

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
01/17/2024**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1:41pm

Minutes of October 18, 2023 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Kellie Batangan; second by David Allman, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 184,621.27
EMS County	\$ 173,138.45
Tobacco	\$ 62,066.80
SB8	\$ 218,953.76
Dues Account	\$ 7,922.47

GRANT REVIEW

EMS County – Funding has been received and letters have been mailed to providers that are eligible for the EMS County grant – deadline for participation is 3/31/2024. Anything received after the 3/31/2024 deadline will be re-allocated to regional projects. Reminder that eligible recipients will need to have paid dues and completed all required paperwork in order to receive funding. Regional projects for EMS providers will continue to be funded from the EMS County grant. EMS Services should contact Marlee if they are unsure about their status for funding.

EMS RAC – Funding has been received – this grant is used for administrative purposes. Additional funding of \$150,000 has been received and the Request for Equipment sent out after the October meeting has been organized and was presented to the Executive Committee. During the discussions regarding the request, it was brought to the Executive Committee’s attention that Hospitals did not understand they were also eligible for this funding. Based on that misunderstanding, the request for equipment/education received will be tabled and a new request for equipment/education will be opened up to all compliant members. Anyone interested in this opportunity for injury prevention equipment or education will need to submit a new request via the survey that is posted on the website and sent via email. The injury prevention and education committee will review to determine a divisible amount to be made equally available to all compliant members with a new deadline of 4/1/2024. The request will be reviewed and organized and made available at the April General Assembly meeting for additional review and begin the purchase process.

Link to completed the survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Requestforpurchase>

RAC Development – AAAM course has been scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2024. Currently there are 12 participants signed up. A list of participants read during

the GA meeting (attached) so that those that have not signed up will have an opportunity. The RAC is committed to pay for 15 spots at \$11,250 with a \$2500 faculty fee. If there is no additional charge and no cap on the number of participants, BCRAC will open this up to people outside of TSA D area. See attached for those that have already signed up.

Dechokers have been received and will be available to take after the GA meeting for members that completed the DeChoker survey for their counties. If others did not complete the survey, they can contact the RAC office to make arrangements to pick up DeChokers for their counties. Instructions will be provided to distribute with the DeChokers to day cares, head start programs, pre-k and elementary schools. EMS services will be responsible for the distribution of the DeChokers. It is anticipated that EMS will be contacted via 911 if a choking occurs. If the DeChoker is used the EMS service can contact the RAC office and get a new DeChoker to replace the used one.

The Stop the Bleed Cube will be presented during Injury Prevention and Education.

SB8 – Currently paid out \$580,248.43

32 Basic EMT All but two should have completed the course in 2023

20 AEMT (2 have withdrawn and have not responded to repayment request – these will be referred to the state) All but one should have completed the course in 2023

54 Paramedic (1 withdrawn but has been repaid & 1 has not responded to repayment request & 1 is pending repayment)

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

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

Bylaw Review – No action needed

Committee Review

STEMI – See attached for recommendations to the current STEMI plan

These recommendations will be added to the plan and sent to the GA for review with the recommendation these additions will be approved during the April GA meeting

Stroke – Hendrick has RDC Data

Hendrick auto acceptance of stroke transfers less than 22 hours

Discussed the VIZAI software

Performance Improvement - Requesting summary of current case without patient identifiers.

Reviewing the PI form and will make suggestions to alter the current PI

PI committee is meeting 2/8/2024 to review further

**See attached for the members that HAVE completed their PI reports as of 1/17/2024 at 6:15am **

Hospital – Discussed PEDI readiness

Budget/Finance – Marta Pagura, treasurer has moved to Budget and Finance as the chair of the committee all reconciliation reports and approved

Education and Injury Prevention - DeChokers have arrived and will be distributed.

Recommended to keep 40 toddler and 40 child on hand at all times.

Recommended to purchase 20 wound packing kits to be available for STB classes
Recommended re-opening the request for equipment to all compliant members.
Members should complete the survey that will be sent and posted on the website no later than 4/1/2024. Results will be organized and presented to the committee during the April meeting for approval. It is anticipated that \$3000 will be available for each member.

Bicycle helmets will be ordered and available in the office within a few weeks

Pediatric – Hendrick N and S are now tracking disparity data and TJC making it a safety guideline in June.

