BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
10/21/2026

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

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

Minutes of September 16, 2026 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jason Gruben second by Kelby Hodges, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	$ 202,872.12
EMS County	$ 214,164.12
Tobacco	$ 75,850.40
Whole Blood	$ 133,380.76
Dues Account	$ 15,390.83

Grant Review

EMS County – EMS County Disbursements letters have been sent to compliant members via email and will be sent via mail. One member has already submitted invoices and proof of payment for reimbursement. Eligible members should submit expenditures with the proof of payment and the DSHS spreadsheet before 3/31/2027. Invoices must be dated between 9/1/2026 – 3/31/2027

EMS RAC – Funding has been received. In October, EI funding will be reviewed and the Injury Prevention/Education committee will determine how that will be spent for the upcoming year. If approved Request for Equipment can be made immediately and will be worked as received. The deadline to submit a request is 3/31/2027.

RAC Development – Funding has been received, during the October GA meeting, Injury Prevention/Education committee will determine how that will be spent for the upcoming year.

Survey Monkey has been sent for members to recommend education for the upcoming year. The results of the survey have been emailed to the Education/Injury Prevention Committee for review and recommendations today.

Recommendation to continue to pursue opportunities for our region to develop a CISM support group. Kellie Batangan has volunteered to chair this committee.

Recommendation to continue providing Cadaver training this year as we continue to have multiple people show interest, but the classes were full.

Recommendation to allocate $3000 to Whole Blood training and $350 per registration for the Whole Blood Summit.

Recommendation to allocate $ towards the International Stroke Conference in Houston in February

Need to budget for purchases of injury prevention and fall prevention items and replenish as needed throughout the year.

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Whale Tags TXENA Whale - TXENA (Glass cling)
File of Life Magnets
Grabber, Socks and Nightlights
STEMI/Stroke Magnets
CO2 Monitors
DeChokers
Bike Helmets
Shoe Horns
Fire Extinguishers
Sock Pulls
Car Assist Devices

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, De Chokers, bike helmets, shoe horns and car assist devices

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

Bylaw Review – By-law Review committee has completed it's review and the draft version of the changes was sent to the membership to review. Recommendation to present to GA today approval to add CISM Committee to the by-laws. No responses from the membership. We will vote on this in October.

Committee Review

STEMI – STEMI plan has been sent to the membership for review – will vote on this in Oct
Stroke –
Performance Improvement –
Hospital –
Budget/Finance – Monthly reconciliation reports are reviewed by the treasurer
Education and Injury Prevention –

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- Need to determine what to do with EI funding ($3000 per member in the past)
- Need to determine what/if any education will be provided
- Cadaver Lab – Interest from last year and carry over of those that didn't get to attend. Can we provide this training for those that didn't get to attend last year?
- Recommendation to continue to pursue opportunities for our region to develop a CISM support group.

Whole Blood – Second disbursement has been received and additional purchases are being made

Pediatric – Rac-D will be hosting the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PEEC) 10/26 at Hendrick in Aux B with Sally Snow. Need to know TODAY if you plan to attend and have not already signed up as course materials will be sent to registrants this week.
Haley Long has provided the minutes from their meeting in June of 2026

Pediatric Old Business:

- HMC-S and HMC-N Women and Children's Services consolidation complete June 2026
- Education offered by HMC-N
  - NRP
  - STABLE
  - Intermediate and Fetal Monitoring Courses
- TCHMB Lactation and Safe Sleep Opportunities in Texas (LASSO-TX)
  - HMC-N, HMC-B, and RPMH are participating in the LASSO-TX Project
  - The goal of the LASSO-TX Project is to develop a TCHMB-led quality improvement (QI) initiative focused on improving breastfeeding and use of mother's own milk for Texas infants, along with promotion of safe infant sleep best practices
- OB Sepsis
  - HMC working on sepsis protocols

Pediatric New Business:

- CME presentations offered by Richard Deulofeut, MD
  - Newborn Abdominal Emergencies and Obstructions
  - Five Key Areas Where Ethical Dilemmas Arise in Newborn Care
- Continued Educational offerings at HMC
  - NRP & Stable
  - Specific requests welcomed
- HMC-N implemented a Milk Drop Program in October 2025, and are seeing a decreased overall length of stay for infants in the NICU, and an overall increase in infants feeding breastmilk at discharge

NICU Evacuation Drill w/ Abilene Fire Department & Ambus was successful

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Open Forum

- Pulsara Discussion see attached from Hendrick
  Intelligence allows for voice texting in the comments and then populates related fields
- Reminder of Survey on the home page and also under Injury Prevention called Injury/Prevention Program Reporting. This should be used to report and track any IP and Education Events. Added a direct link under the Injury Prevention Tab showing what events have occurred. Complete even if it is only a singular item (bed rail, etc)
- Reminder to completed required docs and pay dues - all are available on website
- Lifenet contract ends 12/1/2026 – Hendrick will no longer be using LifeNet as of 12/1/2026.
- Medical Directors Dinner – CHANGED TO January 19, 2027 at Miguels…invitations will be sent to all Medical Directors in the region. (Change due to EMS Physicians Seminar held during the week of 1/12)
- Next year's GA meetings will be back at the Shelton Building, Hendrick Hospital
- Hospitals need to scan the Tx Wristbands when a patient is received. If they are not scanning the wristbands and the patient is transferred again all data is lost
- Use all Tx Wristbands in circulation even if they do not start with TX. The RAC office only has bands with TX for future use but the old bands do not need to be discarded and can be use until gone
- Lexie Fiest is no longer with Comanche and has officially resigned from the Executive Committee, a replacement will be named during the October meeting
- Dr. Andrew Rock (neurosurgeon) will be introduced during the Oct meeting.
- Virtual Car Seat Technician Class available – contract Russel the more information

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am on motion made by Jimmy Bryant, second by Jason Gruben; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

BCRAC Executive Committee

Date 10/21/2026

Executive Council	Position	Affiliation	
Russel Thomas	Chair - interim	Scurry Co EMS	
Jason Gruben	Vice Chair - interim	Mitchell Co EMS	
Tammy Hamilton	Secretary/Hospital Rep	Fisher County Hos	
Marta Pagura	Treasurer	Air EVAC - Abilene	
Kelby Hodges	EMS Rep	Throckmorton EMS	
Aaron Maxwell	EMS Rep	Abilene Fire	
~~Lexie Fiest~~	~~Hospital Rep~~	~~Comanche Medical~~	
Martee Tebow	Hospital Rep	Hendrick South	
Sheila Kuelher	Hospital Rep	Knox County Hospital	
Kinis Voss	Hospital Rep	Throckmorton Hospital	
Deni Davis	Hospital Rep	Rolling Plains Mem Hos	
Jimmy Bryant	EMS Rep	MetroCare	
David Allman	EMS Rep	Taylor EMS	
Jonathan Galinak	First Responder Rep	Eula VFD	
Stephanie Chapa	Hospital Rep	Hendrick North	
Marlee Puckett	Executive Director		
Gary Griffith	EMS Program Specialist	DSHS	