

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
02/21/2024**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 10:00am

Minutes of January 17, 2024 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jimmy Bryant; second by David Allman, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 154233.67
EMS County	\$ 153535.81
Tobacco	\$ 60391.08
SB8	\$ 175,003.76
Dues Account	\$ 7263.60

Received the invoice for TETAF subscription \$1000 will be paid from dues

GRANT REVIEW

EMS County –

Deadline for participation is 3/31/2024

Multiple invoices and proof of payment have been received since the January meeting. Payment is being made as received.

DSHS released next years allocation list and this has been forwarded to all members to review.

EMS RAC –

Funding has been received – this grant is used for administrative purposes

Additional funding has been received – request for purchase of supplies and equipment is being reviewed by the injury prevention and education committees. Approved purchases will be notified and then the RAC office will work towards getting these items purchased. During the January meeting a decision was made to readdress the “request for purchase” and start from scratch. All members who had previous made a request would need to resubmit their request and limit to \$3000. . Only 11 members have responded since the January meeting. The RAC office will contact each member that had previous made a request prior to the January meeting and advise they need to resubmit their request. An additional email will be sent to the membership reminding of the opportunity to request equipment or education of an amount up tp \$3000.

RAC Development – AAAM course has been scheduled for April 18 and 19. Deadline for registration is 3/31/2024. Currently have 15 participants from RACD have registered.

Friedrich	Robert	Hendrick North
Kiser	Heather	Stonewall Memorial Hospital
Campbell	Holli	Stephens Memorial Hospital
Usener	Leticia	Mitchell County Hospital
Pickett	Chancy	Coleman County Medical Center
Hennan	Brenna	Hendrick Medical Center
Lackey	Christa	Hendrick Health System
Roberson	Brandi	Hendrick Medical Center

Zapata	Susie	Hendrick Health
Davis	Deni	Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital
Edgar	Holly	Stephens Memorial Hospital
Thompson	Sarah	Comanche County Medical Center
Voss	Kinsi	Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital
Woody	Yvette	Mitchell county hospital
SHELTON	MEGHAN	HASKELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Based on the class minimum requirement of 15 being satisfied, this course will not be made public to members outside of the RAC.

Reminder: The BCRAC has the following items available to members: Rescue Me tags, thermometers, file of life magnets, STEMI/Stroke magnets, fire extinguishers, CO monitors, night lights, grabbers, non-slip socks, child ID kits, STB kits, De Chokers and Bike Helmets

SB8 – Currently paid out \$624,198.43

36 Basic EMT (3 have withdrawn – 1 has committed to repayment 2 will be sent to the state) 2 have requested and been approved for extensions

21 AEMT (4 have withdrawn and have not responded to repayment request – these will be referred to the state)

56 Paramedic (1 withdrawn but has been repaid & 1 have not responded to repayment request & 1 is pending repayment) 6 have requested and been approved for extensions

EMS Sponsor is responsible for tracking reporting progress –

On the website under SB8 & Education are the surveys that should be completed after completion of the course, tracking of certification and continued monitoring for hours worked

Recently the RAC has had a couple of applicants that have already started their EMT, AEMT or paramedic course and have applied for SB8 funding. Director Schmeider was asked if scholarships should be paid for a student already in progress of the course and his response was The Executive committee made a decision to not grant scholarships to students that have already begun their program.

Motion to approve the Financial and Grant Review by David Allman; second by Jason Gruben; all in favor, none opposed.

