

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
10/18/2023**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1:36

Minutes of July 19, 2023 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jason Gruben; second by Dvid Allman, all in favor, none opposed.

**Financial Review –**

EMS RAC	\$ 60,700.12
EMS County	\$ 209,465.00
Tobacco	\$ 83,253.52
SB8	\$ 332,165.35
Dues Account	\$ 8,283.00

**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  
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 added to this grant and will be available for use during this contract period. The Executive Board is recommending the Injury Preveion and Education Committee make recommendations for additional use of these additional funds. The purpose of this money as it was outlined by meetings held with DSHS and RAC Executive Directors was to provide additional administrative support as the RAC Assessment continues to develop but may sserve a greater purpose providing for the needs of the membership.

**RAC Development –** Funding has been received – estimated \$60,000 available for injury prevention and education. Attempted to schedule an AAAM course but the provider we were working with did not follow through with the scheduling. We will continue to work to secure a date that this course can be administered in the Fall of 2024. Per the July recommendation from the General Assembly, dechokers have been ordered for infant and children – these are pending delivery and will be available upon receipt as requested. A recommendation is being made to the Injury Prevention and Education committee to approve purchases made to maintain the demand for Fall Prevention and Injury Prevention items that have been widely used throughout the region. Additional funding will be made available for compliant members to request reimbursement for injustry prevention and education expenses. Receipts and Proof of Purchases should be sent to the RAC office before the deadline of 3/31/2024.

\*\*\*Display of all items available for RAC members to distribute within the communities we serve. \*\*\*

- Fire Extinguishers & CO2 monitors
- Rescue Me Tags and all expenses associated with Project Rescue me including, postage & 1-800 #
- File of Life magnets
- Child ID Safety tags
- Vehicle Thermometers

- STEMI/Stroke magnets
  - Fall prevention items including but not limited to: night lights, non-skid socks, grabbers, toilet rails, bed rails, bath tub rails, socks assist
- These items remain available at the office.

**SB8** – Currently paid out \$429,415.46

28 Basic EMT (11 should have completed the course)

20 AEMT (2 have withdrawn and have not responded to repayment request – these will be referred to the state )

(16 should have completed the course )

44 Paramedic (1 withdrawn but has been repaid & 1 has not responded to repayment request – will be referred to the state)

**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

Incentive money of \$137,006.09 has been returned to the state

Equipment purchase has been made and delivery is pending

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

**Bylaw Review** – no action needed

**Committee Review:**

Stroke Committee – Reviewing STEMI guideline comparing Hendrick and Shannon

STEMI – No new business

PI Committee – Case 1 reviewed – discussed EMS response – found response appropriate, closed and sent back to original hospital. Case 2 reviewed – Case is extensive and will require additional review.

Hospital Committee – Nominated Kayla Cehand to represent BCRAC for the Pediatric Readiness Committee

Finance Committee – Reviewed reconciliation report and approved all purchases

Neonatal Committee – Reviewed neonatal transports, transfer times and patient care

Education/Injury Prevention –RAC administration will continue to research AAAM course and attempt to schedule for the Spring. Recommendation to order 100 of each size bike helmet and approve proposed reimbursement for injury prevention and education for copliant members with a deadline for submitting paperwork as of 3/31/2024. Rac admin will prepare a survey to assess members different “needs” and will review those in January with the additional funding stream. Recommendation to continue to purchase and maintain propert stock of all the above items for use by RAC membership.

Motion to approve the By-Law and Committee Review by David Allman; second by Sarah Alvarez all in favor, none opposed.

**Open Forum**

Poster presentations for review and discussion

Rural vs Metro

Injury Prevention items available for members

Compliance

Reminder that all required documents are due.

These can be found on the website at [www.bigcountryrac.org](http://www.bigcountryrac.org) under links/documents

Reminder dues are due

Invoice can be found on the website and payment can be made via pay pal link on the website

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 on motion made by David Allman, second by Jonathan Galniak; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

