

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (TSA-C)



Executive Board Minutes

February 3rd, 2022

Start of meeting: 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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1. Attendance

Brady Whitaker, Hardeman County EMS
Laura Pressler, URHCS
Nick Long, Vernon College
Christine Rodgers, Electra Memorial Hospital
Bryan Tressler, WFFD
Roger Ritchie, Air-Evac
Jacky Betts, URHCS
Kim Stringfellow, URHCS
Tish Beaver, TxDOT
Amanda Quesada, URHCS
Kenny Hoffman, AMR
Kayla Ellis, Graham Regional Medical Center
Melissa Whitelaw, NTRAC

2. Review of December minutes

Laura Pressler made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Nick Long. Motion approved without opposition.

3. Financial Report

Melissa Whitelaw presented the financial report. The money market account has a balance of \$345,144.02 and the checking account has a balance of \$9,204.61. EMS RAC funds began with \$41,267.

\$20,284.84 has been on payroll and rent leaving a balance of \$20,982.16. EMS County funds began with \$126,385.00 and all funds are remaining. RAC Systems Development began with \$75,429.90; \$4,704.13 has been spent on administrative costs and \$1,675.97 has been spent on program costs leaving a balance of \$69,049.80. Laura Pressler made a motion to approve the financial report with a second from Roger Ritchie. Motion approved without opposition.

Expenses for consideration include:

GRMC	1TNCC	\$275
Dominic Giannascoli	EMT certification	\$500.00
Electra Memorial Hospital	3 TNCC, 3 ENPC	\$1,650.00

Regional Project	Critical Care Books	\$780.00
Regional Project	13 pkgs Broselow tapes	
	19 Books	\$6,000
AMB-ENG, LLC	9 months of rent	\$4,500

Office supplies and Executive Director's salary approved at committee level.

Laura Pressler made a motion to approve expenses with a second from Roger Ritchie. Motion approved without opposition.

4. Executive Reports

- a. **Chair:** Kenny Hoffman reported that the grant applied for by MSU and AMR for mental health resources in our region was approved. The grant is for 2.7 million and Kenny will be giving updates when ore information is available.
- b. **Executive Director:** Melissa Whitelaw has completed the December and January DSHS contract deliverables. She will be in Waco on February 8th and 9th for a small RAC meeting regarding the RDC's capabilities and analyzing each RAC in attendance's compliance with the new DSHS requirements. Melissa will be attending the RAC Chairs/GETAC meeting via Microsoft Teams on February 10th at 1 PM. She will also be attending the monthly RAC Chairs/DSHS meeting on February 15th at 1:30 PM.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **CQI** – Melissa Whitelaw gave the SNAP data summary.
 - i. **EZ IO** – 17 new surveys submitted since last meeting. 16 were medical, 1 was trauma. 15 performed by paramedics, 1 by a RN and 1 by an EMT-1. 10 were in the tibia and 7 were in the humerus. There were 5 comments as to why the humerus was not used. 1 was unable to access, 2 had an obese patient, 1 was obstructed by a CPR device and 1 was due to a subcutaneous emphysema. 15 were successful on 1st attempt and 2 on 2nd attempt. Device performed as expected in all but one instance. The comment was that the device did not perform as expected due to patient size. 14 replied with good training and 3 with adequate training.
 - ii. **Tourniquets** – No new submissions.
 - iii. **King Vision** – 7 new surveys since last meeting. All were medical with 5 due to difficult airway, 1 for cervical spine

stabilization and 1 for first line. All successful in one attempt. All blades were channeled.

- iv. **Cardiac Arrest** – 9 new submissions. Code was witnessed in 5 cases and not witnessed in 4. 7 were medical and 2 were unknown. Signs and symptoms were incompatible with life in all 9. CPR was initiated in 8 cases. 3 by EMS, 3 by FR and 2 laypersons. AED was used in 7 cases and shock was advised in 5. 7 were given medication. 3 used a mechanical CPR device. 6 were transported and 3 were called on scene. Of the 6 transported, 5 were due to potential for ROSC and 1 was by family demand.

- b. **PIE** – Laura Pressler has recently taught a chest tube training class to a level 4 hospital because the chest draining equipment has been in short supply. She will be reaching out to other hospitals in the region to see if this training is needed. Laura along with UR's critical care director traveled to Electra Memorial Hospital to help the staff better deal with critical care patients. The RAC will be purchasing critical care books for each hospital in our region as a quick reference guide. UR will be hosting an ATLS class in April however the class is already full. Laura and Ryan Matthews will be working on putting together a cadaver lab. More information to follow. NTRAC will be adding a STB tab on the home screen to link to a new STB page. The STB registry is not reflecting the amount of tourniquet applications believed to be done. Melissa Whitelaw will reach out to Christine Reeves, STB TX committee chair, to see if EMS, hospitals, or both should be completing the information for the registry.
- c. **NORTEX EMS** – Melissa Whitelaw needs the pass-through receipts from EMS by the April 7th RAC meeting. The money must be expended by June 1st, 2022.
- d. **Trauma Coordinators/Acute Care/Neonatal/Maternal**
 - i. **Trauma Coordinators** – Nothing to report
 - ii. **Acute Care** – Nothing to report
 - iii. **Neonatal** – Nothing to report
 - iv. **Maternal** – Nothing to report
- e. **Air Medical** – Roger Ritchie reminded the membership to early activate. Air Evac is looking forward to visiting hospitals around the region as soon as COVID protocols allow. They are still doing classes for the region. A complete list of educational offerings can be found at [ntrac.org>documents>quick docs>available certification and CE courses](http://ntrac.org/documents/quick_docs/available_certification_and_CE_courses). Roger is working on getting a coordinator for a

regional PHTLS class to be held in Wichita Falls. Melissa Whitelaw will send out more information when available.

- f. **TETAF** – During the December 16th, 2021 TETAF General Assembly meeting, five nominees were elected to the 2022 TETAF Board of Directors with terms that will expire in 2025. The General Assembly voted to select from the entire slate of 11 nominees with the five highest votes elected to serve on the TETAF Board of Directors.

The individuals elected to the TETAF Board of Directors were:

Scott Christopher, BBA, BSN, RN, LP
Dan Little, MD
Rhonda-Manor Coombes, BSN, RN, TCRN (level 4 trauma center)
Kathy Perkins, RN, MBA
Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-LP

New to the TETAF Board of Directors are Dan Little and Rhonda Manor-Coombes. Scott Christopher, Kathy Perkins, and Danny Updike will return to the TETAF Board for another term.

TETAF would like to thank our departing board members Nilda Garcia, M.D. and Angela Gentry, RN, MSN, TCRN for their years of commitment and service to the TETAF Board of Directors.

6. Old Business

- a. **Ongoing PI committee development** - Melissa Whitelaw still needs a point of contact from each hospital to establish plausibility of different data collection models.
 - i. **RDC membership** - Melissa will be evaluating uses of the RDC for future compliance with DSHS mandates on PI data collection. She will reach out to the board after February 15th with a report and will be requesting a vote on membership.

7. Announcements:

Next NTRAC CQI, PIE, Finance, Executive Board, HCC, NORTEX EMS, Trauma Coordinators/Acute Care/Neonatal/Maternal and General Membership meetings will be on April 7th, 2022. Time and location TBD.

8. Adjourn @ 1:27 PM.

Laura Pressler made a motion to adjourn with a second from Roger Ritchie. Motion approved without opposition.