

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
10/15/2025**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 10:24 am

Minutes of Sept 17, 2025 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by David Allman second by Jonathan Galinak, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 223,427.98
EMS County	\$ 187,110.00
Tobacco	\$ 91,191.23
SB8	\$ 0
Dues Account	\$ 5,900.70

GRANT REVIEW

EMS County – EMS County ltrs have been emailed to eligible members
Two counties have already submitted invoices and been paid

EMS RAC – Funding has been received. Injury Prevention and Education committees will discuss EI funding determine how that will be spent for the upcoming year.
Past two years these funds have been “given back” to compliant members for reimbursement or purchase of approved expense up to \$3000

RAC Development – Injury Prevention/Education committee will present ideas for approval to the General Assembly approval

Recommended education: Escaping Violent Encounters (Kenny Dennis)
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.
www.dt4ems.com.

Very Low on:
Child Safety Tags Paperhouse Karissa Strader
Whale Tags [TXENA Whale - TXENA](#) (Glass cling or stickers)
File of Life Magnets
Grabber, Socks and Nightlights
STEMI/Stroke Magnets

CO2 Monitors
Fire Extinguishers
Sock Pulls

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

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

Final payment submitted to DSHS and DSHS has taken over the monitoring of the SB8
Contact for future payments & oversight is Sabrina Richardson at
sabrina.lee.richardson@dshs.texas.gov

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

Bylaw Review – No updates as this was updated in July 2025

Committee Review

STEMI –

Stroke –

Performance Improvement - Upon additional review of the below questions, none of these questions will be added to the current PI survey. PI committee will review further during their PI Committee meeting held before the General Assembly meeting. The RDC captures all of the below and can be used as a source for all STEMI and Strokes that are transported to Hendrick. Further discussion will be held to attempt to capture the STEMI and Strokes that are transferred out of the region.

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 receiving a Stroke Screen in the field

- 3) Number of Stroke patients receiving a Stroke Screen Severity 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

Hospital – Discussion regarding the need to implement rehabilitation services in the Regional Plan let to all area hospitals have a Critical Access area that provides rehabilitation services to patients in the Big Country. Question #19 in the Assessment was scored a 1 due to the lack of rehabilitation services within the RAC but many members of the RAC can attest to the rehabilitation that is ongoing. The RAC will reach out to Emcompass, Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation and the West Texas Rehab and encourage their involvement in the RAC as a future member. The RAC will also create a list of all rehabilitation services in the Big Country and include that list in the Regional Plan.

Budget/Finance – Monthly reconciliation reports were reviewed by the treasurer and will be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee during the committee meetings.

Education and Injury Prevention – Will review and determine a spending plan for the next fiscal year based on current contract allotments during committee meetings.

Whole Blood – David Allman, Jimmy Bryant and Aaron Maxwell, chairs of this committee. Contracts are expected soon and the committee will review the contracts prior to signing.

Pediatric –

Motion to approve the By-Law and Committee Review by Jason Gruben; second by Jimmy Bryant; all in favor, none opposed.

Open Forum

-Assessment was completed and submitted to the State in August
#19 Rehabilitation received a rating of 1 – The regional stakeholders have not integrated rehabilitation resources into the regional system plan

Response from the RAC

Letters will be sent to the rehabilitation resources by the end of the year with additional follow up during the Spring of 2026

- Tammy Hamilton is the new Secretary
- Hendrick South appointed Martee Tebow as the member and she was appointed to the Executive Committee pending elections in July.
- Medical Directors Dinner - Invitations for every service and Hospital to take back to their Medical Director. January 13, 2026. 6:00 – 8:00pm at Miguel's
- All membership documents and dues are due now that the fiscal year has started. Email sent reminding all of the requirements to remain in compliance. Please make sure to update the mailing address to 2257 Industrial Blvd Ste A, Abilene, Texas 79602. Some checks are still going to the Rio Mesa address.
- Reminder of New 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

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am on motion made by Marta Pagura, second by Stephanie Chapa; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

BCRAC Executive Committee

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Executive Council	Position	Affiliation	
Russel Thomas	Chair - interim	Scurry Co EMS	
Jason Gruben	Vice Chair - interim	Mitchell Co EMS	
Tammy Hamilton	Secretary/Hospital Rep	Fisher County Hos	
Marta Pagura	Treasurer	Air EVAC - Abilene	
Kelby Hodges	EMS Rep	Throckmorton EMS	
Aaron Maxwell	EMS Rep	Abilene Fire	
Lexie Fiest	Hospital Rep	Comanche Medical	
Martee Tebow	Hospital Rep	Hendrick South	
Sheila Kuelher	Hospital Rep	Knox County Hospital	
Kinis Voss	Hospital Rep	Throckmorton Hospital	
Deni Davis	Hospital Rep	Rolling Plains Mem Hos	
Jimmy Bryant	EMS Rep	MetroCare	
David Allman	EMS Rep	Taylor EMS	
Jonathan Galinak	First Responder Rep	Eula VFD	
Stephanie Chapa	Hospital Rep	Hendrick North	
Marlee Puckett	Executive Director		
Gary Griffith	EMS Program Specialist	DSHS	