

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

Guest: Dr. Brian Sorensen, MD

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1339.

Minutes of July 20, 2022 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Harold “Red” Gerhart ; second by Kelly Batangan, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 54526.10
EMS County	\$ 206053.59
Tobacco	\$ 80796.06
SB8	\$ 468,104.14
Dues Account	\$ 9817.85

Grant Review –

EMS County –Pass-through monies have been received and a letter has been sent to the providers. Deadline for submitting receipts/invoices and cancelled checks is 3/31/2023. Dates for invoices are 9/1/22 – 3/31/23 All EMS providers met and agreed that any funds that could not be distributed due to compliance issues would be pulled for Regional Projects. These Regional Projects include but are not limited to continuation of the programs already in place for Fall Prevention and Injury Prevention and education for EMS outlined below.

RAC Development – the fiscal budget for RAC Development

funds were proposed and approved follows:

- 20 % administration as needed including travel as need
- 80% split as follows
 - Reimbursement of education and injury prevention expenses as submitted up to an amount equal to all submitting parties. Receipt and proof of payment due date is 3/31/2022.
 - Fall prevention items including but not limited to: night lights, non-skid socks, grabbers, toilet rails, bed rails, bath tub rails, socks assist
 - 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
 - Tx Wristbands

Above will be available for all members

Senate Bill 8 (EMSE) – EMS Agencies will partner with current employees benefiting from sponsorship opportunities for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic training. Employees will obtain all necessary paperwork and return that paperwork to the RAC office. The student is responsible for verifying the paperwork was received within the office and after enrolling in an accredited program verifying payment has been made to that program.

If a student approaches the RAC for sponsorship, the RAC will help facilitate the relationship between the student and EMS Agency in order for a sponsorship to occur. If the student fails to complete the program, the Sponsoring Agency will attempt to collect the scholarship from the student and reimburse the RAC the amount paid. If the EMS Agency is unable to collect the funds, the RAC office will attempt to collect the funds. The student will also commit to work 96 hours a month for one year if EMT and 2 years if AEMT or Paramedic with the sponsoring agency. Failure to complete this commitment will also result in the student repaying the scholarship to the RAC.

Administrative expenses are left to the discretion of the RAC Executive Director and should mirror other RAC's similar in size.

A list of current educators in the RACD area are as follows:

- Abilene Fire Department EMS Training Program
- AXON Education Texas EMS School
- Percom Online EMS Education
- South Taylor EMS
- TSTC West Texas
- Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital Training Center

Please refer to the attached EMSE Overview for additional information

Due to the additional funds from Senate Bill 8 (SB8) it was recommended and approved that two additional accounts be opened at two different banks to maintain accounts at an amount less than the insurable FDIC amount of \$250,000. An account will be opened at First Financial Bank in Abilene and Haskell Nation Bank in Abilene. Signors for these accounts will be Chair – Russel Thomas, Treasurer – Marta Pagura, Secretary – Sarah Alvarez and Executive Director – Marlee Puckett

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

Committee Review: See attached sign in sheets for attendees and additional documentation

Stroke Committee – The committee discussed public awareness as 42-25% of strokes arrive to the ER by private vehicle when they could start receiving immediate care if 911 was called, they were transported via ambulance. 10/29/2022 is Stroke Awareness Day

STEMI – The STEMI protocol will be reviewed, and changes and amendments will be presented in a future meeting.

RDC membership with the RAC was discussed as the relationship continues to develop. Currently the RDC is only inputting Stroke data, but it is hoped that STEMI data is not far behind. Get With the Guidelines is offering a free membership and it was encouraged that hospitals that are not a member of Get with the Guidelines will take advantage of this free offer.

PI Committee – Third quarter PI report is due 10/31/22. The PI Compliance will be uploaded to the website several times within the month for members to monitor their own compliance better in addition to the email reminders that are sent out by the RAC office. AS of 10/18/2022 at 10:00am the only PI reports completed were as follows: Abilene Fire Department, Air Evac Abilene, Air Evac Eastland, Comanche EMS, Dublin EMS, Eastland EMS, Taylor County EMS & Throckmorton County Hospital

Hospital Committee – Discussed wristbands and identified several agencies are not using the wristbands. Those agencies should be brought to the RAC Chairs attention so that additional training might be provided in order to meet the mandate of all transferred patients should receive a wristband as of 1/1/2023

Education and Injury Prevention – Recommendation to use funds as follows:

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Finance Committee –Nothing to report

Motion to approve the Committee Review by Marta Pagura; second by Harold “Red” Gerhart all in favor, none opposed.

Open Forum – The RAC will start providing a virtual option for Medical Directors to attend General Assembly meetings. This option is not available for RAC members as they are still required to attend GA meetings in person and attendance is registered by the members signature on the sign in sheet.

