

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 1010 by H. T. Fillingim, Chair.

Roll Call:     H. T. Fillingim, Chair  
                  Todd Barnes, Vice Chair  
                  Bobbie Collom, Secretary  
                  Cindy Boles, Treasurer  
                  Josie Fillingim  
                  Randy King  
                  Kevin, Ray  
                  Steven Hobbs  
                  Lee Ann Fraser  
                  Sheila Kuehler  
                  Tammy Heidenheimer  
                  Neil White, Executive Coordinator

Guests: Arlen Bolenbaucher, DSHS and Gary Griffith, DSHS.

Bobbie read the minutes from the February conference call. Motion by Todd Barnes to accept the minutes as read, second by Tammy Heidenheimer; all in favor, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy has not gotten all the information she needs to present a full report at this time. She did report a balance of \$148,714.57 in the Citizens Bank account. Between now and the next meeting, she will prepare a full report showing the balances in all the accounts.

Trauma revisions: Neil says he believes most of the pieces of the plan are in place.

Stroke/STEMI protocols: Kevin Ray has put together a proposed EMS Response algorithm for the committee to look over.

On this subject, Randy King opened the discussion on problems getting suspected stroke patients transferred to the "lead" facility in this area, which is Hendrick Medical Center, because of lack of neurosurgery/neurology capabilities. There was a lengthy discussion on the topic and many of the rural hospitals in the northernmost areas of the Big Country are transferring to United Healthcare in Wichita Falls; those in the southern sections are transferring to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo; eastern counties are sending their patients to Fort Worth; and western counties are transferring to Lubbock.

Todd is going to bring this up for discussion at the next HPG meeting. Randy King suggested that the RAC send a letter to the CEOs of both Abilene Regional and Hendrick addressing this problem in an attempt to seek resolution. H.T. asked Randy and Kevin if they would draft a letter for him to sign on behalf of the BCRAC.

Arlen Bolenbaucher of DSHS cautioned that we should be sure that we have the issue of PI/CQI appropriately addressed in both our bylaws and in our Trauma Service Plan prior to instituting the above action.

Motion by Randy King, second by Todd Barnes that the Executive Committee appoint members to fill the vacancies on the PI committee and that those appointments will include a delegate from ARMC and a delegate from HMC. The Executive Committee will function as the PI committee until such time as these appointments are made and the bylaws are amended. The Executive Committee will monitor the activities of the PI committee. All members voted in favor, none opposed.

Bylaw revisions: Bobbie will make proposed amendments to the bylaws in Word format and will send out to the group for input.

Results of 06/07 contract: Still have not received a final report from Omega at DSHS. We will have to write a check for an unknown amount because we cannot provide appropriate receipts.

Suggestions to improve record keeping: Omega will set a date in the future to come out and set up a set of books. Cindy will set up a handwritten ledger and also set it up electronically.

Website: Amanda has updated the addresses on the forms on the website. We will also try to post items of interest to the group i.e. fundraisers, news, and a link to vendors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1205.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie L. Collom  
Secretary