

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (TSA-C)



General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2023
Start of meeting: 5:30 PM
United Regional, Hardeman Room)

1. Sign In

2. **Education:** Dr. Sudarshan

3. Review of December minutes

Len Nauman made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Enoc Espinoza. Motion approved without opposition.

4. Financial Report

Melissa Whitelaw presented the financial report. The money market account has a balance of \$255,330.59 and the checking account has a balance of \$21,289.31. EMS RAC funds began with \$40,925. EMS County funds began with \$131,463. RAC Systems Development began with \$73,276. SB 8 funds were deposited in the amount of \$553,685.96. Kelley Hudson made a motion to approve the financial report with a second from Brady Whitaker. Motion approved without opposition.

Expenses for consideration include:

Michael Ruth (AMR)	Paramedic Reimb.	\$750.00
Zach Hollingsworth (Burk FD)	Paramedic Reimb.	\$750.00
Electra Memorial Hospital	Education	\$2,130.00
Laura Pressler	Snacks and Cooler	\$284.84 (GF)
Garrett Hoff (AMR)	AEMT Reimb.	\$500.00
Faith Community Hospital	6 ER Crash Carts	\$750 of \$15,536
Windthorst VFD	Training TV	\$750 of \$1,397.99
AMR	5 Suction Pumps	\$750 of \$5,280
RDC	Yearly sub. fee	\$2,500
TETAF	Yearly sub. Fee	\$1,000

Office supplies and Executive Director's salary approved at committee level. Len Nauman made a motion to approve expenses with a second from Mark Hale. Motion approved without opposition.

5. Executive Reports

a. **Chair:** Kenny Hoffman shared that the recent CISM class had 38 attendees. Nothing else to report.

b. **Executive Director:** Melissa Whitelaw has submitted January, February, and March reports to DSHS.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Trauma Coordinators-** Seymour Hospital received an extension on their designation until May 1st, 2023. Trauma rules will be presented in June to HHSC. In July the public comment period will open. The rules should be adopted in November with the survey guidelines implemented in January 2024.
- b. **PHEMS-** see NORTEX Pre-hospital Provider's Minutes
- c. **PIE-** GETAC Summary – Pediatric Initiative with PIE will be battery/magnet ingestion and concussion/head injury education. Also will be reworking spectrum of care for suicide and safe storage of fire arms.
- d. **CQI-** see CQI Minutes
- e. **Pediatrics-** GETAC Summary - Discussion on the initiatives with the Injury Prevention Committee: Battery/Magnet Ingestion and Concussion/Head Injury Education.
 - i. Coordinated Clinical Care
 1. Disseminate current information on the best practices and educational opportunities in the care of pediatric patients.
 2. Develop standards to minimize the time from onset of illness or injury to definitive care in pediatric patients.
 3. Expand the uptake of pediatric readiness in emergency departments.
 - ii. System Integration
 1. Work with RACs to incorporate all patient populations into system design.
 2. Encourage RACs to ensure pediatric issues will be addressed in their agendas, goals, practices, and policies.
 - iii. Performance Improvement
 1. Promote and reinforce the fact that robust PI efforts improves pediatric patient outcomes.
 2. Educate and encourage all healthcare systems to maintain a Culture of Safety environment.
 3. Encourage each RAC to integrate a PI process into their emergency healthcare system plan.

4. Assist DSHS to develop, implement, and maintain a statewide system performance improvement committee.
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- f. **Neonatal/Maternal-** Amanda Day reported that TCHMB is still looking to see if our Level I facilities want to join the postpartum preeclampsia in the emergency department (PPED) project. Faith and United Regional are enrolled in the program and will be sending data to TCHMB. Texas AIM is continuing with their action period calls and the last one was over the postpartum patients with hypertensive disorders in pregnancy. The recordings are on Basecamp and those hospitals participating in Texas AIM will know what that means. Seymour Hospital has a new neonatal/maternal program manager, Janice Peters. Faith Community Hospital received a level I (Basic Care) Maternal Facility in Perinatal Care Region C.
 - g. **Air Medical-** Roger Ritchie stated there will be a PHTLS class April 12-13. Use VMed 28 channel.
 - h. **Acute Care-** GETAC Summary - Reviewed 2023 priorities. Developed Committee Workgroups – Research, education, triage & transport, PI, Stroke System of Care; AHA – Ideal Foundational Requirements for Stroke Program Development and Growth; Change Level II Stroke Designation – remove 24/7 case manager; separated neology and neurosurgery; endo lab and RN available 24/7; endo doc 24/7 on call 30 minutes. EMS protocol – Mission Lifeline. Would like to see statewide Interfacility Stroke Terminology – Level 1-3
 - i. **EMTF-** GETAC Summary - Reviewed 2023 priorities. EMTF update provided. Discussion on the wristband project. Both versions will remain available. Working well with Pulsara.
 - i. Evaluate and improve the Texas EMTF based on real world responses and data from the field.
 - ii. Improve patient tracking utilizing the Texas EMS wristband along with Pulsara.
 - iii. Support the supply chain/PPE operations & storage for Texas hospitals and EMS agencies in concert with TDEM.
 - j. **HCC-** See HCC Minutes

k. **SB 8** – Shane Comer announced we are at the halfway point on scholarship funds. Our region has taken advantage of the low hanging fruit at this point (existing EMS improving education) and will be moving on to new recruits.

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 1st, 2023. Time and location TBD.

8. Adjourn @ 7:04 PM.

Kelley Hudson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Shane Comer. Motion approved without opposition.

April 6th NTRAC Meeting Attendance

Kenny Hoffman

Kim Monday

MW Stripling

Jennifer Whitehill

Len Nauman

Brandi Bennett

Kennan Fleming

Caitlin Choat

Roger Ritchie

Courtney Curtner

Shane Comer

Rebecca Wood

John Perez

Alicia Smith

Deanna

Sarajane Rushing

Mark Hale

Christina Rodgers

Tom Wright

Avis Harris-Caldwell

Bobby Hadderton

Kyle Ogden

Stephanie Humberd

Matthew Miller

Leslie Mitschke

Joel Moore

Robert Montgomery

