

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
4/15/2026**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 10:14am

Minutes of March 18, 2026 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jason Gruben second by Jonathan Galinak, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 78724.26
EMS County	\$ 39472.10
Tobacco	\$ 54396.38
Dues Account	\$ 10903.53

Grant Review

EMS County – All eligible members had the opportunity to submit required documents by 3/31/2026. Disbursements have been made per the documentation received from eligible members.

EMS RAC – Request for equipment or education for compliant members was open through 3/31/2026. All request have been reviewed by the designated injury prevention education committee chairs. Notices have been sent to all requesting members providing additional information regarding their eligibility and instructions for submitting receipts and proof of payment matching their requested items or providing instructions for reimbursement if items are above \$3000. Although many request have been completed, some remain open and will be completed as received.

RAC Development – Injury Prevention/Education committee has secured “Science of Trauma Education” to be held in place of the July meeting. Emails will be sent to the membership asking for additional information regarding who will be attending the training in July. CE’s will be available for all attendees. If a cap is needed for the amount of attendees, it will be evenly distributed between members.

Compliant members are eligible for reimbursement up to \$500 for any education attended from 9/1/2025 through 7/31/2026. Invoices and proof of payment should be sent to the RAC office for reimbursement. This reimbursement will be paid as received.

Stroke education was approved as an online self-paced course “57ACLS” Advanced Stroke Life Support at \$157.00 per person. It is designed to educate healthcare professionals to effectively manage stroke patients across various clinical settings. The RAC will receive invoices from Hendrick as members sign up for the course and those invoices will be paid directly to Hendrick. If additional information is needed, contact the RAC office.

Hospital Data Management course has been completed and funding has been provided.

Cadaver lab dates 4/21/2026 is full and has been paid, 5/19/2026 has availability but 6/23/2026 is full.

This is a first come basis.

Trauma Care After Resuscitation training is available for up to 30 members. If interested, contact the RAC office (or Stephanie Cantu) for additional information

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, car assist and shoe horns

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

Bylaw Review – Will ask for volunteers to review the Bylaws during the General Assembly meeting. Jonathan volunteered to be the Chair of the review committee. Specifically looking at the language related to compliance.

Committee Review

STEMI – Currently being reviewed need status during the GA meeting.

Stroke – Regarding PI and Hendrick, since Hendrick reports via the RDC, the stroke sub-committee will review the data from RDC and submitted PI reports

Performance Improvement - Committee has received the PI reports from the previous quarter and will review during committee meetings.

Hospital –

Budget/Finance – Monthly reconciliation reports are reviewed by the treasurer and will be further reviewed by the Budget/Finance committee during the GA meeting

Education and Injury Prevention – Clarification on the TCAR course. Trauma Care After Resuscitation training was approved for 30 attendees...additional information can be obtained by contacting Stephanie Chapa.

Whole Blood –Expecting the first disbursement. Committee members present at the Executive meeting suggested opening an account at First Bank Texas with signors being Marlee Puckett, Aaron Maxwell and David Allman. Marta Pagura as treasurer will review all transactions monthly.

Pediatric – As of 4/9 only 20% of emergency departments in your trauma service area have completed the assessment.. <https://www.pedsready.org/>
Email reminder was sent on 4/11. Please get this done!

Open Forum

- 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. Since January meeting 3 more events have been held reaching over 176 people.










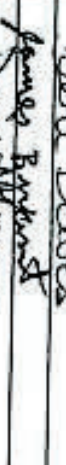


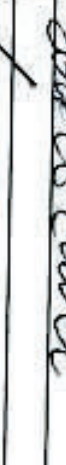



- HB624 will be added to the Regional Plan, Stroke Plan, Stemi Plan and Trauma Plan as an Addendum as it was released.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am on motion made by Kelby Hodges, second by Tammy Hamilton; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

BCRAC Executive Committee

Date 4/15/24

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 Kuelther	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	