

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (TSA-C)



General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 2nd, 2022
Start of meeting: 5:30 PM
United Regional, Wichita Room (2nd floor)

- 1. Sign In**
- 2. Review of April minutes**

Mike Hall made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Charles Grady. Motion approved without opposition.

- 3. Financial Report**

Melissa Whitelaw presented the financial report. The money market account has a balance of \$300,465.99 and the checking account has a balance of \$6,6461.17. EMS RAC funds began with \$41,267. \$40,962.84 has been expended on payroll and rent leaving a balance of \$304.16. EMS County funds began with \$126,385.00 and all funds are remaining. RAC Systems Development began with \$75,429.90; \$8,468.56 has been spent on administrative costs and \$35,347.67 has been spent on program costs leaving a balance of \$31,613.67. Len Nauman made a motion to approve the financial report with a second from Mike Hall. Motion approved without opposition.

Expenses approved:

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| Jeremy Allen (GRMC) | RN reimbursement | \$750.00 |
| Shayna Carlin | RN reimbursement | \$750.00 |
| GRMC | 1 TNCC, 1 ENPC | \$550.00 |
| Electra MH | 11 ACLS, 2 PALS, 2 ENPC | \$940.00 |
| Friberg-Cooper VFD | Refurbished AED | \$695.00 |
| RAC wide EVE project | equipment | \$8,620.00 |

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

Mike Hall made a motion to approve expenses with a second from Len Nauman. Motion approved without opposition.

- 4. Executive Reports**

- a. Chair:** Kenny Hoffman spoke about EVE (evading violent encounters) training. This class teaches the turning point when a patient ceases to be a patient and becomes an aggressor and how

to protect yourself. It is a 2 day class totaling 16 hours. Will only cost \$15.00 for certification card. An 8 hour refresher course is required every couple of years. Kenny and EVE representatives are working on a hybrid of education modules and in person for the physical training.

- b. Executive Director:** Melissa Whitelaw has completed the April and May DSHS contract deliverables. New dues invoices and needs assessments are available on the website and are due by September 1st, 2022. She will mail out invoices by the end of June. New contract amounts for FY22-23 are EMS/RAC \$40,925; RAC Systems Dev. \$73,276 and RAC/CO \$131,463. We have approximately \$2,500 less than last contract. Due to the repeal of the Driver's Responsibility Act, there will be a 20% reduction in 5111 revenue. These funds are part of the funding stream for EMS/CO and EMS/RAC. The monies are also used for uncompensated trauma funds, and it is still unclear where these cuts will take place. We should start to see a reduction in the FY23-24 contract or trauma funds. NTRAC has \$149,000 in unrestricted monies. Melissa Whitelaw would like to move these to a different bank to ensure that all monies are FDIC insured. The state has stopped making quarterly deposits and this leaves us with a much larger balance than previous contracts.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Trauma Coordinators-** Laura Pressler spoke about the new trauma rules. The group also went over pediatric readiness in hospitals. They discussed invigorating participation in the different RAC committees. If you are missing equipment that might have ended up at United Regional's ED please contact Laura Pressler.
- b. PHEMS-** Joe Schmider gave an update on EMS staffing funds. There will be enough funding to hire 1 part-time person per RAC for recruitment or 2 RACs can combine funding and share a person. The education reimbursement model has been established. EMT will get \$2,000, Advanced EMT will get \$3,200 and a Paramedic will receive \$8,000. If a person starts from the beginning, they will receive \$13,200 in funding. They must sign a 2 year commitment to stay in their area for each level of funding they receive. It will be up to the RAC to identify people who have broken this commitment. More details will be available in mid June. A Baxter Spectrum Infusion Pump was left at UR. Nick Long gave update on extra manikins from Vernon College. Kamay VFD and Vashti showed interest in receiving the manikins. Vernon College is expecting the return of the Paramedic program in fall of 2022. Vernon is in need of some part time instructors. Please follow the link to apply.

<https://www.vernoncollege.edu/job-announcements>. All checks have been cut for the pass through money and were handed out at the PHEMS meeting. Any entities that were not in attendance will receive their check through the mail.

- c. **PIE-** Laura Pressler sent out an email to our RAC members about United Regional's 30 day trial for multiple certification and prep courses. We did not have a good response and will not move past the trial phase.
- d. **CQI-** CQI committee will be developing new surveys in acute care and neonatal/perinatal data collection along with current SNAP surveys of EZ IO, TOR protocol and King Vision. Meeting time TBD for the development of new surveys.
- e. **Pediatrics-** Broselow tapes are in and 9 books. Still waiting on the last 11 books to ship. NTRAC needs a new Pediatric committee to remain in compliance with DSHS. Per NTRAC's bylaws the committee must contain 6 members. The new trauma rule states that level 4s will be required to fill out the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) assessment for re-verification after January of 2023. Melissa Whitelaw sent this to each hospital's listed trauma coordinator and only received 4 responses.
- f. **Neonatal-** Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) is working on a data system to allow collection and entry of multi-level data. Ultimately this data will allow opportunities to identify potential interventions to improve outcomes.
- g. **Maternal-** TCHMB is continuing the Postpartum Pre-Eclampsia in the ED project. TX AIM is working on an OB hypertension bundle. They are also working on Regional Disaster Preparedness. They are working to identify ICU & critical care resources, possible remote monitoring, transfers & patient routing (nearest vs. appropriate level) and Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). They are also looking into different plans based on types of disasters; Weather (floods, fire), Biologic (COVID), and Radiologic (warfare).
- h. **Air Medical-** Roger Ritchie says that longer flight times will be happening in our region. Vmed28 is the national medical channel.
- i. **Acute Care-** Jennifer Whitehill and Aleshia Gordon went over 1 case for stroke and 1 case for cardiac. The benchmarks were met in both cases.

j. **EMTF-** Nothing to report.

k. **HCC-** Shane Comer is continuing to develop & hold exercises. MRSE medical response surge exercises have been completed. Had a burn table top that identified gaps in the need for disaster tags.

6. New Business

a. **Bylaws Recommendations** - Melissa Whitelaw recommends including committee participation in NTRAC good standing requirements (Article 3 Section 3) Need new bylaws chair and committee members. Possible raising of dues from \$200 to \$400 and \$50 to \$100. (Article 7 Section 2). Change 2 signatures from 2 executive board officers to ED and treasurer unless treasurer is unavailable and then another executive board member may sign. (Article 9 Section 2)

7. Old Business

a. **Wristband Project** – Where are we at with the wristband # field? Melissa Whitelaw will be handing out wristbands to all EMS agencies at the August meeting.

8. Announcements:

Next NTRAC CQI, PIE, Finance, Executive Board, HCC, NORTEX EMS, Trauma Coordinators/Acute Care/Neonatal/Maternal and General Membership meetings will be on August 4th. Time and location TBD.

9. Adjourn @ 7:00 PM.

Laura Pressler made a motion to adjourn with a second from Bobby Hadderton. Motion approved without opposition.

June 2nd NTRAC Meeting Attendance

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| Lisa Johnson | Bryan Tressler | Josh Miller |
| Mike Hall | Len Nauman | Kayla Ellis |
| Jennifer Whitehill | Jacky Betts | Caly Hamersley |
| Aleshia Gordon | Lisa Richards | Wade Looney |
| Laura Pressler | Roger Ritchie | Melissa Whitelaw |
| Kenny Hoffman | Brian Deason | Kennan Fleming |
| Kyle Ogden | Brady Whitaker | Shane Comer |
| Bobby Hadderton | Kelley Hudson | Nick Long |
| Charles Grady | Christina Rodgers | |