

**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 and 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 where 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
  - a) How many were vaccinated
- 2) How many positive Covid cases were admitted this quarter
  - a) How many were vaccinated
- 3) How many positive RSV cases were admitted this quarter
- 4) How many positive Measle cases were admitted this quarter
  - a) How many were vaccinated

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**

- 1) **Number of stroke activations for the quarter**
- 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 members. 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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### **Stroke**

#### **Hospital Only**

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- 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 receiving a Stroke Screen in the field
- 3) Number of Stroke patients receiving a Stroke Screen Severity in the field

### **Hospital**

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  - a) How many were vaccinated
- 3) How many positive RSV cases were admitted this quarter
- 4) How many positive Measle cases were admitted this quarter
  - a) How many were vaccinated

## **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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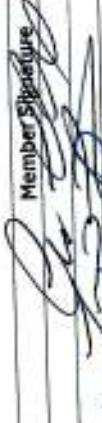



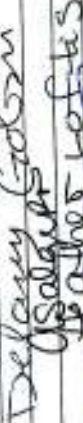


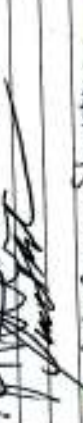

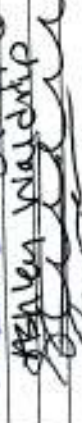

















### **Suggestion for next FY**

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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Provider	Member Name	Member Signature
Abilene Fire Department	Arion Maxwell	
Abilene Fire Department FRO	Therrell Banks	
Air Evac Lifeteam Abilene 63	WATSON PAVONI	
Air Evac Lifeteam Eastland	Stephane Wood	
AirLife Texas	Kellie Beckwith	
Citizens	Angela Bell	
Coleman County Medical Center	Joseline Chapman	
Comanche County EMS	Delany Carlson	
Comanche County Medical Center	Pamela Saloe	
Cross Plains EMS	Heather Loftis	
Eastland Memorial EMS	Jonathan Coaling	
Eastland Memorial Hospital	Erica Camp	
Eula VFD	Johnny Hamilton	
Fisher County Hospital District EMS	Scott Colby	
Fisher County Hospital	Nathan Jetter	
Hamlin EMS	Debbie Harris	
Haskell County Ambulance Service, Inc.	Debbie Harris	
Haskell Memorial Hospital	Debbie Harris	
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood	Debbie Harris	
Hendrick Medical Center North	Debbie Harris	
Hendrick Medical Center South	Debbie Harris	
Jim Ned Volunteer Fire Department	Debbie Harris	
Knox County EMS	Debbie Harris	
Knox County Hospital District	Debbie Harris	
Lifeguard Ambulance Service - Brownwood	Debbie Harris	
MetroCare Services, Abilene-LP	Debbie Harris	
MITCHELL COUNTY EMS	Debbie Harris	
Mitchell County Hospital	Debbie Harris	
Potosi VFD	Debbie Harris	
Ranger College	Debbie Harris	
Ranger Fd-Ems	Debbie Harris	
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital	Debbie Harris	
Scurry County EMS	Debbie Harris	
Shackelford County EMS	Debbie Harris	
Stamford EMS	Debbie Harris	
Stephens Memorial Hospital	Debbie Harris	
Stonewall Memorial EMS	Debbie Harris	
STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Debbie Harris	
Sweetwater Fire Department	Debbie Harris	
Taylor County EMS	Debbie Harris	
Texas State Technical College	Debbie Harris	
Throckmorton County EMS	Debbie Harris	
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital	Debbie Harris	

Hospital

(committee)

7/16/25

(date)

Old Business:

Pedi Readers - ongoing training, each hospital has  
started their modules - discussed training & requested training  
meeting for Sims - Elisha Dade - 2 one day pediatric  
training

New Business:

Date for One Day Pediatric training - Elisha will send  
out survey for July - will be in Sept.

