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**EMS Operations Committee**

**January 24, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance – Licensed EMS**  **Attendance – All Others**

Acadian – Elizabeth Hicks Christina Secrist, AHCT

AirEvac - Lee Ann Briley DeShon Williams, Belton Fire Corps

AirLift Texas - Heather Sieracki, BSW- Temple

AMR – Milam – Ashley Kopech, BSW - Temple

Belton EMS – Fred Reed

CareFlite Air Jason Sanford, Bell County Public Health

City Ambulance – Mark Koscielski Wesley Gilbreath, Belton Fire

CSI Aviation –

Copperas Cove Fire – Gary Young (TEAMS)

Coryell Health EMS – Daniel Lay (TEAMS)

Hamilton EMS – Wesley Alexander, Chyanne Brake

Harker Heights Fire – Aaron Dunnam, Ray Gardera

Ft Cavazos EMS - Rebecca Smith, Nick Myers

Killeen Fire – Joel Secrist **Staff**

PHI – Christine Reeves, RAC Director

Temple EMS –

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Mr. Lay, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1500.
2. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Gilbreath motioned to approve the December meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Emergency Healthcare System Items –** Ms. Hicks provided follow-up from the run sheet discussion in December. She and Ms. Reeves are still working on the issue. Ms. Kopech noted that BSW – Temple Trauma’s issue is getting copies of run sheets from the original EMS provider when another facility transfers. Ms. Reeves will pull a group together to discuss this item since it will need to be handled on a different day.
4. **Action and/or Discussion on the following items:**
   1. **Recommendations from Other Committees/Workgroups** – None were noted.
   2. **EMResource® Notifications –** Ms. Reeves reported that she held the first EMResource® training through TEAMS. There were 14 people in attendance with good reviews. She will continue to host them monthly.
   3. **EMS/County Funding Formula & Regional Projects –** The committee spent most of the meeting discussing funding and projects. It started with a presentation from Ms. Hicks on history. A copy of the presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes upon request. Using the table that Ms. Hicks developed for the current year funds, Ms. Hicks motioned to approve 20% of regional projects and base directed amounts by county by runs received from DSHS. Mr. Dunnam seconded the motion.Motion carried 6 approve to 4 decline - Hamilton EMS – Lampasas, Copperas Cove Fire, Hamilton EMS, Coryell Health EMS. After voting, they were asked why they declined. All stated it was about 20% for regional projects. They would have chosen 15%.

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| EMS Provider | Bell | Coryell | Hamilton | Lampasas | Milam | Mills |
| Acadian Ambulance | 843.62 |  |  | 6100.13 |  |  |
| AMR - Milam |  |  |  |  | 12617.60 |  |
| Belton EMS (AMR) | 2528.99 |  |  |  |  |  |
| City Ambulance | 12.42 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copperas Cove Fire | 9.32 | 4350.18 |  | 298.88 |  |  |
| Coryell Health EMS |  | 4853.08 |  |  |  |  |
| Hamilton EMS - Hamilton |  |  | 9863.29 |  |  |  |
| Hamilton EMS - Lampasas |  |  |  | 3177.79 |  |  |
| Hamilton EMS - Mills |  |  |  |  |  | 8832.80 |
| Harker Heights Fire | 2322.13 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Killeen Fire | 10404.22 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temple EMS (AMR) | 8894.65 |  |  |  |  |  |

Discussion started on what projects. Ms. Whitesell asked why after a few years is there still funds allocated to thermometer project. Ms. Hicks motioned to no longer support this project. Mr. Dunnam seconded the motion. Motioned passed with one decline – Copperas Cove Fire. Discussion on wristbands. Ms. Hicks motioned to spend $7440 on wristbands. Chief Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

* 1. **SB8 Funding Update** – Ms. Reeves noted that scholarships continue to come in.
  2. **EMS Performance Improvement – Ms. Reeves was asked to send out the list of indicators approved by this committee.**
  3. **Pulsara Updates** - Chief C Young noted that Copperas Cove had begun using Pulsara.
  4. **Pediatric Initiatives** – Just a quick reminder due to time restraints.
     1. *EMS-C Pediatric Readiness Program*
     2. *EMS-C Pediatric Readiness Survey*

1. **Air Medical** – Nothing noted.
2. **Open Forum** – Nothing noted.
3. **Next Meeting** – March 27 at Central Texas COG
4. **Adjourn** – Adjourned at 1640

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Mr. Daniel Lay, Chair