Key Blackburn Ashley

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 10/19/23

Provider	Committee Assignment	Printed Name	Signature
Fire Department	Injury Prevention and Education	Jake Fullerton	[Signature]
Department FRO	Injury Prevention and Education	Justin Kay	[Signature]
County Health Dept			
Life Team 63	Stroke	MARITA PASOURT	[Signature]
Life Team Eastland	STEMI		
General Hospital			
Medical Service, Inc.	STEMI	Kellie Burtner	[Signature]
County Medical Center	Hospital	Michelle Burtner / Dep for Chancy Burtner	[Signature]
County EMS	Injury Prevention and Education	Cexie Feist	[Signature]
County Medical Center	Performance Improvement		
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	Budget and Finance	Delany Golson	Delany Golson
Ublin EMS	STEMI	John Tullach	[Signature]
Memorial Hospital	Stroke	Collin Crain	[Signature]
Memorial Hospital EMS	STEMI	Elizabeth Crain	[Signature]
Ula VFD	Injury Prevention and Education	Tegan Crain	[Signature]
County Hospital	Performance Improvement	Liamy Hamilton	[Signature]
Hospital District EMS	Stroke	Chris Hill	[Signature]
Ulin EMS	Stroke	Scott Boles	[Signature]
Ambulance Service, Inc.	Injury Prevention and Education	Cheri Stegemoller	Cheri Stegemoller
Memorial Hospital	Hospital		
al Center Brownwood	Hospital	Puayne Harris	[Signature]
ical Center South	Performance Improvement	Sarah Alvarez	[Signature]
ical Center North	Performance Improvement	Chait Spriggs	[Signature]
teer Fire Department	Injury Prevention and Education	Kayla C. / Stephanie C. / Diana H.	[Signature]
County EMS	STEMI	Tim Bennett	[Signature]
ity Hospital District	Stroke	KAYLINA ACUEDO	Kaylina Acuedo
nce Service - Brownwood	Stroke	Shen Garcia	[Signature]
ervices, Abilene-LP	Injury Prevention and Education	James Bryant	[Signature]
L COUNTY EMS	STEMI	Jason Gibson	[Signature]
County Hospital	Hospital	Yvette Woods	[Signature]
ative Air	Budget and Finance		
hels Hospital EMS	Stroke		
toski VFD			
er College	Education		
ger Fd-Ems	Budget and Finance	Darrell Fox	[Signature]
Memorial Hospital	Performance Improvement	Deni Davis	[Signature]
County EMS	Injury Prevention and Education		
rd County EMS	Stroke	Russel Thomas	[Signature]
nford EMS	Stroke	Ashton McDonald	[Signature]
Memorial Hospital	Hospital	Chris McDonald	[Signature]
ty Ambulance Service	Stroke	Heather-Rise RW for Joffie	[Signature]
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Hospital		
Fire Department	Injury Prevention and Education	Brian Bugler	[Signature]
County EMS	Injury Prevention and Education	David Allman	[Signature]
ton County EMS	STEMI	Russ Kelly	[Signature]
County Memorial Hospital	Performance Improvement		

Home Care Hospital  
 MC  
 HSMC

PI or Hospital.

Cyndee Stevens  
 Andrea Yezak  
 Morgan Ashley  
 Dina Perez

Cyber Duren  
 A. Yezak  
 Morgan Ashley

Sarah Thompson-CMC

Kelly Goodland  
 PE Committee / PAC-P Medical Director  
 Kelly Hays

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PI

Johnny Hamm

Sarah Alvarez

Dani Davis

Brenna Hennrich

Shiela Kuehler

Russel Thomas

Case 1 reviewed - discussion

Em's response - found response

appropriate - closed and sent back to original hospital.

Case 2: referred to doc, case

is extensive ran out of time.

Sarah Alvarez - will send a group email to PI Committee and bring back result to RAC.

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STEME

Old Business:

Still looking at Sten's Guideline for  
Fibrinolytics Kendrick vs Shearson.  
Dep vs. Plavix

New Business: None

Feed back from Hospitals is very good.  
helpful.

Jason Greaber

Kelby Hodges

Collin Craig

Kellie Reifinger

Paul Searge

James Reeves

Walter Jelenc

Mitchell County EMS

Throckmorton County EMS

Eastland EMS

Citizens EMS

Hendrick STEME Navigator

Knox Co EMS

Hendrick

10/18/23 Committee

## Injury Prevention & Education

① Mike Sturt - Comanche County Medical Center  
David Allman - Taylor Co. EMS

Jonathan Galinak - Eagle VFD

Justin Ray - Abilene Fire Pro

JoKe Fullerton Abilene Fire Riders

Stephanie Chapa Henrick Medical Center

Bryan Buckley - Sweetwater (FD)

Cherie Stegmoschka - Haskell EMS

Sarah Thompson Comanche CMC

## AAAAM course

By Jan EIP Committee will get other classes that PAC will fund

✓ Bike helmets 100 \$ each size

✓ Distribution of funds for Reimbursement

Finance Committee Members Present

Deborah Golson Cross Plains EMS

Danell Fox

Ranger FD-EMS

Everything looks good

Accounts are reconciled

+ approved by

Committee