



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES September 9, 2019

Meeting called to order at 0910.

Introductions of attendees and guests.

Approval of minutes: The minutes for June 18, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Tommy Leigh and seconded by John Bolen. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Finance Report: Dave Ferguson reviewed the budget vs actual report. Thank you to those serving on the grant committee who assisted in finalizing expenditures for FY 19. Supplies will be distributed today to those

Dave stated he will be working with the grant committee to identify needs for FY 20 so that expenditure can begin early in the fiscal year. Some of the grant funding has been received. Expect System Development Grant funds shortly. EMS grant funds to begin distribution. EMS services will receive information to submit needed receipts for distribution of EMS funds.

Stop the Bleed: Jeff stated there are many models used throughout the state. Collaboration with the schools is imperative. If you are teaching, you must register as an instructor on the bleedingcontrol.org site. You must utilize their teaching materials, log all courses and utilized sign-in sheets. Everything required for the course are available on the website. Complete the RAC spreadsheet and submit to the RAC so that we can account for all courses taught in the RAC. Chest seal training is mandated by the legislative bill. Jeff stated they are teaching occlusive dressings, taped on 3 sides. Utilized classroom supplies such as plastic cover sheets, etc.

Air Medical Guidelines Update: Alyson Nickum-Smith summarized a conference call with all air medical services within the RAC. Discussed information to be distributed includes: LZ training, utilization. Will have further discussion during the December meeting. Brian Dean discussed hosting a Safety Day with public providers to discuss safety components, services available, etc. Still working on updating air medical guidelines.

Perinatal Update: Katina Landry state since Kelli is absent, she is working to get information sent by Kelli and will discuss at the committee meeting this afternoon.

Best Practices: Wendell Wiley provided overview of challenges with drug shortages. After review, there is no real consensus related to this concern in the literature. Some agencies throughout the US are working with major medical centers to study the effects of utilizing expired medications. In Texas City, stock is rotated, and their medical



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director has approved the use of expired medications 6-12 months past expiration date. Many medications are no longer stocked on the pumpers to ensure medications are used. He encouraged discussion with legislatures and voice concerns. Derek stated DOD has conducted studies and have showed that most drugs have the same efficacy up to 10 years post expiration date. Wendell would like to form a subcommittee to address this issue and present at the next General Assembly their discussion and ideas. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please sign-up or contact Wendell Wiley.

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Cassidy, from Nexxus, provided a very informative lecture on Evolving Concepts in the Management of Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness following TBI.

General Assembly adjourned at 1300 for breakout to committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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