

**BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
4/19/2023**

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 1:30pm

Opened the meeting, introducing Dr. Russell Hyde as the Medical Director.

Dr. Hyde addressed the General Assembly and expressed his appreciation for being asked to be the Medical Director. Dr. Russell also sat on the PI committee earlier in the day and discussed their desire to strengthen the PI committee and address issues as they occur and are brought the committee's attention instead of reviewing months past the incidents.

Minutes of March 15,2023 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by Jason Gruben; second by Lexie Feist, 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.

BCEMSPO was polled to determine how many scholarships may be awarded in the next 16 months and 16 Paramedics should be applying after completing the AEMT courses. This will be an estimated disbursement of \$128,000.

Motion to approve the Financial and Grant Review by Deni Davis; second by Jason Gruben, 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 David Allman; second by Aaron Maxwell all in favor, none opposed. By-laws will be posted on the website as approved.

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). The committee would like to have a page on the website that provides the EMS Service or Hospital and all pertinent information. Marlee will work on this and abstract the information from the Needs Assessments completed by all active members.

STEMI – Final STEMI Plan was sent to membership and was approved by the membership

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 – Approved the financials provided to the committee and the reconciliation reports.

Motion to approve the Committee Review by Lee Williamson; second by Tammy Hamilton all in favor, none opposed.

Open Forum

- Medical Directors Dinner was held on 3/21
Information discussed during the Exec committee was provided to the GA 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 the page
- 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 – provided a very informative review of the Pediatric System in Texas. This

led additional discussions about the RAC pediatric committee and the need to have someone present at GA meetings to give a committee review during committee reviews. Marlee will reach out to the Pedi Group and find out who could attend the GA meetings in the future.

- Announce Grance Sewell, *TeamSTEPPS® 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 3:00pm on motion made by Jason Gruben, second by David Allman, all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 7/19/2025

Provider	Committee Assignment	Printed Name	
Ablene Fire Department	Injury Prevention and Education	Aaron Maxwell	
Ablene Fire Department PRO	Injury Prevention and Education	Justin Ray	
Ablene Taylor County Health Dept		WALTER HUBERT	
Air Evac Lifeteam 63	Stroke	STEPHAN WOOD	
Air Evac Lifeteam Eastland	STEMI		
Arson General Hospital			
Citizens Emergency Medical Service, Inc.	STEMI	WILLIE BOULANGER	
Coleman County Medical Center	Hospital	NICOLE SWANSON	
Comanche County EMS	Injury Prevention and Education	EMERILDA LUMBA	
Comanche County Medical Center	Performance Improvement	DELORAY FORDSON	
CROSS PLAINS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	Budget and Finance		
Dublin EMS	STEMI		
Eastland Memorial Hospital	Stroke		
Eastland Memorial Hospital EMS	STEMI		
Edin VFD	Injury Prevention and Education		
Fisher County Hospital	Performance Improvement	LEANNIA GONZALES	
Fisher County Hospital District EMS	Stroke	STEPHAN WOOD	
Hamlin EMS	Stroke	STANLEY HUBERT	
Haskell County Ambulance Service, Inc.	Injury Prevention and Education		
Haskell Memorial Hospital	Hospital	SWANNA HARRIS	
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood	Performance Improvement	SARAH ALVAREZ	
Hendrick Medical Center South	Performance Improvement	EMILIA GONZALEZ	
Hendrick Medical Center North	Injury Prevention and Education	ANGIE MULLIO	
Jim Ned Volunteer Fire Department	STEMI	SHERI KUCIAR	
Knox County EMS	Stroke	JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN	
Knox County Hospital District	Injury Prevention and Education	JASON GREENE	
Lifeguard Ambulance Service - Brownwood	STEMI	JASON GREENE	
MetroCare Services, Abilene-UP	Hospital	YULIE WARD	
MITCHELL COUNTY EMS	Budget and Finance		
Matchell County Hospital	Stroke		
Native Air			
North Runnels Hospital EMS			
Pecos VFD			
Ranger College	Education	SANDRA WEE-DEAN of Allied Health	
Ranger Fd-Ems	Budget and Finance	DAVID DAVIS	
Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital	Performance Improvement	DAVID DAVIS	
Scurry County EMS	Injury Prevention and Education	ASHTON McDONALD	
Shackelford County EMS	Stroke	ASHTON McDONALD	
Stamford EMS	Stroke	ASHTON McDONALD	
Stephens Memorial Hospital	Hospital	ASHTON McDONALD	
Stonewall County Ambulance Service	Stroke	ASHTON McDONALD	
STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Hospital	ASHTON McDONALD	
Sweetwater Fire Department	Injury Prevention and Education	ASHTON McDONALD	
Taylor County EMS	Injury Prevention and Education	ASHTON McDONALD	
Throckmorton County EMS	STEMI	ASHTON McDONALD	
Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital	Performance Improvement	ASHTON McDONALD	

