

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (TSA-C)



Executive Board Minutes
April 7th, 2022
Start of meeting: 1:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

1. Attendance

Mark Hale, AMR and Windthorst VFD
Christina Rodgers, Electra Memorial Hospital
Josh Miller, Seymour Hospital
C Provost, ???
Shane Comer, HCC
Roger Ritchie, Air Evac
Bryan Tressler, WFFD
Bobby Hadderton, Graham/Young Co EMS
Melissa Whitelaw, NTRAC

2. Review of February minutes

Josh Miller made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Mark Hale. Motion approved without opposition.

3. Financial Report

Melissa Whitelaw presented the financial report. The money market account has a balance of \$310,305.78 and the checking account has a balance of \$27,604.27. EMS RAC funds began with \$41,267. \$31,302.84 has been expended on payroll and rent leaving a balance of \$9,964.16. EMS County funds began with \$126,385.00 and all funds are remaining. RAC Systems Development began with \$75,429.90; \$7,824.58 has been spent on administrative costs and \$4,100.97 has been spent on program costs leaving a balance of \$63,504.35. Josh Miller made a motion to approve the financial report with a second from Bobby Hadderton. Motion approved without opposition.

Expenses for consideration include:

Hardeman CMH	3 TNCC	\$825.00
Stephanie Humberd	Paramedic education reim.	\$750.00
TETAF	membership dues	\$900.00 GF
Teleflex	EZ IO needles	\$12,287.50
STRAC	RDC prorated membership	\$838.90
SNAP surveys	subscription fee	\$1,750.00
Laura Pressler	education mileage	\$126.36

AMR	crew app/ 4 mini fridges	\$751.96
Windthorst VFD	2 radios	\$790.00

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

Bobby Hadderton made a motion to approve expenses with a second from Josh Miller. Motion approved without opposition.

4. Executive Reports

a. **Chair:** Nothing to report.

b. **Executive Director:** Melissa Whitelaw has completed the March DSHS contract deliverables. She will be in San Antonio April 13-15 for a RAC work group meeting on the new RAC self-assessment tool. We will be working to make it more user friendly and streamlined. Melissa will attend a training session in Waco for data entry and data retrieval from the RDC. Date still TBD. The next GETAC meetings will be May 24-26 in Austin, TX.

5. Committee Reports

a. **CQI** – Melissa Whitelaw gave the SNAP data summary.

- i. **EZ IO** – 24 new surveys were submitted since last meeting. 22 were medical, 2 were trauma. 20 performed by paramedics, 1 by a RN, 2 by an EMT and 1 by an AEMT. 12 were in the tibia and 14 were in the humerus. 3 comments were left for tibia insertion. 1 was due to seizures preventing landmark location and 2 had no access to upper body. 22 were successful on 1st attempt and 2 on 2nd attempt. The 2 second attempts tried the humerus first and then moved to the tibia. Device performed as expected in all but one instance. The comment was that the device had a low battery. 23 replied with good training and 1 with adequate training.
- ii. **Tourniquets** – No new submissions.
- iii. **King Vision** – 10 new surveys since last meeting. All were medical with 6 due to difficult airway and 2 for first line. 6 successful in one attempt, 3 on second attempt and 1 on third attempt. 1 had blood in airway and 2 were due to difficult anatomy. All blades were channeled with a request from EMH for unchanneled blades.
- iv. **TOR** – 14 new submissions. Code was witnessed in 6 cases and not witnessed in 8. 12 were medical and 2 were unknown. Signs and symptoms were incompatible with life in 13. CPR was initiated in 13 cases. 1 by EMS,

5 by FR and 7 by a layperson. AED was used in 7 cases and shock was advised in 1. 10 were given medication. 2 used a mechanical CPR device. 5 were transported and 9 were called on scene. Of the 5 transported, 3 were due to potential for ROSC, 1 was a code on the way to hospital and 1 was directed by medical control.

- b. PIE** – Laura Pressler wants to remind everyone to reach out to her for any education or injury prevention needs.
- c. NORTEX EMS** – Melissa Whitelaw still needs pass through receipts from Electra Tri-Med, Faith Comm EMS, Graham/Young Co EMS, Olney EMS, Saint Jo VEMS, Seymour/Baylor County EMS, Three Rivers Ambulance and Trans Star. NTRAC received a trauma registry report for EMS. Only 1 entity in the region has no reports. If you would like to see a copy, please contact Melissa. Several surveys for the EMS for Children were sent to the EMS group and no response was given from Archer City Ambulance, Electra Tri-Med, Olney EMS and Trans Star. Foster Simmons contacted Melissa Whitelaw about equipment belonging to the RAC that was in possession of PK/Westlake VEMS. All equipment exceeded useful life estimates and was disposed of. Jennifer Whitehill and Aleshia Gordon will present a chest pain case study at the June provider’s meeting. A notice just came out for an extension for filing HRSA Provider’s Relief Fund, reporting period one due to extenuating circumstances. Here is the link to see the list of excusable circumstances. <https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/late-reporting-requests>
The actual request form will not be available until April 11th and will close on April 22nd.
- d. Trauma Coordinators/Acute Care/Neonatal/Maternal**

 - i. Trauma Coordinators** – Joy Henry and Terri Fenter have moved to education at Faith Community Hospital. Derek Wilson will be the new CNO and his assistant is Taylor Spear. Lisa Johnson is the new assistant CNO at Clay County Memorial Hospital. There is a new ACS standard that will require all ACS verified trauma centers (both adult and pediatric) to participate in the National Pediatric Readiness Project. This takes effect in January of 2023.
 - ii. Acute Care** – United Regional received a level 2 stroke designation and was reaccredited in chest pain this month. Aleshia Gordon has taken over chest pain from Jill Griffin. Jennifer Whitehill and Aleshia Gordon will

present a chest pain case study at the June PHEMS meeting.

- iii. **Neonatal** – Amanda Quezada and Melissa Whitelaw have been attending the TCHMB Neonatal meetings. The current project is the Newborn Admission Temperature (NAT). Please contact Amanda Quezada or Melissa for participation details. The next TCHMB neonatal meeting is May 27th.
- iv. **Maternal** – Amanda Day and Melissa Whitelaw have been attending the TCHMB Maternal meetings. The ongoing project is Identifying Postpartum/Preeclampsia in the ED. They are currently looking for ED nurses to be part of this work group. Contact Amanda Day or Melissa if you would like to participate. Level 4 trauma center ED nurses need to be part of this group to present the unique challenges of a level 4 facility.

e. **Air Medical** – Air Evac needs new pilots. Must have 2,000 hours of flight time. Contact Roger Ritchie if interested.

f. **TETAF** – Nothing to report at this time.

6. **New Business**

a. **LPG** – There will be no LPG funds this contract.

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 June 2nd. Time and location TBD.

8. **Adjourn @ 1:21 PM.**

Mark Hale made a motion to adjourn with a second from Josh Miller. Motion approved without opposition.