



**East Texas Gulf Coast
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**General Assembly Minutes
3/10/2020**

Meeting called to order at 0900. Minutes from December 10, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Vicki Tarnow and seconded by Daniel Diaz. Motion carried.

Administration/Finance:

- **Review Financial reports:** Lucille Maes provided the finance report. EMS Grant still has \$44,000 left. County grant for \$91,000. Still need documentation from providers. Receipts must be submitted to the RAC office and approved by April 1, 2020. Lucille reviewed the agencies that have received pass through funds and those that have not received pass through funds. If you did not receive the email from the RAC office, send an email to the RAC office.

GETAC Report:

- EMS committee report provided by Jim and Nathan.
 - TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System) will be required for all EMS personnel with June 2021 as the target date. This is a free course and is available online.
 - Several work groups have been established looking at Behavioral Health, Body Cameras, etc. Get involved if you are interested.
 - The EMS Rules are under revision. A draft is being prepared and once draft completed will take throughout the state for comment.
 - Fingerprinting is now required and should be completed prior to applying for your renewal.
- Disaster Committee will be distributing disaster wrist bands that will be utilized on all transports. The initial distribution of bands will be paid through a grant. Once you have utilized your first distribution, your agency will be required to purchase additional bands.
- Air Medical committee discussed ETE vs ETA's. Best practice is to provide true ETA's which includes time of call, start up time and time of arrival. This recommendation is the same for ground transport services.
- Trauma Committee focused on the rules and rule revision. New proposed rules have eliminated audit filters, staffing, etc. Clarification document clarifies the definition of the rules.
 - During GETAC the discussion focused on halting the rule revision given the dysfunction.
 - Jane Guerrero will be retiring at the end of March.
- TETAF will be held at 4pm. Dr. Rhyne is in charge.



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- Big legislative changes before the November elections. Be aware of these upcoming changes.
- TETAF will be assisting in coordination of the meetings. May meeting will be at the Omni in South Park.
- GETAC update effective April 1st, an 800 self-reporting line for individuals in the EMS arena to self-report drug and / or ETOH abuse. This model has been utilized on three individuals and has been successfully.

Stroke Update: Brenda Yanez discussed a study that UTMB is looking at last known well. In collaboration with GAAA, stickers and a video have been developed. The stickers provide the opportunity for EMS to document last known well and emergency contact information. If interested in collaborating with the study, contact Brenda. Next ASLS course is scheduled for June 2, 2020 in League City. Deposit of \$50.00 is required to hold your slot. Checks will be returned upon completion of the course.

Air Medical Update: No update provided.

DSHS Update: Joey Ancelet provided an update from DSHS. Reiterated mandatory fingerprinting effective June 1st.

Injury Prevention: Kirby Thierheimer was introduced to the group. She reviewed the results of the survey monkey. Fifteen responded to the questionnaire with 6 agreeing to participate in Injury Prevention. Falls and MVC's were the highest number by MOI. Obstacles listed in providing injury prevention activities included lack of staffing, lack of funding, and willingness to participate were listed as the biggest barriers. Respondents were asked to provide ideas for programs. Responses included public course on responder safety and meeting with elderly fall victims to determine their needs. Members were encouraged to reach out to Kirby if interested in injury prevention.

Guest speaker (Kirsten Stutts): Donation after Circulatory Death- Provided an overview of STA, referral process and types of donors. Approximately 80% donors have reached brain death and become donors while 20% donate after circulatory death. Goal is to save as many lives as possible from one donor.

Life-Assist (Brett Archer): Provided lunch for membership and distributed information.

Meeting adjourned 1200 and members moved to committee meetings.



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Respectfully submitted,

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