

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
January 18, 2023**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1:33pm.

Minutes of Oct 19, 2022 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Kelly Batangan; second by Jonathan Galinak, 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 – Deadline for submitting receipts/invoices and cancelled checks is 3/31/2023. Dates for invoices are 9/1/22 – 3/31/23. Previous recommendation made by BCEMSPO that any funds that could not be distributed due to compliance issues would be pulled for Regional Projects has been implemented. 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.

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

RAC Development – As previously approved, purchases have been made to continue the Education and Injury Prevention programs as follows

- 80% split as follows
 - REMINDER OF 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) – Presented an overview of the SB8 (EMSE) funds as follows: 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.

A secondary application has been approved by DSHS (Dir Joe Schmider) intended for students that are unable to secure a sponsoring EMS agency. Those students can be a recipient of the funding but pledge to first attempt employment within the 16 counties representing BCRAC and if that is not available should secure employment within a rural area of Texas at which time, the oversight of the SB8 funding will be transferred to the corresponding RAC of the county of employment.

SB8 – Currently paid out \$86769.34

4 Basic EMT

19 AEMT

2 Paramedic

Pending 2 AEMT and 1 Paramedic (waiting on invoices)

One student has withdrawn from the program and the school is program is returning the scholarship

Equipment/training ideas for SB8:

Training manikins (Kellie Batangan, Harold “Red” Gerhart and Aaron Maxwell volunteered to help with the different types of manikins. A survey will then be sent to membership to vote on the most desired manikins.

Lucas Devises.

Cadaver Lab – Contact Stephenville for more information

These will be reviewed, and more information will be disseminated as received

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

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

Committee Review: See attached sign in sheets with minutes for each committee

Stroke Committee – Currently reviewing the Stroke Plan to be distributed before April meeting

STEMI – Currently reviewing the STEMI Plan to be distributed before the April meeting

PI Committee – Fourth quarter PI report is due 1/31/23. PI report will be posted on website and emailed to membership each week until 1/31/2023

Hospital Committee – Welcomed new members.

Education and Injury Prevention – Discussed SB8 equipment purchases see above SB8

Finance Committee – Reviewed and approved bank statements and reconciled QB reports

Open Forum – The Executive Committee will be holding a dinner for the Regional Medical Directors. More information will be released as received.

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

Compliance report will be uploaded to the website showing documents received and dues paid.

Volunteers to help with the STB partnership with TXDOT include: Kayla Cehand, Harold "Red" Gerhart, Tammy Hamilton, Russel Thomas, Sarah Alvarez and Lexie Feist.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 on motion made by Harold "Red" Gerhart, second by Kellie Batangan; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

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Pulse

Provider	Printed Name	Signature
Abilene Fire Department	Aaron Meares	
Abilene Fire Department FRO	Justin Kay	
Abilene Taylor County Health Dept	Missy Satterfield	
Air Evac Lifeteam 63	Stephanie Wood	
Air Evac Lifeteam Eastland		
Anson General Hospital	Mellicie Sabersgare	
Cattens Emergency Medical Service, Inc.	Cheryl Voss	
Coleman County Medical Center	Karen Stetler	
Comanche County EMS	Kimberly Boyd	
Comanche County Medical Center	Deborah Johnson	
CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	John Taylor	
Dublin EMS		
Eastland Memorial Hospital		
Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS	Gene Wright	
Eula VFD	Ray Gairland	
Fisher County Hospital	Trinity Hopkins	
Fisher County Hospital District EMS	Cheryl Voss	
Hamilton EMS	Christina Moore	
Haskell County Ambulance Service, Inc.	Scott Pober	
Haskell Memorial Hospital		
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood	Dwayne Harris	
Hendrick Medical Center South	Debra Purner	
Hendrick Medical Center North	Kayla Sebald	
Jim Ned Volunteer Fire Department	Stephanie Owsen	
Knox County EMS	Wendy Halley	
Knox County Hospital District	Shirley Kessler	
Lilegard Ambulance Service - Brownwood	Shirley Kessler	
MetroCare Services, Abilene-IP	Shirley Kessler	
MITCHELL COUNTY EMS		
Mitchell County Hospital		
Native Air		
North Runnels Hospital EMS		
Potter VFD		
Ranger College	Daniel Fox	
Ranger Fd-EMS	Debi Davis	
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital		
Scurry County EMS	Sharon Woodruff	
Shackelford County EMS		
Stanford EMS		
Stephens Memorial Hospital		
Stonewall County Ambulance Service	Cheryl Voss	
STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Cheryl Voss	
Sweetwater Fire Department	Cheryl Voss	
Taylor County EMS		
Throckmorton County EMS	Kathy Hood	
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital	Kimmi Voss	