Hendrick Medical Center North

Performance Improvement

Stephanie Charpa

Stephanie Charpa

Stemi

(committee)

4-19-23

(date)

Old Business:

STEMI PI

New Business:

Present GA for vote

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Jason Crauben
 Kelly Butarogen
 Lindsey McHitt
 Chad [unclear]
 JASNA CHAPMAN
 Stephanie Wood Holley
 Brandon Jackson

Organization:

Mitchell Co. EMS
 Citico EMS
 HMC South - AMI Coast
 HMC North STEMI/Stroke Navigator
 LGA - Brownwood
 Air Evac 115 Eastland Texas
 Throckmorton Co. EMS

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STROKE

(committee)

4/19/23

(date)

Old Business:

REVIEW STROKE Plan

New Business:

Proposed Δ to Member listing page from listing address info, member info to just listing name of SERVICE with full info on BRAC website.

Proposed updates to pg 25, Remove pgs 30-31.

EMD's
Marlee has meeting April 28th to discuss how to notify EMS agencies of HMC-N LVO Coverage.

Update STROKED LEVEL for each hospital listed on STROKE Plan

Comments:

* Marlee please send Kayla Cehanel RAC member email list so she can get EMS providers enrolled in EMS-Systems for HMC-DIVERT emails.
referred Kayla to TOBY BARBUCK.

Members in attendance:

Name:

Marta Casare
JANIEY HUTTON
William McDonald
Cott Bolos
Marteek Tekow
Chase Jarvis
Ivan mmilo

Organization:

HE 63
Hickell EMS
Shelburne EMS
Hamlin EMS - ems@hamlinhealth.co
Hendrick Medical Center
Fisher County Hospital EMS
Knox County EMS

PROPOSED

BCRAC PREHOSPITAL TRANSPORT GUIDELINES FOR STROKE

SUSPECTED STROKE

Assessment Guidelines:

- Onset S/S
- Time "last known normal"
- Complete Vital Signs
- Blood Glucose*
- Pre-Hospital Cincinnati Stroke Scale
- Stroke severity scale to assess for possible LVO
- Thrombolytic Checklist
- 12-Lead ECG

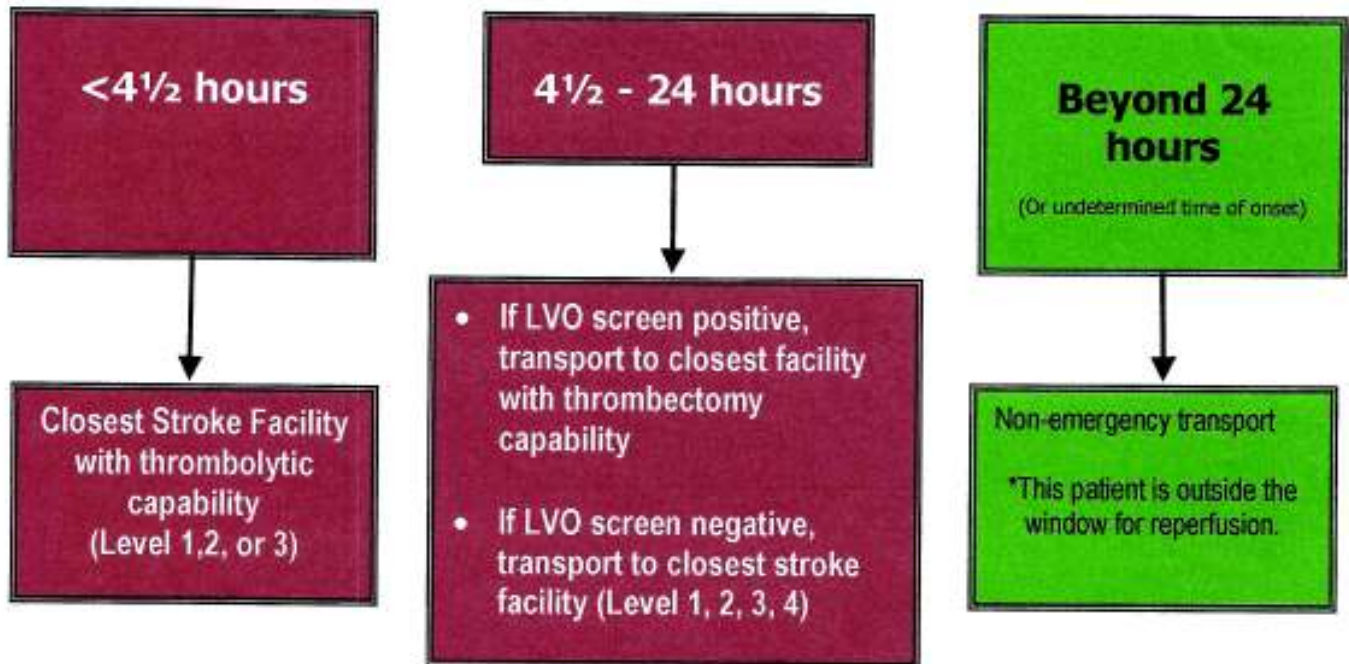
*Consider other etiologies such as hypoglycemia and seizure.