Committee Review and Recommendations approved as discussed on motion by Jason Gruben; second by David Allman, all in favor, none opposed.

Open Forum:

NEW OFFICE ADDRESS
Big Country Regional Advisory Council
2257 Industrial Blvd, Ste C
Abilene, Texas 79602

Reminder that all required documents are due and if not completed, an organization will not be compliant which means they will not be eligible for additional funding

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

Remind that the Rules will be released Friday, January 19, 2024 and will be open for public comment for 30 days. It is recommended that comment be made early and not wait until the deadline.

Posters of the Rural vs Metro area and the Injury Prevention Items are available for upcoming surveys. Hendrick North used the posters during their survey and thought they added were well received.

The RAC had received an inquiry from Wesley Alexander regarding the use of Pulsara regarding future plans for using Pulsara. The Pulsara program was discussed and strongly encouraged. If additional information is needed regarding Pulsara we will request a presentation at the GA meeting. Travis Clawson, Hendrick Emergency Management Manager will be a good person to contact regarding the implementation of Pulsara.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 on motion made by Sarah Alvarez, second by Marta Pagura; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

January 2024

14 1/2 Hg Hg
570-761-9161 Home-Drill

Provider	Member Name	Cell phone #	Signature
Abilene Fire Department	Aaron Maxwell	325-244-6669 660-7060	[Signature]
Abilene Fire Department FRO	Justin Ray	325-2014391	[Signature]
Abilene Taylor County Health Dept	Martha Pagura	14172749016	[Signature]
Air Evac Lifeseam 63	Stephanie [unclear]	254-433-1711	[Signature]
Air Evac Lifeteam Eastland			
Anson General Hospital			
Citizens			
Coleman County Medical Center	Kellie Batangan	325-893-5754	[Signature]
Comanche County EMS	Mr. Ureize [unclear] - Dir for Community Relations	325-226-7124	[Signature]
Comanche County Medical Center	Cliff Davis	325-330-0499	[Signature]
Comanche County Medical Center	Sarah Thompson / Dixie Frost	254-875-2220	[Signature]
CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	Susan Schaefer	254-665-3553	[Signature]
Dublin EMS	John Tadlock	254-979-5013	[Signature]
Eastland Memorial Hospital	Robin Tice	254-631-5331	[Signature]
Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS	Collin Craig	254-246-3176	[Signature]
Eula VFD			
Fisher County Hospital	Jonathan Roy Gaimak	3255301264	[Signature]
Fisher County Hospital District EMS	TAMMY HAMILTON, RN	3255186436	[Signature]
Hamilin EMS	Collin Craig	254-246-3176	[Signature]
Haskell County Ambulance Service, Inc.	Scott Boles	325-576-3646	[Signature]
Haskell Memorial Hospital	Cherri Steigmoeller	580-467-1985	[Signature]
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood	MARGAN SUE [unclear]	940-287-0174	[Signature]
Hendrick Medical Center South	Dwayne Harris	325-649-2195	[Signature]
Hendrick Medical Center North	Sarah Alvarez	3254281105	[Signature]
Jim Ned Volunteer Fire Department	Stephanie Chapa	325-670-3345	[Signature]
Knox County EMS	Timothy Brannon	325-668-9150	[Signature]
Lifeguard Ambulance Service - Brownwood	LOGAN MORROW	19402562045	[Signature]
MetroCare Services, Abilene-IP	Shelia Kuehler	940-657-3535	[Signature]
MITCHELL COUNTY EMS	Kenny Dennis	325-268-7897	[Signature]
Mitchell County Hospital	James Bryant	1-325-244-4901	[Signature]
Native Air	Jason Grubben	325-728-3483	[Signature]
North Runnels Hospital EMS	Yvette Woody RN	325-728-3431 EXT. 7601	[Signature]
Potasi VFD	Steven Hobbs	325-338-0669	[Signature]
Ranger College			
Ranger Ed-EmS	Susan Schaefer	325-665-3553	[Signature]
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital	Dani Davis, RN	325-235-1701 ext. 2332	[Signature]
Scurry County EMS	Russell Thomas	3256363819	[Signature]
Shackelford County EMS	Ashley McDonald	281-528-1458	[Signature]
Stamford EMS	Christopher McDonald	281-726-3511	[Signature]
Staphens Memorial Hospital	Holli Campbell	254-549-2241	[Signature]
Stonewall County Ambulance Service	Jalfin Durheim	432-209-1943	[Signature]
STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL			
Sweetwater Fire Department			
Taylor County EMS	David Alliman	325-260-7607	[Signature]
Texas State Technical College	David Alliman	3257370798	[Signature]
Throckmorton County EMS	Ashley Blackburn	325-734-3661	[Signature]
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital	Tina Hantz	940-849-2151	[Signature]
	Kinsi Voss	940-849-2151	[Signature]