Budget + Finance
(committee)

1-18-2023
(date)

Old Business:

New Business:

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:	
Delany Golson	
Daniel Fox	
Tina Beaman	<i>[Signature]</i>

Organization:	
Cross Plains EMS	
Ranger FD-EMS	
Jin Ned VFD	

RACD Stroke committee
(committee)

January 18, 2023
(date)

Old Business:

RDC -

New Business:

GWTC Stroke registry -
Review Stroke Plan

Tenecte phase transition Hendrick transitioned Sept 2022
We will share info with the RAC

Prehospital committee shares data and will meet quarterly
in 2023

Due early April - Stroke Plan

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Jarvis, Chase
Haley, Morrow
Safford, Missy
Christopher McDonald
Ashlin McDonald
Scott Beles
John Tacksch
Martee Tebow
Rheal Vega
Bea Swisher - (online General Assembly)

Organization:

Fisher County EMS
Knott Co. EMS
Air Evac 63
Haskell County EMS
Shelburne EMS
Hamba EMS
Dublin EMS
Hendrick Health (North/South)
Mitchell County EMI

Old Business:

New Business:

SB9 - Education Equipment -

Survey Monkey to figure out what kind of manegins will be most used
Lucas Police good idea if we can

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:
<u>Esmeralda Cumba</u>
<u>Jonathan Galinae</u>
<u>Aaron Maxwell</u>
<u>Justin Ray</u>
<u>Kayla Cehand</u>

Organization:
<u>Comanche County EMS</u>
<u>Eula VFD</u>
<u>Abilene Fire Department</u>
<u>Abilene Fire Dept.</u>
<u>Hendrick North</u>

STEMT

(committee)

1/18/23

(date)

Old Business:

New Business:

Discussed/reviewed STEMT plan. This committee will review via email & submit changes to Markle. We anticipate having it ready for approval at the April Meeting.

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Organization:

- Joshua Chapman
- Daffin Duckert
- Lellie Butangue
- Gene Wright
- Kelly Rodgers
- Linda Moffitt
- Gail Springs
- Stephanie Wood

- Lifeguard Ambulance
- Ironwood Co Ambulance Service
- Citizens EMS
- Eastland EMS
- Throckmorton Co EMS
- Hendrick Medical Center - South
- Hendrick Med. - Quality North
- A/E 115 Eastland

Hospital

(committee)

11/18/2023

(date)

Old Business:

None - 2 members are new - 1 not able to make the last mtg

New Business:

None - APED but no info available

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Clay Vogel
Dwayne Lewis
Heather Kise

Organization:

Coleman
Brown-Hendrick
Stewart Memorial

Performance Improvement

(committee)

1-18-23

(date)

Old Business:

New Business:

Put all data in Excel ^{Plan to} send out to group. Will focus on Sedation in field for next meeting. Will continue to monitor keeping track of inhibitors of transfer to higher level of care.

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Organization:

Shale Kuala
Deni Davis
Aed Gerhart
Kimberly Boyd
Stephanie Chapa
Kensi Voss
Jimmy Pym, MD
Sarah Alvarez

Kent Co Hosp
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital
BPMH
VBCMA Comanche County Med Unit
Hendrick Medical North
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital
Kent's Hospital
Hendrick medical center