

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1009.

Minutes of July 20, 2022 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Marta Pagura; second by Tammy Hamilton, all in favor, none opposed.

**Financial Review –**

EMS RAC	\$ 54526.10
EMS County	\$ 206053.59
Tobacco	\$ 80796.06
SB8	\$ 468,104.14
Dues Account	\$ 9817.85

**Grant Review –**

**EMS County** –Pass-through monies have been received and a letter has been sent to the providers. Deadline for submitting receipts/invoices and cancelled checks is 3/31/2023. Dates for invoices are 9/1/22 – 3/31/23  
Recommendation made to present to BCEMSPO that any funds that could not be distributed due to compliance issues would be pulled for Regional Projects. These Regional Projects include but are not limited to continuation of the programs already in place for Fall Prevention and Injury Prevention and education for EMS outlined below.

**RAC Development** – Propose that the fiscal budget for RAC Development that was presented in July 2022 be approved by the Education and Injury Prevention committees as follows

funds were proposed and approved follows:

- 20 % administration as needed including travel as need
- 80% split as follows
  - Reimbursement of education and injury prevention expenses as submitted up to an amount equal to all submitting parties. Receipt and proof of payment due date is 3/31/2022.
  - Fall prevention items including but not limited to: night lights, non-skid socks, grabbers, toilet rails, bed rails, bath tub rails, socks assist
  - Fire Extinguishers & CO2 monitors
  - Rescue Me Tags and all expenses associated with Project Rescue me including, postage & 1-800 #
  - File of Life magnets
  - Child ID Safety tags
  - Vehicle Thermometers
  - STEMI/Stroke magnets
  - Tx Wristbands

**Above will be available for all members**

**Senate Bill 8 (EMSE)** – Presented an overview of the SB8 (EMSE) funds as follows which will be presented specifically to BCEMSPO and also summarized for the General Assembly. EMS Agencies will partner with current employees benefiting from sponsorship opportunities for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic training. Employees will obtain all necessary paperwork and return that paperwork to the RAC office. The student is

responsible for verifying the paperwork was received within the office and after enrolling in an accredited program verifying payment has been made to that program. If a student approaches the RAC for sponsorship, the RAC will help facilitate the relationship between the student and EMS Agency in order for a sponsorship to occur. If the student fails to complete the program, the Sponsoring Agency will attempt to collect the scholarship from the student and reimburse the RAC the amount paid. If the EMS Agency is unable to collect the funds, the RAC office will attempt to collect the funds. The student will also commit to work 96 hours a month for one year if EMT and 2 years if AEMT or Paramedic with the sponsoring agency. Failure to complete this commitment will also result in the student repaying the scholarship to the RAC.

Administrative expenses are left to the discretion of the RAC Executive Director and should mirror other RAC's similar in size.

A list of current educators in the RACD area are as follows:

Abilene Fire Department EMS Training Program  
AXON Education Texas EMS School  
Percom Online EMS Education  
South Taylor EMS  
TSTC West Texas  
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital Training Center

Please refer to the attached EMSE Overview for additional information

Due to the additional funds from Senate Bill 8 (SB8) it was recommended and approved that two additional accounts be opened at two different banks to maintain accounts at an amount less than the insurable FDIC amount of \$250,000. An account will be opened at First Financial Bank in Abilene and Haskell Nation Bank in Abilene. Signors for these accounts will be Chair – Russel Thomas, Treasurer – Marta Pagura, Secretary – Sarah Alvarez and Executive Director – Marlee Puckett

Motion to approve the Financial and Grant Review by Jonathan Galinak; second by Marta Pagura all in favor, none opposed.

Committee Review:

Stroke Committee –

STEMI –

PI Committee – Third quarter PI report is due 10/31/22. The PI Compliance will be uploaded to the website several times within the month for members to monitor their own compliance better in addition to the email reminders that are sent out by the RAC office. AS of 10/18/2022 at 10:00am the only PI reports completed were as follows: Abilene Fire Department, Air Evac Abilene, Air Evac Eastland, Comanche EMS, Dublin EMS, Eastland EMS, Taylor County EMS & Throckmorton County Hospital

Hospital Committee –

Education and Injury Prevention – Recommendation to use funds as follows:

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Finance Committee –

Open Forum – The RAC will start providing a virtual option for Medical Directors to attend General Assembly meetings. This option is not available for RAC members as they are still required to attend GA meetings in person and attendance is registered by the members signature on the sign in sheet.

**REMINDER ALL DOCUMENTS - Needs Assessment,  
Membership Application, Dues and Affidavit are due  
and found on the website**

Meeting adjourned at 1155 on motion made by Jonathan Galinak, second by Harold “Red” Gerhart; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

# BCRAC Officers/Board Members

Meeting date 10-19-2022

Executive Council	Position	Affiliation	Cell phone	Present/Absent
Russel Thomas	Chair - Interim	Scurry Co EMS	325-933-0346	
Jason Gruben	Vice Chair - Interim	Mitchell Co EMS	325-636-3819	
Sarah Alvarez	Secretary/Hospital Rep	Hendrick South	325-439-1803	<i>Sarah Alvarez</i>
Marta Pagura	Treasurer	Air EVAC - Abilene	417-274-9016	<i>Marta Pagura</i>
Steven Hobbs	EMS Rep	AirMethods	325-338-0669	
Aaron Maxwell	EMS Rep	Abilene Fire	<del>254-433-4444</del>	<i>Aaron Maxwell</i> 325-660-7800
Lexie Flest	Hospital Rep	Brownwood Regional	325-330-0839	
Tammy Hamilton	Hospital Rep	Fisher County Hos	325-439-1803	
Shella Kuelher	Hospital Rep	Knox County Hospital	<del>325-228-9498</del>	<i>Shella Kuelher</i> 940-264-1108
Harold "Red" Gerhart	Hospital Rep	Rolling Plains Hos	<del>325-533-3797</del>	<i>Harold Gerhart</i> 229-2294
Lee Williamson	Hospital Rep	Stephens Mem Hos	254-669-9000	
Jarrold Green	EMS Rep	MetroCare	325-244-4901	
David Allman	EMS Rep/Web Design	Taylor EMS	325-733-7098	
Jonathan Gallinak	First Responder Rep	Eula VFD	325-668-0119	
Kayla Cehand	Hospital Rep	Hendrick North	254-541-9724	
Marlee Puckett	Executive Director		325-660-6081	<i>Marlee Puckett</i>