254-541-9200
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


Kaye Cochard
Travis Clawson

BRENDA HENNER - 940-781-2633
Hendrick Emergency Med

1/17/2024 @ 6:15 AM

	2023
Provider	Oct - Dec
Abilene Fire Department	Received
Abilene Fire Department FRO	
Abilene Taylor County Health Dept	
Air Evac Lifeteam 63	
Air Evac Lifeteam Eastland	Received
Anson General Hospital	
Citizens	Received
Coleman County Medical Center	Received
Comanche County EMS	
Comanche County Medical Center	
CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	Received
Dublin EMS	
Eastland Memorial Hospital	
Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS	Received
Eula VFD	
Fisher County Hospital	
Fisher County Hospital District EMS	Received
Hamlin EMS	
Haskell County Ambulance Service, Inc.	
Haskell Memorial Hospital	
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood	
Hendrick Medical Center South	Received
Hendrick Medical Center North	
Jim Ned Volunteer Fire Department	
Knox County EMS	
Knox County Hospital District	
Lifeguard Ambulance Service - Brownwood	
MetroCare Services, Abilene-LP	
MITCHELL COUNTY EMS	Received
Mitchell County Hospital	
Native Air	
North Runnels Hospital EMS	
Potosi VFD	
Ranger College	
Ranger Fd-Ems	
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital	Received
Scurry County EMS	
Shackelford County EMS	
Stamford EMS	
Stephens Memorial Hospital	
Stonewall County Ambulance Service	
STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
Sweetwater Fire Department	
Taylor County EMS	
Texas State Technical College	
Throckmorton County EMS	Received
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital	

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Dr. Reynolds-Col... (Guest)
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Griffith, Gary (DSHS)
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Jonathan Ford (Guest)
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Russel Thomas (Guest)
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Yezak, Andrea
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STEMI

(committee)

1/17/2024

(date)

Old Business:

STEMI Guidelines HMC + Shannon. Heparin #13505C

New Business:

Cardiologist @ HMC approved guideline "Regional Facility w/o PCI Capability" - currently discuss drug guidelines ex - Heparin contraindications regarding EMS provider treatment

Propose to post the recommended guideline from HMC cardiologist's provided.

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Kellie Boudreau

Linda Moffatt

John Grubben

Collin Craig

Kelby Hodges

Organization:

