

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
3/18/2026**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

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

Minutes of February 18, 2026 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jason Gruben second by Aaron Maxwell, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 96114.70
EMS County	\$ 126481.59
Tobacco	\$ 63153.74
SB8	\$ 0
Dues Account	\$ 10807.86

Grant Review

EMS County – Disbursements are being made as receipts and proof of payment are received. Deadline for receiving funds is 3/31/2026. Receipts should be from 9/1/2025 – 3/31/2026

EMS RAC – Request for equipment or education for compliant members through 3/31/2026 deadline. Link is on the website to request approval for expense. If the expense is under \$3000, the RAC can make the purchase and have the items shipped directly to the member. If the expense is over \$3000, receipt and proof of purchase should be sent to the RAC office for reimbursement.

RAC Development – Injury Prevention/Education committee has secured “Science of Trauma Education” to be held in place of the July meeting.

Reminder that education invoices and proof of payment up to \$500 can be submitted for reimbursement per member.

Can these be paid to an individual if the individual paid for the education themselves??
Motion to approve that an individual can received reimbursement if they paid for the education by Lexie Feist; second by Jimmy Bryant; all in favor, none opposed.

Stroke Committee has approved 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

Hospital Data Management course has been funded

Cadaver lab dates 3/31/2026 - not sending anyone due to time constraints, 4/21/2026 is full and has been paid, 5/19/2026 & 6/23/2026 still have openings.

Email originally sent to those that did not have an opportunity to attend last year with a deadline of 3/10 and then an email was sent to the entire membership. This is a first come basis.

Still need additional information for the Trauma Care After Resuscitation allotment

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 and Bike Helmets

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

Bylaw Review – By-law Review committee will be identified in April for additional review and approval during the July 2026 meeting

Committee Review

STEMI – STEMI plan is currently being updated

Stroke –

Performance Improvement - Changes were made for the current reporting period

Hospital –

Budget/Finance – Monthly reconciliation reports are reviewed by the treasurer

Education and Injury Prevention – Need more info on TCAR

Whole Blood – Obstacles facing implementations: Hendrick is struggling to get a donor pool due to being short staffed and not able to take the blood mobile out as often as necessary. Hendrick is working to resolve these issues.

Pediatric –

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
- RAC Process for Fire Departments to Transport Patients on Fire Apparatus (HB 624) – need to review to add to the RAC Regional Plan – may need to designate a committee to review this and make it happen.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am on motion made by Jason Gruben, second by Marta; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

BCRAC Executive Committee

3/18/2026

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