



*NORTEX Regional EMS Providers Association
United Regional – Hardeman Room (Basement)
1 December 2022*

Meeting Minutes

1. The Pre-Hospital Providers meeting was called to order at 1601, 1 December 2022 at United Regional, Hardeman Room.
2. The minutes from the October 2022 meeting were approved without changes.
3. The ending balance for the Providers account is \$41,758.22. The \$528.60 was expended on to Mr. Comer.
4. Reports
 - a. DSHS – No Report
 - b. NTRAC – Mr. Hoffman submitted the following on behalf of Ms. Whitelaw. The cutoff to submit non-certified waivers to DSHS, created during the pandemic is 25 November. With Archer City Ambulance Service disbanded, their pass through funds will be distributed to 3 agencies. She also asked Mr. Hoffman to see if the wrist bands were being recording on the reporting software. No comments were made; however, Mr. Matthews noted the pending update of NEMESIS will require software developers to include a field in their PCR's for patient wrist band identification. He also noted that several inputs requested by Texas will be deleted. There has not been any requests for information from them.
 - c. GETAC – Mr. Matthews discussed several House and Senate bills that will affect EMS services. He requested that the members review and comment of the bills. If you look at the responses, there is a gap of responses from our region. One bill in consideration is using a fire department apparatus for patient transport in certain emergencies. He doesn't believe DSHS will want that codified. Also, HB93 has a provision to add two DUI's as a disqualification for maintaining or obtaining an EMS certification. He also discussed the proposed changes to EMS CE requirements as discussed last meeting. The changes will affect EMS transport agencies, career fire departments and Texas recognized FRO's. Volunteer departments will still fall under the old requirements for CE's, but the committee is looking to lessen the hours. Finally, he discussed SB 8, EMS scholarships for recruiting and retention which were discussed in October. Applications are now available. Mr. Comer is the SB 8 grant manager and they will create a NTRAC email address for him to use as the grant manager. Please don't use his HCC email for SB 8 grant applications and questions. Mr. Comer noted he has already received 3 applications and once his new email is created, he will send out the SB 8 information. Mr. Matthews also noted there is funding available through SB 8 for training and equipment. SB 8 still only applies to transport agencies. Mr. Hoffman discussed trying to get skills testing in the region for students through one of the

schools if there is a need. Mr. Comer noted that the instructional institution needs to provide an invoice with a breakdown of included services. If testing fees are not included in the course curriculum, the sponsoring agency is responsible for the fees. Don't forget to include that in the scholarship grant request.

d. TETAF – No report

e. EMTF – No Report

5. Old Business – None discussed

6. New Business – None discussed

7. Open Forum –

a. Mr. Matt Miller was introduced as the new EMS Director for Electra Hospital.

b. Not discussed at the providers meeting, but at the NTRAC meeting, Ms Whitelaw will be at the TETAF meeting in San Antonio 7-10 December. Any equipment requests need to be submitted prior to her departure or will have to be done after her return.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1650. The next meeting will be on 2 February 2023 at 1600.

L.E. NAUMAN
Secretary