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**EMS Operations Committee**

**March 27, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Acadian – Elizabeth Hicks Christina Secrist, AHCT

AirEvac - Lee Ann Briley DeShon Williams, Belton Fire Corps

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** – Ms. Hicks motioned to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Gandara seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Emergency Healthcare System Items –**Ms. Reeves gave an update on HB624 and advised that she needs all non-FRO organizations to report to her so she can identify them to the state.
4. **Action and/or Discussion on the following items:**

Ms. Hicks had a discussion on how to get FRO involved in the RAC and educate them on the benefits of the CTRAC to them. The idea of having a meal was discussed a motion was made by Ms. Hicks to approach the board and get approval to spend $20 per person on a meal, it was 2nd by Mr. Sedlacek, motion carried.

* 1. **GETAC Updates-** Ms. Reeves discussed that GETAC is working on a whole blood task force with the goal of having whole blood in all 254 counties. Some of the features to the program will include:
  2. Regional rotation system
  3. Approved product list
  4. Standardized protocols
  5. Walking blood banks
  6. Performance improvement process

GETAC is looking at EMS education and if the street to paramedic idea is good and working as intended.

Ms. Reeves discussed the EMS Wall Time White Paper and advised that the goal is to bring wall times down to a 20-minute goal.

* 1. **Recommendations from Other Committees/Workgroups** – Cardiac committee request that all providers participate in mission lifeline. Ms. Hicks discussed barriers for agencies that do not participate and what could be done to help them. The stroke committee advised that they have a new person providing feedback and it will be more interactive. They are also reviewing the stroke plan. If TPA is given in transport, please flush the line. There was a motion at their meeting to get rid of the Alteplase form. Trauma committee had nothing for the committee. ED talked about Pulsara but it will be covered in a later agenda item.
  2. **EMS/County Regional Projects –** Ms. Reeves advised that after spending money on wristbands there is $14,000 left for projects. She discussed the possibility of doing a basic EMS field officer course that would cost $9000 and provided information on SIMTAC City which is a simulator that could be used by all agencies to provide table top and simulation training. The cost of this would be $3000. Ms. Hicks made the motion that the funds be used for both the Simtac and basic EMS field officer course. Mr. Gilbreath 2nd and the motion carried.
  3. **SB8 Funding Update** – Ms. Reeves noted that there is still funding available and that students can be placed up to December 31st, 2024. Funds cannot be used for non-affiliated students. To date 28 students have been funded, 2 have passed everything and are moving to advanced EMT.
  4. **EMS Performance Improvement –** MS Reeves reported that the statistics on temp reports couldn’t be calculated due to 29% being reported. 67% of 12 leads are being done within 10 minutes. Stroke scale is still working on how to pull accurate data.
  5. **Pulsara Updates** – Ms. Hicks advised that our crews need to be careful what is being put in the Pulsara reports due to it becoming part of the record. If something is said about the patient or other facilities it remains in the records. Pulsara had 23,00 open channels in Feb 2023 and 60,000 channels open currently.
  6. **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** – Advised that there will be extra aircraft in the area for the eclipse.
2. **Open Forum** – Ms. Hicks needs help with hands only CPR and asked if Belton FD could assistance Chisolm Trail Elementary with a Fire/EMS display.
3. **Next Meeting** – June 26 at Central Texas COG
4. **Adjourn** – Adjourned at 15:46

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Mr. Daniel Lay, Chair