Citizens EMS

Hendrick Health

Mitchell County EMS

Eastland EMS

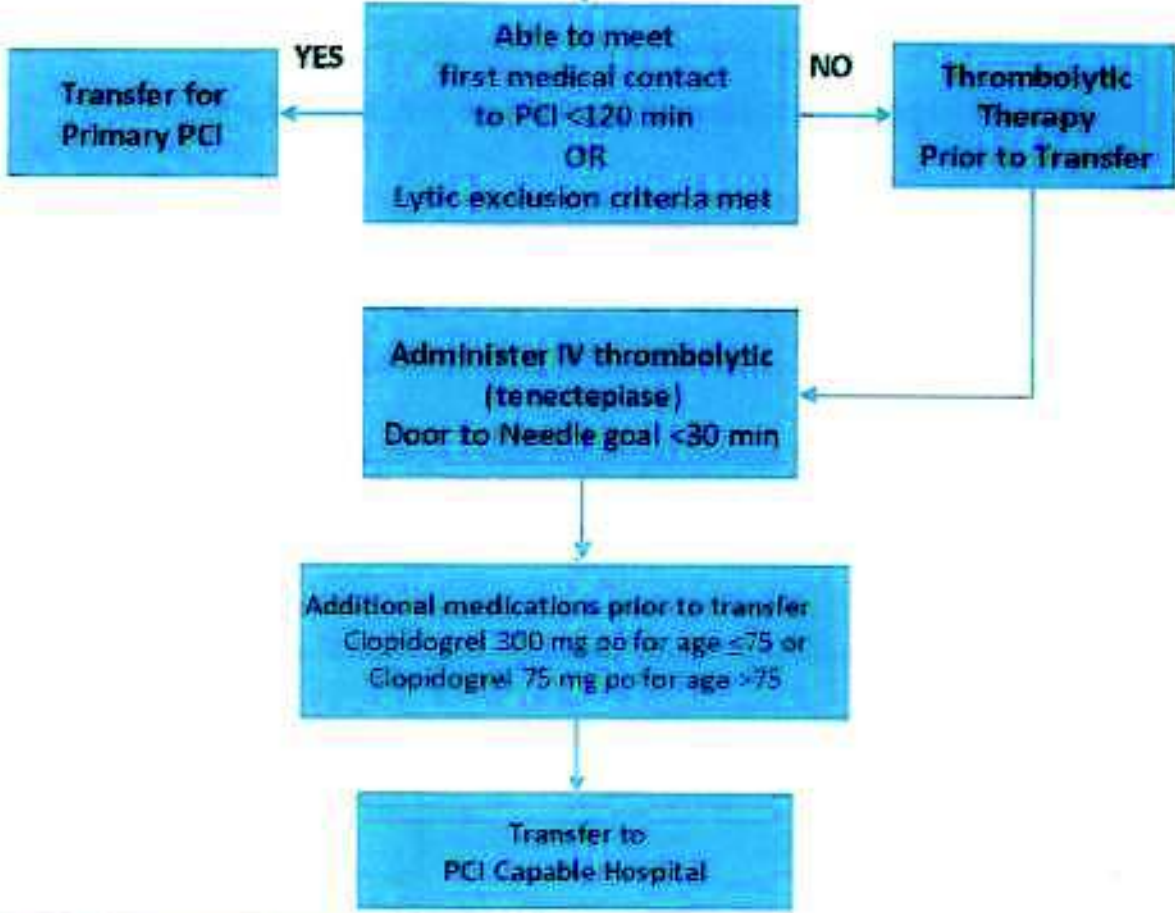
Truckee-Martin Co EMS

Regional Facility WITHOUT
PCI Capability (STEMI)

Goal:
First Medical Contact
to PCI \leq 120 min

ALL PATIENTS

- Medications prior to transfer
- aspirin 324 mg po chewable
 - Heparin 60 units/kg IV bolus (max 4000 units), then 12 units/kg/hr infusion (max 1000 units/hr)
 - High-dose statin (rosuvastatin \geq 20 mg)



TENECTEPLASE (Use Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria)

<60 kg =	30 mg IV Push over 5 seconds
60-69 kg =	35 mg IV Push over 5 seconds
70-79 kg =	40 mg IV Push over 5 seconds
80-89 kg =	45 mg IV Push over 5 seconds
>90 kg =	50 mg IV Push over 5 seconds

If pt is >75 years of age, give ONLY 1/2 dose lytic

BCRIAC Regional STEMI Checklist

EMS Checklist Provider Name: _____

Step

- Obtain 12 lead ECG (goal <5 min from initial contact)
- Activate STEMI Alert (Goal <5 min)
- Aspirin 324 mg (4 chewable baby aspirin) p.o.
- Oxygen therapy to maintain saturation >90%
- IV access (one large bore- avoid wrist)
- Nitroglycerin qd every 5 min x 3 doses
- Hold if SBP <90, hr of erectile dysfunction meds within 36 hours of arrival, STE in leads II, III, and aVF- consider right ventricular involvement)
- Other treatments: _____

Referring Hospital Checklist Hospital Name: _____

Step

- Door to 12 lead ECG performed and shown to provider (goal <10 min)
- Activate STEMI Alert
- Request for transfer to Primary PCI Hospital
- PCI Hospital Acceptance
- EMS Called for transport
- 12 lead ECG faxed to Primary PCI facility
- Oxygen therapy to maintain saturation >90%
- Aspirin 324 mg (4 chewable baby aspirin) p.o.
- IV access (two large bore- avoid wrist)
- STAT lab: CBC, CMP, PT/PTT, Troponin I
- Nitroglycerin qd every 5 min x 3 doses
- Hold if SBP <90, hr of erectile dysfunction meds within 36 hours of arrival, STE in leads II, III, and aVF- consider right ventricular involvement)
- Heparin bolus and drip
- Consider thrombolytic usage/indication criteria if unable to achieve FACC2B <120 min (goal Door to thrombolytic <30 min)
- Clopidogrel p.o. at thrombolytic given 300 mg for age <75 or 75 mg for age >75)
- High-dose statin (rosuvastatin ≥ 20 mg)
- Notify Primary PCI Hospital when patient departs with ETA. Primary nurse should call report to ED Charge Nurse or designee at Primary PCI Hospital

