

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE 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 10:01am

Minutes of October 18, 2023 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Kayla Cehand; second by Jason Gruben, 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 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. 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.

Motion to approve the new distribution plan for additional \$150,000 by Tammy Hamilton; second by Sarah Alvarea; all in favor, none opposed.

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

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 Jonathan Galinak; all in favor, none opposed.

Bylaw Review – No action needed

Committee Review

STEMI – Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Stroke – Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Performance Improvement - Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Hospital – Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Budget/Finance – Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Education and Injury Prevention - Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Pediatric - Discussion will occur during committee meetings and be presented to GA

Open Forum:

Two options for new office space at 2257 Industrial Blvd

Office space was looked at to determine if a single office with continued use of the offsite storage units or a quad space with an office and available space to move the contents of the storage units to this space is a better fit for the RAC.

Once the Executive Committee decides and a lease is completed, the address will be updated on the website and with all official state departments.

Executive Committee vote:

David Allman Option 2

Deni Davis Option 2

Jonathan Galinak Option 2

James Jimmy Bryant Option 2

Jason Gruben Option 2

Sheila Kuehler Option 2

Kayla Cehand Option 2

Tammy Hamilton no vote but asked about utilities which are included
Elizabeth Craig Option 2
Aaron Maxwell Option 2

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

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 11:17 on motion made by Marta Pagura, second by Jonathan Galinak; all in favor, none
opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

Jan 17, 2024

BCRAC Officers/Board Members

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