



**East Texas Gulf Coast
Regional Trauma Advisory Council**
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General Assembly Minutes 12/8/20

Meeting called to order at 0900. Minutes from October 13, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Tommy Leigh and seconded by Toni Maddox. Motion carried.

Operations:

- RAC office remains open and functioning as normal.
- Distribution of AP500 units have started to EMS agencies. If you have not received your unit, contact Jeff Thibodeaux via email. Lucille stated the Brazoria County units will be distributed this week.

Administration/Finance:

- **Review Financial reports:**
 - **EMS RAC Grant:** received \$76,245 with current balance of \$53,219.
 - **EMS County Grant:** \$128,511 with only half spent. The following agencies have not submitted their invoices to receive funds: Sweeny Hospital EMS, Acadian SETX, SETXAR, Hamshire and Port Arthur Fire. If invoices are not received by close of business on 12/15, funds will be redistributed to other agencies.
 - **RAC Systems Development:** \$91,500 is due to be distributed to RAC for this grant year. Money has not been received.
 - **LPG pending**
 - **SB500:** Currently \$10,000 remains however is earmarked for the wrist bands.

Motion to accept report by Wendell Wiley, seconded by Tommy Leigh. Motion carried.

Chair Report:

- If you have not received the AP500 units, send an email to Jeff and the RAC office. Brazoria County units will be distributed this week.
- Board of Director position for Acute Care has been vacated. Will be monitoring to determine who to appoint to the board.
- EMS County deadline is December 15, 2020 at close of business. If not received, there will be a second round of distribution.
- RAC Webpage has been updated. RAC-R attic has been created. Contact Jeff if you have equipment that is not being used that could be redistributed to another agency within the RAC. Transfer forms will be signed to redistribute the equipment.



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- GETAC council will be meeting December 14, 2020.

Stop the Bleed: Review the STB website for updates on course, social distancing and cleaning of equipment.

Impact of COVID and Perceived Increase in Penetrating Trauma: Diana Grimm-Mapp provided an overview of the increased penetrating trauma since COVID19 in the limited available literature along with UTMB data. All agreed a more regional look of this data would be important to review including EMS data for deaths on scene and all transports. Although Kathy stated we need a commitment from all RAC members to really delve into the data. Tim Welch recommended adding assaults in addition to stab/GSW's and to include any age. Recommendation to send a questionnaire through Survey Monkey to determine participation by RAC members.

Case Review- The Woman's Hospital of Texas: Neonatologist Bill Caplan, MD provided information on their AIRLIFE Transport team and will transport from our region to their facility. Reviewed a case of a full-term neonate delivered at an OSH with meconium aspiration upon birth. Subsequently transferred to the Woman's Hospital due to persistent pneumothoracies. Turkel chest tube was placed to however was not placed appropriately and required reinsertion of the tube. Case was reviewed at their M/M and re-education was provided on placing the tube.

Safe2Save: Marci Corry, founder, and CEO of Safe2Save. She provided an enlightening presentation on this initiative to decrease decrease distracted driving. Since COVID pandemic started, there has been an increase in distracted driving injuries. Positive approach to decrease distracted driving by offering free meals/perks. Texas AM Transportation institute showed a decrease in phone use and distracted driving with the deployment of Safe 2 Save. This is a 'fun' way to provide injury prevention to a population that likes to compete with friends/families.

Open Forum:

- **Hospitals:** If you have not submitted Quarter 1 and 2, 2020 trauma data, please get that to Diana ASAP. You can also begin submitting Quarter 3 data.

Passcode word: COLD

Motion to adjourn made by Tommy Leigh and seconded by Wendell Wiley. Meeting adjourned 1106.



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Respectfully submitted,

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