

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
2/18/2026**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

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

Minutes of January 21, 2026 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jason Gruben second by Tammy Hamilton, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 121,609.93
EMS County	\$ 135,751.18
Tobacco	\$ 66,581.49
SB8	\$ 0
Dues Account	\$ 11,100.59 (Paid TETAF dues)

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.

Stroke Committee is proposing 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. This information has been sent to the Stroke Committee for review and approval and instructions will be shared with membership upon being approved.

Those expressing interest in the Hospital Data Management course will be paid for via RAC funding.

Working to secure dates for the Cadaver lab. Will reach out to those that were unable to attend last year and then open it up to the membership for the remaining spots.

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

SB8 – Reminder Contract has been completed as of 12/31/2024
Anything sent to the RAC office is filed
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 (It's been a year since RAC involvement so this will be removed from future agendas)

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

Bylaw Review – Updated in July 2025

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 are pending for the next reporting period. These will be set to the committee for review before the next reporting period.

Hospital –

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

Education and Injury Prevention – Need more info on TCAR

Whole Blood –

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
- An email has been sent to Director Schmider regarding the wristband mandatory implementation date
- During the RAC Executive Directors meeting with DSHS – Jorie Klein and her department will be scheduling a time to attend a RAC Exec meeting and during the next few RAC meetings, those scoring a 5 on the assessment will be presenting “Best Practices” to the group

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am on motion made by Jason Gruben, second by Aaron Maxwell; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

BCRAC Executive Committee

2/18/2026

Executive Council	Position	Affiliation	Emails	Attendance
Russel Thomas	Chair - interim	Scurry Co EMS	russelthomas@yahoo.com	present
Jason Gruben	Vice Chair - interim	Mitchell Co EMS	jgruben@mitchellcountyhospital.com	present
Tammy Hamilton	Secretary/Hospital Rep	Fisher County Hos	thamilton@fishercountyhospital.com	present
Marta Pagura	Treasurer	Air EVAC - Abilene	marta.pagura@gmr.net	present
Kelby Hodges	EMS Rep	Throckmorton EMS	khodges@throckmortonhospital.com	present
Aaron Maxwell	EMS Rep	Abilene Fire	aaron.maxwell@abilenetx.gov	present
Lexie Fiest	Hospital Rep	Comanche Medical	lfeist@comanchecmc.com	present
Martee Tebow	Hospital Rep	Hendrick South	mtebow@hendrickhealth.org	present
Sheila Kuelher	Hospital Rep	Knox County Hospital	sheila.kuehler@knoxhospital.org	present
Kinis Voss	Hospital Rep	Throckmorton Hospital	vossk@windstream.net	present
Deni Davis	Hospital Rep	Rolling Plains Mem Hos	denif@rpmh.net	present
Jimmy Bryant	EMS Rep	MetroCare	james.bryant@gmr.net	present
David Allman	EMS Rep	Taylor EMS	david.allman@taylorcountyems.com	present
Jonathan Galinak	First Responder Rep	Eula VFD	evfdchief651@gmail.com	excused
Stephanie Cantu	Hospital Rep	Hendrick North	stcantu@hendrickhealth.org	present
Marlee Puckett	Executive Director		marlee_puckett@yahoo.com	present
Gary Griffith	EMS Program Specialist	DSHS	gary.griffith@dshs.texas.gov	present