Bylaw Review – No action needed

Committee Review

STEMI – STEMI plan has been sent to general membership for review and will be presented for approval during the April GA meeting

Stroke –

Performance Improvement -

Hospital –

Budget/Finance –

Education and Injury Prevention -

Pediatric – ** Kayla Cehand represents BCRAC in the Pediatric Readiness program
 Kayla is no longer with Hendrick hospital. This position is a paid position and does not require affiliation with a Hospital but is up to the RAC.
 Based on Kayla not having an affiliation with a hospital and her place on

the executive committee is a Hospital representative, Kayle will be removed from the Executive Committee and the voting member of the hospital she represented will be appointed to the Executive Committee. The board appoints Stephanie Chapa as a hospital representative on the Executive committee. Stephanie represents Hendrick North. This appointment will be ratified by the General Assembly during the April meeting. The RAC office will reach out to Dena Perez with the paranatal department at Hendrick North and ask if there is anyone within that department that could fill the Pediatric Readiness Program representative for the RAC. If there is no one available, an email will be sent to the membership to see if anyone has an interest in fulfilling this role and if there is no interest, the RAC office will contact Kayla to see if she would want to join the RAC as an associate member, pay the dues, complete all required paperwork and continue to be the representative.

Open Forum:

RAC storage was moved to the new location at 2557 Industrial Blvd Ste C
Upon moving – the space leased in January is larger than needed.
Lease will be amended to include 2 rooms of Ste C and one office space in Ste A where mail will be received, with and a dedicated RAC computer and printer for \$825 a month instead of the original \$1500

- Storage Units no longer being paid as of 2/1/2024

We have two vacancies on Executive Committee

Kayla Cehand – Hos ~ Stephanie Chapa has been appointed as the Hospital representative replacing Kayla representing Hendrick N

Elizabeth Craig – Hos no longer affiliated with Eastland Memorial Hospital and has been removed from the Executive Committee.

Kinsi Voss received the first nomination with Throckmorton Hospital has been nominated and will be contacted to ask if she will accept the nomination to the Executive Committee.

If Kinsi Voss does not accept the nomination, Chancy Pickett with Coleman Hospital received the 2nd nomination and will be contacted. If Chancy does not accept the nomination,

Meghan Shelton received a 3rd nomination with Haskell Hospital will be contacted regarding the open Hospital Executive Committee appointment. Haskell Hospital has been taking steps to become an active compliant member.

Deni Davis with Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital announced that Rolling Plains will be hosting a Rural Trauma Team Decvelopment Course on March 28, 2024. Additional information will be given to the RAC office to be disbursed to the membership regarding this event.

*****Assessment is BACK and we need to have weekly meetings once the rules are approved and the Assessment is implemented *****

Completing this ASSESSMENT will take participation from EVERYONE

Reminder that all required documents are due.

These can be found on the website at www.bigcountryrac.org under inks/documents
Invoice for the dues can be found on the website and payment can be made via pay pal link on the website

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 on motion made by Sarah Alvarez, second by Tammy Hamilton; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

BCRAC Officers/Board Members

2/21/2024

@ 10:00am

Executive Council	Position		Affiliation	Signature
Russel Thomas	Chair - Interim	August, 2024	Scurry Co EMS	yes
Jason Gruben	Vice Chair - Interim	August, 2025	Mitchell Co EMS	yes
Sarah Alvarez	Secretary/Hospital Rep	August, 2024	Hendrick South	yes
Marta Pagura	Treasurer	August, 2025	Air EVAC - Abilene	yes
Steven Hobbs	EMS Rep	August, 2025	AirMethods	yes
Aaron Maxwell	EMS Rep	August, 2024	Abilene Fire	absent
Lexie Fiest	Hospital Rep	August, 2024	Comanche Medical	absent
Tammy Hamilton	Hospital Rep	August, 2025	Fisher County Hos	absent
Shella Kuelher	Hospital Rep	August, 2024	Knox County Hospital	absent
Elizabeth Craig	Hospital Rep	August, 2024	Eastland Mem Hos	
Deni Davis	Hospital Rep	August, 2024	Rolling Plains Mem Hos	yes
Jimmy Bryant	EMS Rep	August, 2024	MetroCare	yes
David Allman	EMS Rep/Web Design	August, 2024	Taylor EMS	yes
Jonathan Galinak	First Responder Rep	August, 2025	Eula VFD	yes
Kayla Cehand	Hospital Rep	August, 2025	Hendrick North	yes
Marlee Puckett	Executive Director			
Gary Griffith	EMS Program Specialist		DSHS	

Stephanie Ortega - guest