Minimum Treatment Guidelines:

- Oxygen per TDP to keep SPO2 >94%
- IV NS TKO (as per skill level)
- Consider antihypertensive agent for blood pressures above 220/110
- Rapid transport to appropriate facility as indicated.
- Divert to the closest hospital for airway management or stabilization.
- Consider Air Medical transport for patient deterioration.

Transport decision should be based on time of onset as appropriate.

If >60 min ground transport, consider Air Medical Transport to decrease time.



SUSPECTED STROKE

Assessment Guidelines:

- Cincinnati Stroke Scale
 - Facial Droop
 - Arm Drift
 - Abnormal Speech
- Complete Vital Signs
- Stroke severity scale to assess for possible LVO
- Blood Glucose
- 12-Lead ECG
- Thrombolytic Checklist
- Time "last seen normal"
- Onset S/S

*Consider other etiologies such as hypoglycemia and seizure.

Minimum Treatment Guidelines:

- P₉₅ to keep stats >92%
- Oxygen 2-4 L/min
- IV NS TKO (as per skill level)
- Consider antihypertensive agent for blood pressures above 220/110
- Rapid transport to appropriate facility as indicated.
- Divert to the closest hospital for airway or patient instability.
- Consider Air Medical transport for patient deterioration and decrease in transport time.

Transport decision should be based on time of onset as appropriate.

Consider Air Medical Transport to decrease transport time.

<4½ hours

4½ - 24 hours

Beyond 24 hours

(Or undetermined time of onset)

Closest Stroke Facility
(Level 1, 2, or 3)

Closest Level 1 Stroke
Facility (Recommended)
or
Hendrick Medical Center

Non-emergency transport
*This patient is outside the
window for reperfusion.

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Hospital

Hester Kis - Stonehall

Michelle Burdick - Coleman County Medical Center
(alternate for Chancy Pickett RN)

Dwayne Harris -
Yvette Woody

Hendrick Brownwood,
Mitchell county hospital

No new business

discussed Trauma/CMS surveys

Budget & Finance
(committee)

4/19/23
(date)

Old Business:

New Business:

Everything looked good, no issues

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:
Delany Golsin
DARREN FOR
LIM BRANNON

Organization:
Cross Plains EMS
Ranger Fire Dept
Jim Reed VFD

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Performance Improvement 4-20-23

(committee)

(date)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Will create email chain for PI committee entities are encouraged to email cases needing to be reviewed as they occur so PI is concurrent vs retrograde.

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:	Organization:
Kinsi Voss	Throckmorton County Memorial Hospital
Sheila Kuehler	Knorr County Hospital
Lexie Feist	Comanche County Medical Center
Stephanie Chapa	Hendrick Medical North
Harold Paul	Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital
Deni Davis	Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital
Kelly Hyde	HME North
Brandie Kirk	Stephens Memorial Hosp
Tammie Hamilton	Fisher Co Hospital
Sarah Alvarez	HMCS

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Old Business:

Supplies used
\$2100/Procter that applied for reimbursement

New Business:

Comments:

Members in attendance:

Name:

Organization:

Jonathan Gooling

Jarrod Green

Dryas Buckley

Esmeralda Cumba

Justin Ray

Christopher M. Spald

Aaron Mann

ELLA VFD

metroland

Sweetwater FD

Comanche County EMS

Abilene Fire PRO

Stanford EMS

Abilene Fire