

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
4/19/2023**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1004.

Minutes of March 15,2023 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Marta Pagura; second by Jason Gruben, all in favor, none opposed.

**Financial Review –**

EMS RAC	\$ 18501.75
EMS County	\$ 72933.31
Tobacco	\$ 31584.86
SB8	\$ 598065.51
Dues Account	\$ 6364.37

**GRANT REVIEW**

**EMS County** –Deadline for submitting receipts/invoice was 3/31/2023. Payments have been prepared and mailed to all eligible EMS agencies/

**EMS RAC** – These funds are used for administrative purposes including ED hourly pay, office rent and expenses

**RAC Development** – Reimbursement of education and injury prevention expenses deadline for submittal was 3/31/2023. Payments in the amount of \$2100 have been mailed to all eligible members who took part in the reimbursement project.

Those submitting receipts and proof of purchase that did not receive reimbursement did not qualify due to not paying dues, ineligible dates of invoices or non-compliant due to PI or attendance.

**Senate Bill 8 (EMSE)** – Currently paid out \$336,531.68

12 Basic EMT  
18 AEMT  
32 Paramedic

As of the meeting 4/19/2023 the RAC has been notified of only one scholarship recipient that has left the sponsoring agency. The RAC has sent an email to the recipient but there has been no response as of the meeting date. The RAC and the EMS Sponsor will begin the diligent effort to recover the funds. This will include: phone call, text message, email and certified letter.

Additional discussion regarding the tracking/progress and oversight of the students nearing the completion of the “school” portion of the program. 10 Basic and 24 AEMT will be completing school within the next month and the EMS Sponsor will need to report progress regarding testing and passing to the RAC.

Due to the large amount of SB8 funds remaining, there was extensive discussion regarding returning some of the funds to the state. The Executive Board reviewed the total amount of funding received from the EMS RAC, EMS County and RAC Development Grants (\$387,209) and compared it to the threshold for the extensive audit required by the state if that threshold is exceeded. It was determined that the threshold has

already been exceeded with the SB8 funds that have already been distributed. At this time, it was decided that no funds will be returned to the state but that a poll would be taken during BCEMSPO to determine how many more scholarships may be needed during the next 16 months since all funds must be expended by 8/31/2024.

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

**Bylaw Review** – The below change had been emailed to the membership and will be voted on during General Assembly

4.2.4 A **The designated member or their designated alternate**, must attend at seventy-five (75%) percent of the regularly scheduled General Assembly meetings each fiscal year **and is eligible to vote**.

No change to Article 14 Voting by proxy is prohibited based on the change above

Motion to approve the Bylaw review by Harold “Red” Gerhart; second by Aaron Maxwell all in favor, none opposed.

### **Committee Review:**

Stroke Committee – The Committee will review a final version of the Stroke Plan and make recommendations in order for it to be presented to the GA for approval during the July meeting (if not before).

STEMI – Final STEMI Plan was sent to membership and will be submitted for approval during General Assembly.

PI Committee – Marlee read the list of members who had submitted PI reports as of 4/19/2023 at 7:00am. Marlee will email the membership two more times before the end of the month as a reminder.

Hospital Committee – Nothing to report

Finance Committee – Nothing to report

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

### **Open Forum**



- Medical Directors Dinner was held on 3/21  
Executive committee held discussion regarding what would make the Medical Directors Dinner better...it was suggested to divide the table settings in a U shape for better opportunity for discussion, diversify seating chart to allow for new relationships to be formed and ask each Medical Director to prepare a 15 minute talk about their facilities and how the RAC and neighboring hospitals can help them become stronger facilities.
- Reviewing the website to make sure all required documents are listed and available for Review – move the Membership List Tab to the top of th
- Reminder to report Stop the Bleed Classes to Russel – information has been added to the website with Russel’s contact information
- **Sam Vance, MHA, LP** Program Manager, Texas EMS for Children to address General Assembly
- Announce Grance Sewell, **TeamSTEPS® Master Trainer is available for questions in the lobby**

GA meetings will now be available for Medical Directors to attend virtually posted on website

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 on motion made by Tammy Hamilton, second by Sarah Alvarez; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

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