REMINDER ALL DOCUMENTS - Needs Assessment, Membership Application, Dues and Affidavit are due and found on the website

Meeting adjourned at 1440 on motion made by Jonathan Galinak, second by Kellie Batangan; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 10/19/22

Provider	Printed Name	Signature
Abilene Fire Department	Alexis Mena	<i>[Signature]</i>
Abilene Fire Department FRO	Kustin Ray	<i>[Signature]</i>
Abilene Taylor County Health Dept	Maria Pruitt	<i>[Signature]</i>
Air Evac Lifeteam 63		
Air Evac Lifeteam Eastland		
Anson General Hospital		
Citizens Emergency Medical Service, Inc.	Relic Becken	<i>[Signature]</i>
Coleman County Medical Center	Chancy Hobbs	<i>[Signature]</i>
Comanche County EMS	Emeralde Cumba	<i>[Signature]</i>
Comanche County Medical Center		
CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	Delany Golsor	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dublin EMS	John Ted	<i>[Signature]</i>
Eastland Memorial Hospital		
Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS		
Eula VFD	Gene Wright	<i>[Signature]</i>
Fisher County Hospital	John Capel	<i>[Signature]</i>
Fisher County Hospital District EMS	Dugan	<i>[Signature]</i>
Hamilin EMS		
Haskell County Ambulance Service, Inc.	Christopher Young	<i>[Signature]</i>
Haskell Memorial Hospital		
Hendricks Medical Center Brownwood		
Hendrick Medical Center South	Mika Cobb	<i>[Signature]</i>
Hendrick Medical Center North	Martee Lebow for Sarah Alford	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jim Ned Volunteer Fire Department	Rosale Lehend	<i>[Signature]</i>
Knox County EMS		
Knox County Hospital District	Ben Mungillo	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lifeguard Ambulance Service - Brownwood	Shalee Buckh	<i>[Signature]</i>
MetroCare Services, Abilene-LP		
MITCHELL COUNTY EMS	Jamod GreenP	<i>[Signature]</i>
Mitchell County Hospital		
Native Air		
North Runnels Hospital EMS		
Potosi VFD		
Ranger College		
Ranger Fire-EMS		
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital		
Scurry County EMS		
Shackelford County EMS	Harold "Red" Opshant	<i>[Signature]</i>
Stamford EMS	Kareel Thomas	<i>[Signature]</i>
Stephens Memorial Hospital		
Stonewall County Ambulance Service		
STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		
Sweetwater Fire Department		
Taylor County EMS		
Throckmorton County EMS		
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital		

HMCB
RPMH

Kelby Hodges
Kiana Voss
Ethel Crompton
Kara Pierce
Kara Voss
Ethel Crompton
Brian Sorenson, MD

Injury Prevention + Education (committee)

10-19-2022 (date)

Old Business:

New Business:

Request class projects for EMS County Nancy
Send you share or use for Regional Reps

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Jonathan B. Gillingham
Horn Maxwell
Esmeralda Cumba
Kara Pierce
Justin Ray
Samuel Albert

Organization:

Full VFD
Abilene Fire Department
Comanche County EMS
Stamford EMS
Abilene Fire Dept
Methuene

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10-19-22
(date)

STEM1
(committee)

Old Business:

Share + STEM1 review RDC

New Business:

RDC - meeting matters, currently building the basic dashboard for
STEM1. Current date is from the ACC? To how to speak.

Annual STEM1 protocol update - Linda + Michele will review.

- Touch on Triplicate Form to eliminate

- Add table - new version recommendation

Comments:

Several committee health fairs occurring in October in
Dept, emergency, Asperman

Members in attendance:

Name:

Brian Mc Linc Buchanan
Linda Moffatt
Gene Wright
Kelby Hodges
Gail Conrags

Organization:

C.H. EMS
The South - AmI Coast.
Eastford EMS
Thurston County EMS
HMCA - AmI/State King.

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Organization: HMC B
MHC B
Coleman County Medical Center

Name: Jennifer Cook
Ethel Cunningham
Charney Ricketts

Members in attendance:

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Comments:

Five horizontal lines for comments.

New Business: NCI TRAC workshards - if we are passing them need

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Old Business:

Texas Workshards
Education Issues
Trauma Activation

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Hospital
(committee)

10-19-22
(date)

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Delany Tolson
Name:

Cross Plains EMS
Organization:

Members in attendance:

Everything looks good. Thanks for all you do!

Comments:

looked over Fin. Statements, no questions

New Business: ~~20~~

N/A

Old Business:

Budget + Finance
(committee)

10-19-2022
(date)

Stroke

(committee)

10/19/22 (date)

Old Business:

RIDE - We are now participating - awaiting grant paperwork.

New Business:

World Stroke Day October 29 -

PSA - Stroke Awareness

Radio, TV, Social Media,

48-45% by Private's can to keep. Call 911 = better outcomes.