Transfer EMS Checklist Provider Name: _____

Arrival at PCI Hospital

Notes

Handoff Report for PCI

- Allergies (Contract or other)
- Symptoms with time of onset
- Patient Hx - Coronary artery disease/High blood pressure/Heart failure/cardiac stents/valvular dysfunction/CADG/Diabetes/Dialysis/Bleeding
- Medications given/IV access/Emergency Treatment P/A
- Home Medications
- Anticoagulants (Coumadin, Xarelto, Xarelto, Pradaxa, Eliquis)
- Last set of vital signs
- Family/primary contact information

Utilize this STEMI checklist to guide documentation and handoff report.

Stroke
(committee)

1/17/24
(date)

Old Business:

RDC - Stroke

New Business:

RDC data

Auto-acceptance stroke transfers HMCA/LMN < 2 hrs

Feedback - need contacts for EMS

Viz.ai Software - Hendrick Health

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Christopher McDonald

Ashton McDonald

Stephanie Wood

Chase Jarvis

Gail Scroggs

Lisa M...

Martee Tebow

John Taylor

Organization:

Stamford EMS

Shackelford County EMS

Avon Exe 115 Eastland

Fisher County Hospital EMS

Hendrick Health Stroke/STEMI Navigator

Kravis County EMS

mttebow@hendrick.org

Dublin EMS

Performance Improvement

(committee)

01-17-24

(date)

Old Business:

PI cases requested summary without pt identifiers

New Business:

Review PI form indicators for clarity of issues. Meet 2/8/24 @ 1600 to review indicators and suggest changes. Create a survey monkey for more information to include PI concerns and brief summary. Review bylaws for required PI indicators.

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Organization:

Shari Kuehler

Deni Davis

Kinsi Voss

Sarah Alvarez

Timothy Hamilton

Brenna Tennant

Knox County Hospital

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital

Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital

Hendrick South

Plum Co Hospital

Hendrick Medical Center - North

Hospital

(committee)

1-17-24

(date)

Old Business:

Pedi readiness with Trauma Survey updates

New Business:

- Update provided from Impacts training in Killeen Jan. 11th
- Impacts will mail a mailer to Kayla for education
- we need to start with 2 hospitals who have named a Pediatric Readiness Coordinator
- RDC

Comments:

Texas Pediatric Readiness Education Series provided
 Yvette Woody - Mitchell County Clio ywoody@mitchellcountyhospital.com
 Tammi is waiting on admin approval
 Please let Kayla know if you are interested

Members in attendance:

Name:

Yvette Woody
 Michelle Burdick
 Dwayne Harris
 Kayla Cahand
 Stephen Glutz c/o Hon. Campbell

Organization:

Mitchell County Hospital
 Colerian Medical Center (CCMC)
 Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood
 Hendrick Medical Center
 Stephen's Memorial Hospital

Injury Prevention + Education

(committee)

1/17/24
(date)

Old Business:

DeChoker devices have arrived + will be distributed today

Bicycle helmets are READY to order

New Business:

Re-opening and RFP process for extra RAC funds, \$3000 limit
Close April 1

AAAM Course April 18 + 19th 2024 15 spots paid for

Not everyone got DeChoker Survey done, may need to order more

Need to buy 20 wound packing trainers

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Organization:

David Almen
Aaran Maxwell
Cherri Stegemoller
Jonathan Coakley
James Bryant
Kenny Deardis
Justin Ray
Christ Davis
Bryan Buckley
Tan Baker
Lexie Feist
Stephanie Chapa

Taylor Co EMS
Abilene F.V.
Haskell EMS
Fula VFD
metrocare
metrocare
Abilene Fire
Comanche County EMS
Seawater FD
Seawater FD
Comanche County Medical Center
Hendrick North

List of registered attendees for AAAM Course

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 - Trauma Program Manager / Emergency Management Coordinator
Edgar	Holly	Stephens Memorial Hospital
Campbell	Holli	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