



**East Texas Gulf Coast
Regional Trauma Advisory Council**
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General Assembly Minutes March 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 0900. Minutes from December 8, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Vicki Tarnow and seconded by Daniel Diaz. Motion carried.

Administration/Finance:

- **Review Financial Reports:** Lucille Maes
Year of double funding. \$152000 with \$122000 remaining. EMS county grant received 257000 for the year with 87000 still to be expended. This round ends April 23. All receipts must be received by the RAC office. The state is now requiring a copy of the cancelled check. Tobacco grant funds have not been received however expecting any day. SB500 with statewide wristband project that will close out the grant. Motion to approve by Ron Nichols, seconded by Alyson. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Jeff Thibodeaux

- **State Mandated Mask Order:** State mandated mask will be lifted effective 3/10/21. Any private entity that would like to continue with the masking requirement may move forward with keeping masking order in effect.
- **Injury Prevention:** Must have an IP program. Kirby Thierheimer from UTMB Galveston is the chair of the committee. Updated injury prevention fat heads have been made and distributed across the region. Jeff will email the membership with process to distribute to hospitals/EMS.
- **Wristband Project:** Nine of the RACS's piloted the program with distribution of approximately 30,000 bands. Wristband to be used to track patients during disasters. Money has been set aside from the SB500 grant to cover the cost of the wristbands. Many questions remain on the use, distribution, tracking and data. More to come as information is received from the state.
- **Board Elections:** March 5th was the last day to submit nominations to the nominations committee. No nominations will be accepted from the floor during the elections in June. Wendell Wiley provided an update on the positions up for re-election. The nominations will be presented to the RAC Board today. Once approved, nominations will be distributed to the General Assembly to review.
- **RAC Realignment:** The request to realign Galveston and Brazoria Counties has not moved forward. DSHS has had no further communication from the County Judges. There are still discussions within the state system to realign all RACs.
- **Legislative Update:** TETAF holds a weekly Legislative Update.
- **Committee Meetings:** The board has moved forward to obtain additional licenses for meetings to be held through Go-to-meeting. Committee chairs should contact Jeff and he will assist with setting up your group.

Air Medical Update: Alyson Nickum-Smith

- GETAC meeting was cancelled due to the winter weather.
- Alyson will be working with the air medical services in our region to obtain accurate contact information.

Perinatal Update: Kelli Huebel

- Case presentation today
- Committee meetings will discuss updates and deadlines.



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Corridor Update: Vicki Tarnow

- PPE is still available through SETRAC. Go to the SETRAC website to order PPE. With the decrease in COVID numbers may move to an ad hoc distribution of PPE.
- To begin decrease in staffing by 10% that was provided during COVID. Begin developing plans to address staffing within your facility.
- CMOC has moved to normal operations effective 3/8/21.
- Next Corridor meeting March 19th. Please join. If you do not currently receive these calendar invitations, reach out to SETRAC (Lisa Spivey, Lori Upton or Jeremy Way). Must request to be a member of the corridor.

EMS Compliance: Jennifer Hays

- Virtual inspections continue however will begin performing in person inspections.

Injury Prevention Update: Kirby Thierheimer

- Safe2Save: Previous presentation to the General Assembly in December. Will likely move forward however final vote due today during the board meeting.
- Tai Chi for fall prevention and can be performed in a virtual setting. Kirby will be able to assist hospitals and communities to hold these virtual classes.
- Center for Addiction Research with UTMB was awarded a TxDOT grant aimed at impaired driving. First virtual webinar with College of the Mainland will be held today. This grant covers our region and can be brought to your community. Contact Kirby for additional information or email worthit@utmb.edu.
- UTMB is working out logistics to re-engage Stop the Bleed with the community.

Violence and Mental Health Crisis: Dr. Ron Acierno and Sarly Butte

Trauma and Resilience Clinic originally funded for veterans through multiple centers. Additional funding from Crime Victims allows the clinic to also evaluate pre-hospital, firefighters, and police officers free of charge to treat traumatic stress. Multidisciplinary team talking about action focused changes in day-to-day life. Referral to direct line 713-486-2630 or email Sarly Butte (sarly.t.butte@uth.tmc.edu) or Dr. Acierno (ronald.acierno@uth.tmc.edu). Treatment is short term between 8-12 weeks. If additional treatment is needed, will refer for ongoing treatment. At this time, services are offered through a virtual format and will continue post-COVID. A copy of the presentation will be distributed to the membership. Additional information can be found at <https://med.uth.edu/psychiatry/research/centers/trauma-and-resilience-center>

Best Practices: Case presentation by Kathy Rodgers, Kelli Huebel, Cal Bynum and Lauree Thompson, MD

Provided a case review titled All Hands On Deck: OB Trauma. In summary, high speed in a small sedan at highway speeds hitting an 18 wheeler. MCI declared with 4 patients involved. Driver of 18-wheeler triaged as walking wounded. Driver of the sedan dead on scene. Front seat passenger initially tagged as expired. The victim in the back seat had agonal respirations and was identified as requiring immediate care. After additional medics arrived, the front passenger was re-evaluated and noted to have agonal



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respirations and fetal movement. Rapid c-section upon patient arrival to the ED with all team members from trauma surgeon, neonatology and OR prior to the patient arrival. Total placental abruption. Neonate was passed off to NICU staff. Estimated gestational age at 34 weeks. CPR in progress, intubated and umbilical venous catheter placed. Despite best efforts, the neonate expired. Reviewed the emergent OB c-section guidelines and placental abruption. Spiritual and emotional needs of the staff including CISD. Kathy reviewed the Trauma PI process performed on these three cases including opportunities for improvement from all aspects of care.

Membership to email RAC office with the passcode: INJURY PREVENTION

To do:

- RAC Office to distribute slides from Ron Acierno and Sarly Butte presentation.

Meeting adjourned 1118.

Respectfully submitted,

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