BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES 7/16/2025

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1:33 pm

Minutes of June 18, 2025 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by David Allman; second by Dwayne Harris, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review -

EMS RAC	\$ 3,387.98
EMS County	\$ 0.00
Tobacco	\$ 5,672.69
SB8	\$ 95.00
Dues Account	\$ 5,593.43

GRANT REVIEW

EMS County – Contract is pending closure

EMS RAC — This grant continues to be used for administrative expenses snd contract is pending closure

RAC Development –

TNCC – Will continue to pay these invoices as they are received until 8/31/2025 when the contract is closed.

Funding was used for the following for the benefit of the RAC membership

- Bob Page seminar
- CISM
- Cadaver Lab

7/29 and 8/12 upcoming Cadaver Labs 16

23 additional interested parties responded to the registration Will request the injury prevention and education committee allot \$7935 next fiscal year for these 23 to attend the Cadaver training.

** If someone that is currently signed up is not able to attend I will contact the 23 to fill these spots and reduce the request for next year **

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, STB kits, De Chokers and Bike Helmets

SB8 - Contract has been completed as of 12/31/2024

\$9,382.89 was returned to the state in June

The RAC will continue to collect repayments from students that did not fulfill their contract requirements and return to the state monthly

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

Bylaw Review – Chase Jarvis and Delany Gohlson reviewed the by-laws suggested the below changes:

- Under Article 2 section 2.1 it lists the "trauma service area D includes the counties of" and then list the counties but also includes the city of Hamlin. I feel like we can just omit the city of hamlin as it is covered within Jones County, which is listed.
- David Allman suggested creating a Blood Products Committee and adding it to the by-laws as a "Standing Committee" under Article 9, 9.9
- Remove Hendrick Medical Center S from Trauma Bylaws and Service Plan

Motion to approve the Bylaw Review by David Allman; second by Stephanie Chapa; all in favor, none opposed.

Committee Review -

STEMI – STEMI Plan was emailed to membership for review so that it can be approved during the GA meeting.

Motion to approve the Revised STEMI Plan by Jonathan Galinak; second by Aaron Maxwell; all in favor, none opposed.

Performance Improvement - Additional questions should be reviewed to be added to the current PI questionnaires to help meet all the requirements for the upcoming Assessment. I will have blank PI reports printed so that the PI committee can show were these questions should be added if they are approved

STEMI

- 1) How many STEMI in this quarter
- 2) How many STEMI patients were transported to local Hospitals
- 3) How many STEMI patients were transported to STEMI facility
- 4) How many STEMI patients were transported out of the RACD area

Hospital Only

5) How many patients received Cytic?

Stroke

Hospital Only

- 1) Number of Stroke Activations for the quarter
- 2) Number of Stroke patients receiving thrombolytic therapy for stroke at your facility
- 3) Number of Stroke patients receiving thrombolytic therapy within 60 minutes of arrival to your facility
- 4) Number of Stroke patients admitted to your facility

EMS/Air Medical

- 1) Number of Stroke activations for the quarter
- 2) Number of Stroke patients did not receive Stroke Screen in the field

Hospital

- 1) How many positive flu cases were admitted this quarter
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- 3) How many positive RSV cases were admitted this quarter
- 4) How many positive Measle cases were admitted this quarter
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Motion to approve the Performance Improvement amendments by Jimmy Bryant; second by Deni Davis; all in favor, none opposed.

Hospital – All hospital are being trained for Pedi Readiness

Stroke – Reviewed the PI questions above and suggested the following additions to the current PI surveys

Hospital

- 1) Number of stroke activations per quarter
- 2) Number of stroke patients receiving thrombolytic therapy for stroke at your facility
- 3) Number of stroke patients receiving thrombolytic therapy within 60 minutes
- 3a) If thrombolytic therapy not given within 60 minutes, list reasons why
- 4) Number of stroke patients admitted to your facility

EMS and Air Medical

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- 2) Number of stroke patients not receiving a stroke screen in the field

Budget/Finance - Reconciliation reports for April, May & June reviewed and approved

Education and Injury Prevention –

Injury Prevention Conference will be held in Austin at the Austin Hilton Airport Hotel November 4 & 5, 2025. Additional information will be sent to the memberts. The Education/IP committee will consider paying for RAC members to attend during the October meeting.

Additional discussion and consideration for funding is planned for the October meeting regarding the Cadaver Lab and Escaping Violent Encounters Class.

Pediatric -

Motion to approve the Committee Review by Marta Pagura; second by David Allman; all in favor, none opposed.

Open Forum:

- Executive Board results for the next fiscal year Sept 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

Jason Gruben, Vice Chair

Marta Pagura, Treasurer

Kelby Hodges – EMS Representative

Tammy Hamilton – Hospital Representative

Deni Davis - Hospital Representative

Jimmy Bryant - EMS Representative

Jonathan Galinak – First Responder Representative

Stephanie Chapa – Hospital Representative

- Citizens EMS is hosting the Work Assist Class information is posted on the website
- Update provided for RAC D Hospitals and Pulsara

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm on motion made by Sheila Kuehler, second by Scott Boles; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

Performance Improvement Committee

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Injury Prevention and Education

Cadaver Lab

Discuss allotting \$7935 from next FY funding to Cadaver Lab in order for all interested parties to be able to attend the training.

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Suggestion for next FY

The Escaping Violent Encounters (EVE) course is an EMS oriented self-defense course that was designed by Kip Teitsort; a paramedic, police officer, police officer trainer and martial artist in 1996. Additionally, Kip also created the company Defense Tactics for Escaping, Mitigating and Surviving (DT4EMS) to administer the course. Kip's primary goal in creating the course was to help EMTs be better prepared to handle violent situations after he saw firsthand the realities of violence in EMS. Kip is a subject matter expert for NAEMT, NEMSMA, IAFF and EMS1/FR1 online journals.

^{**} Recommendations will be made and voted on during the October meeting but the above suggestions have been made **

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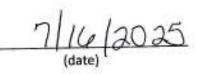
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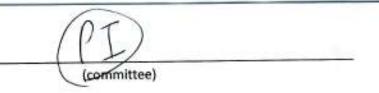
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