



*NORTEX Regional EMS Providers Association  
United Regional – Wichita Room  
5 December 2019*

Meeting Minutes

1. The Pre-Hospital Providers meeting was called to order at 1600, 5 December 2019 at United Regional, Wichita Room.
2. Minutes from the October meeting were not available.
3. Mr. Simmons provided the financial report. Current balance is \$42,704.51. Dues for 2020 are due at the February meeting. Financial report was approved.
4. Reports
  - a. DSHS – No report
  - b. NTRAC – 1) Ms. Whitelaw thanked the members for submitting all their documents in a timely fashion. The contract for next year contain some expanded reporting requires. She will send out the new contact for the services review. There is also a new deadline to submit the reports. The new deadline is due by the end of June. Ms. Whitelaw would like the reports by April so she can submit them in a timely manner. The Executive Committee discussed combining the April Trauma Conference with the EMS Conference / CE's in February. Mr. Matthews discussed the upcoming February EMS training. It will be 11-13 February and week 2 will be 18-20 February at the Public Safety Training Center on Flood Street. The have several training sessions already planned and will meet tomorrow to discuss integrating the trauma conference. The training will have CE and CNE hours. There will possibly be a class on the King Vision scope. More information will follow.
  - c. GETAC – Mr. Matthews reported several areas that GETAC discussed. 1) the implementation of a State Wide Arm Band program. The arm band will be used to track the patient from initial transport through discharge. The band numbers will be randomized numbers and will be free. The band will include a QR or bar code. The band will not contain HIPAA information. The program is in the early stages of review. 2) He discussed the use of trauma patient triage tags. Our system currently uses black, red, yellow and green tags. Discussion centered on adopting the Israeli system of Dead / Transport / and walking wounded. Again this is in the early stages of discussion. 3) He discussed the use of entitle CO2. The State can't make you use them. There use is based on you're the protocols established by your medical director. 4) DSHS does have a matrix of actions based on events or actions taken by EMS personnel. He will try to obtain it and send it to the members. 5) DSHS recognizes the medicine shortfalls have created problems with carrying medication.



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- You may be able to carry expired medication on you truck if you medical director extends the life of the medication. The extension must not be open-ended, but have an established date. 6) The GETAF minutes are posted on the DSHS EMS website.
- d. TETAF – Mr. Bettis notified members elections are next month and a neonatal is being established.
  - e. EMTF – 1) Mr. Matthews discussed the lack of a strong showing of strike teams from our region. 2) The Education Committee is discussing a pilot program of civilian to medic without holding EMT or AEMT certification first. NREMT and DSHS are against the program. In some states where the program is being tested, NREMT is making students sit the EMT certification one day and then take the paramedic exam the next. Again, this in only in discussion.
5. Old Business - None
  6. New Business – 1) Mr. Matthews noted Mr. Hoffman and himself are now members of the NTHCC committee. 2) Mr. Simons requested a motion to purchase 2 meals for the upcoming February EMS training. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed. 3) Mr. Long discussed the Vernon College bridge program with the School of EMS to paramedic. There is an on-line bridge program being reviewed and finalized that should be available in March 2020. The program isn't available for tuition assistance – cost from civilian to paramedic is about \$6,000 and \$4,500 from AEMT to paramedic. The Director of the Program will be coming to our area to discuss the program. A question was raised about Percom training. According to several services, students in that program have to travel to Abilene for clinicals. Students are being told that you can't take clinicals in this area. 4) Mr. Matthews discussed the new data collection program for Medicare. Agencies will provide cost reporting information for a year. The collection began when EMS services requested increases in payments. Only selected services are participating in the program. Failure to report the information may lead to a reduction of 10% reimbursements for a year. Mr. Matthews' service is one of the collection points and the information required is extensive.
  7. The meeting adjourned at 1714. The next meeting will be on 2 January 2020.

L.E. NAUMAN  
Secretary



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ATTENDEES

M.W. Stripling	Seymour / Baylor Co EMS
Foster Simmons	PK Westlake Vol EMS
Ryan Matthews	TRANS Star
Kenny Hoffman	AMR
Nicholas Long	Vernon College
L. Aaron Crumbley	Vernon Fire / EMS
Bobby Hadderton	Graham EMS
Len Nauman	Burkburnett VFD
Kelley Hudson	FCH EMS
Pete Wolf	Windthorst VFD / RAEL
Roger Ritchie	Air Evac
Joel Moore	Bowie
Wes Edwards	Nocona EMS
Kyle Ogden	St Jo EMS
Dale Fouse	Hardeman Co. EMS