

BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
7/16/2025

Roll Call: See Sign in Sheet for Attendance

A quorum was present. Meeting called to order by Russel Thomas at 10:03 am

Minutes of June 18, 2025 meeting approved as posted on website on motion by David Allman; second by Aaron Maxwell, all in favor, none opposed.

Financial Review –

EMS RAC	\$ 3,387.98
EMS County	\$ 0.00
Tobacco	\$ 5,672.69
SB8	\$ 95.00
Dues Account	\$ 5,593.43

GRANT REVIEW

EMS County – Contract is pending closure

EMS RAC – This grant continues to be used for administrative expenses and contract is pending closure

RAC Development – **TNCC –** Will continue to pay these invoices as they are received until 8/31/2025 when the contract is closed.

Funding was used for the following for the benefit of the RAC membership

- Bob Page seminar
- CISM
- Cadaver Lab

7/29 and 8/12 upcoming Cadaver Labs 16

23 additional interested parties responded to the registration
Will request the injury prevention and education committee allot
\$7935 next fiscal year for these 23 to attend the Cadaver training.

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next year **

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, STB kits, De Chokers and Bike Helmets

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

\$9,382.89 was returned to the state in June

The RAC will continue to collect repayments from students that did not fulfill their contract requirements and return to the state monthly

Motion to approve the Financial and Grant Review by David Allman; second by Sheila Kueler; all in favor, none opposed.

Bylaw Review – Chase Jarvis and Delany Gohlson have reviewed the by-laws and made the following Recommendation to be presented for approval during the General Assembly meeting.

- Under Article 2 section 2.1 it lists the "trauma service area D includes the counties of" and then list the counties but also includes the city of Hamlin. I feel like we can just omit the city of hamlin as it is covered within Jones County, which is listed.
- David Allman suggested creating a Blood Products Committee and adding it to the by-laws as a "Standing Committee" under Article 9, 9.9

Motion to approve the Bylaw Review by David Allman; second by Stephanie Chapa; all in favor, none opposed.

Committee Review –

STEMI – STEMI Plan was emailed to membership for review so that it can be approved during the GA meeting.

Stroke –

Performance Improvement - Additional questions should be reviewed to be added to the current PI questionnaires to help meet all the requirements for the upcoming Assessment. I will have blank PI reports printed so that the PI committee can show where these questions should be added if they are approved

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- 1) How many STEMI in this quarter
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- 3) How many STEMI patients were transported to STEMI facility
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Hospital Only

- 5) How many patients received Lytic?

Stroke

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- 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
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Hospital –

Budget/Finance – Reconciliation reports for April, May & June reviewed and approved

Education and Injury Prevention – Discuss allotting \$7935 from next FY funding to Cadaver Lab in order for all interested parties to be able to attend the training.

Pediatric –

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

Open Forum:

- Assessment – Excel template was emailed to RAC Executive members with very few responses. The Assessment was printed and handed out to the Executive committee for review and additional comment. The comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the existing working document.
- Executive Board Elections will be held during the General Assembly meeting for the next fiscal year Sept 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
 - Jason Gruben, Vice Chair
 - Marta Pagura, Treasurer
 - Steve Hobbs – EMS Representative **is not renewing**
 - Tammy Hamilton – Hospital Representative
 - Deni Davis - Hospital Representative
 - Jimmy Bryant - EMS Representative
 - Jonathan Galinak – First Responder Representative
 - Stephanie Chapa – Hospital Representative

Kelby Hodges with Throckmorton EMS has been nominated to take Steven Hobbs place as an EMS representative. If there are no other nominees there will not be a need for an election. Ballots are ready in case they are needed

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am on motion made by Jonathan Galinak, second by Marta Pagura; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlee Puckett, Executive Director

Performance Improvement Committee

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Injury Prevention and Education

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Suggestion for next FY

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.

** Recommendations will be made and voted on during the October meeting but the above suggestions have been made **

BCRAC Executive Committee

7/16/2025

Executive Council	Position	Affiliation	
Russel Thomas	Chair - interim	Scurry Co EMS	
Jason Gruben	Vice Chair - interim	Mitchell Co EMS	
Sarah Alvarez	Secretary/Hospital Rep	Hendrick South	
Marta Pagura	Treasurer	Air EVAC - Abilene	
Steven Hobbs	EMS Rep	AirMethods	
Aaron Maxwell	EMS Rep	Abilene Fire	
Lexie Fiest	Hospital Rep	Comanche Medical	
Tammy Hamilton	Hospital Rep	Fisher County Hos	
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	