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Sheila Kuckler

Vette Woody

Dwayne Harris

Holly Edgar

Ashley Squire

Angela Bell

Organization:

Knox County Hospital

~~Zandt~~ Mitchell County Hosp

~~Watts~~ Huduck Brownwood

Stephens Memorial Hospital

Eastland Hospital

Coleman County Med Center



# Stroke

(committee)

07-16-25

(date)

Old Business:

Stroke-related Performance Improvement Question Review:

The following questions need to be included for stroke:

1. Number of stroke activations for 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  
\* If thrombolytic therapy not given within 60 minutes, list reasons why.

New Business:

4. Number of stroke patients admitted to your facility

1. Number of stroke activations for quarter
2. Number of stroke patients NOT receiving a Stroke Screen in the field
- ~~3. Number of stroke patients NOT receiving a Stroke Severity Score (tra screen, VAB screen) in the field.~~

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Organization:

Deni Davis  
Martell Tebow  
Kristin Tammings  
Heidi Herron  
Christopher McDonald  
Stephanie Wilson  
Chen Jiaog  
Scott Bobe

RPMH  
Hendrick Health  
HMCB Quality  
Shackelford EMS  
Stamford EMS  
Fisher Co EMS  
Hamlin EMS

Injury Prevention + Education  
(committee)

07-16-2025  
(date)

Old Business:

TNCC, CISM classes complete + went well

4/3 Cackher class complete, upcoming 7/29 + 8/12

Classes paid for by RAC + allotted to agencies, if no show agency is responsible for reimbursement to RAC for those spots

New Business:

November - Injury prevention conference in Austin, Russel will pass details along Nov 4th + 5th Hilton Austin Airport Hotel  
(Considering paying entry for Attendees from RAC)

Discussed Cackher lab + Escaping Violent Encounters classes for next FY. We agree that we are interested in providing funding assistance for these courses + will revisit during Oct meeting in addition to any other educational requests that may come up between now + then

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:  
Stephanie Chapa  
Jonathan Galbreath  
Aaron Maxwell  
Chris Taylor  
Brenna Hennan  
Joshua Chapman  
David Altman  
Trent Farmer

Organization:  
Hendrick North  
Eula VFD  
Abilene Fire Dept.  
Sweetwater FD  
Hendrick Trauma Services  
Comanche County EMS  
Taylor County EMS  
Abilene Fire Dept.



# STEMI

(committee)

7/16/2025  
(date)

## Old Business:

Working STEMI for Review

+ Survey Questions (DSHS Prep)

# STEMI this Quarter

# STEMI transported to local Hospital - EMS

# STEMI transported to STEMI center - EMS

# STEMI transported out of RAC-D

# Pts received Lytic

## New Business:

• Ready for STEMI Plan Final to GC

- Removed Heart of TX Coleman

- Updated Thrombolytic checklist  
to match 2025 guidelines

• Focused more on guideline time frames • Approve PI data

Push 1st medical contact in 170 min ✓

Down to Lytic (max. 30 min) ✓

Down to EKG (max. 10 min) ✓

Up to 12-lead pt contact  
max. 10 min ✓ (EMS)

## Comments:

## Members in attendance:

Name:

Gail Scruggs

Kelby Hodges

Taryn Riden

Kellie Buchanan

Heather Loftis

Organization:

Hendrick Stroke/STEMI

Throckmorton EMS

Pittsboro VFD

Lizora EMS

Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS

Finance  
(committee)

7/16/24  
(date)

Old Business:

New Business:

Monthly REVIEW of books & P&L.

Comments:

Expenses & payments in order

Members in attendance:

Name:

Delany Gibson

Marta Pague

Organization:

Cross Plains EMS

MR EVAC ABILENE.





07/16/25  
(date)

Old Business:

- < Helipad issue with EMT - just need <sup>Hyde</sup> signature - will contact \*
- < Overturns to be added to GA - Need approval
- < PI questions in survey

New Business:

Sweetwater Fire Dept GA Concern - requesting information

Comments:

Stroke request Ag to questions -

Members in attendance:

Name:

James Bryant  
Michelle Bates  
Marcie Harris CNO  
Jimmy Hamilton RN  
Kinsy Voss  
Carina Hull  
Jagan Menon

Organization:

MetLife  
Lifeguard Ambulance  
Fisher County Hospital  
Fisher Co Hospital  
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital  
Hendrick Medical Center - North  
Jones County EMS