RDC - RIMC (The Reasoning part is RDC - manual process) of tracking not very get with funding to help keep

Comments:

Stroke's part work with brain RDC. Next submit data manually -

Members in attendance:

Name:

MARIE PATRICK

BOE SWINER

SCOTT GIBB

JOHN TAYLOR

CHRIS JARVIS

CHRISTOPHER W. SPAN U

LUAN MURILLO

Organization:

RDC EVAC-103

HMC5-5TK

IMMUNA EMS

DUBLIN EMS

FISHKILL COUNTY EMS

HARTFORD COUNTY EMS

KNOX COUNTY EMS

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(committee)

PI

(date)

10/19/22

Old Business:

- discussed all join new members - WA types - discussed WA type A
- talked regarding pre-emptive solution - need date from member
- 222 hours cut to be issue - regarding emp AS help -
- sending of with/without X-ray/CTS - if major hours -

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Hydie Stewart

Deni Davis, RN

Harold Beard

Shel-Kneels

Larry Lynn

~~Karla Wood~~

Brian Jensen

Organization:

RPM II

RPM H

denid@rpmh.net -

RPM H

Levy & Hess

Fun & Hospital

TRICKINGTON County Memorial Hospital

RPMH briansensen@gmail.com

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BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC)

Emergency Medical Services Education (EMSE)

Quick Overview

I. Students that currently have an EMS certification in Texas.

A. EMS Services within the BCRAC area

1. Should identify persons that want to increase their EMS certification level.
2. EMS sponsor will complete Sponsorship Form and return the sponsorship form to the RAC office
3. Will sponsor employee for the scholarship and commit to having the student work 96 hours a month 2 years for AEMT or paramedic as an exchange for the scholarship.
4. If a volunteer EMS service, that agency will ensure student receives 96 volunteer hours a month and report hours monthly to the RAC for two years for AEMT or paramedic. This may include “on-call” status.
5. EMS Services will be required to track the students time and submit to the RAC monthly.
6. If the student drops or fails the course or the NR exam, the sponsoring agency will assist in the collection of the scholarship repayment to the RAC.

B. Students

1. Will enroll in an accredited program for AEMT or Paramedic.
2. Will complete application and sign Student Agreement and return the agreement to the RAC office.
3. Is responsible for verifying all required documentation has been received in the RAC office and payment was made.
4. If at any point, the student drops out of the program the student will repay the scholarship back to the RAC
5. The scholarship includes tuition, books, and the initial NR exam fee.
6. Have 4 attempts to pass certification. If certification is NOT received, the student must repay the scholarship.
7. Will work 96 hours per month for 2 years at the sponsoring EMS Service.

C. Accredited Education Programs

1. Will complete the EMS Course Sponsor Information Form and return the sponsorship form to the RAC office.
2. Cannot start before September 1, 2022 and must be completed within 240 days for AEMT and 365 days for paramedic.
3. RAC office will make payment directly to school upon being invoiced
4. Will provide verification monthly of their progress and continued enrollment in the program via survey monkey
5. If Sponsoring agency is volunteer agency, that agency will ensure student receives 96 volunteer hours a month and report hours monthly to the RAC for two years for AEMT or paramedic

II. Individuals with no EMS Certification

- A) Individuals that do not currently hold an EMS certification **or** are new to the Region and not currently employed by a BCRAC EMS Service; will be referred to their local EMS Service for possible sponsorship.
- B) May receive a scholarship for EMT-B, AEMT, and/or paramedic.
- C) The EMT-B only requires the student to work 96 hours per month for one year.
- D) The EMT-B course must be completed within 120 days.
- E) All other requirements are listed above.

Scholarships cover tuition, books, and initial NR exam to a maximum of

- Paramedic Education at \$8,000 per person
- Advanced-EMT Education at \$3,200 per person
- EMT Education at \$2,000 per person

BCRAC SPD

(committee)

12:31
10/11/2022

(date)

Old Business:

New Business:

- County Money - no compliance - allot through Regional Projects
- Escorial de (Contract) + Jones (Dobbin) to reallocate County Money
- Suggestions to reallocate to Cadaver, more portion to buying Penetration to open up Tobacco Fund, CPR training equipment, Lucas Device
- SBB
- Stated, RAC, Spencer Reports

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:	Organization:
Kellie Botascan	Citizens EMS
Esmeralda Cumber	Lawrence County EMS
John Tullah	Dublin EMS
Scott Boles	Hamilton EMS
Ann Maginn	Arlene Fire Dept.
Jarrack Brown	metrocare
KARA Pierce	Stamford EMS
Cluse Jarvis	Fisher County EMS
Wan Mirillo	Knox County EMS
Rebecca Beebe	Enola VFD
Christopher Midonich	Harrell County EMS
Gene Wright	Eastland EMS
Kelby Hedges	Throckmorton County EMS
Russel Thomas	Scull Co EMS