2021, in person at the RAC

General Membership Meeting: October 28, 2021, in person at the St. David's MOB

Committee Meetings: As per committee Chair/Co-Chairs

Ken Strange motion to adjourn, seconded by Wesley Alexander

The meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.