



*NORTEX Regional EMS Providers Association
United Regional – Hardeman Room (Basement)
6 April 2023*

Meeting Minutes

1. The Pre-Hospital Providers meeting was called to order at 1607, 6 April 2023 at United Regional, Hardeman Room.
2. The minutes from the December 2022 meeting were approved without changes.
3. The ending balance for the Providers account is \$41,851.22. We have one expenditure that has not be entered to Mr. Comer for 978.80 for a class meal. Mr. Perez noted the taxes will be filed shortly. He wasn't sure about the Texas Franchise Tax.
4. Reports
 - a. DSHS – No Report
 - b. NTRAC – Ms. Whitelaw inquired about the use of the wrist bands. It does not appear that most services are using the bands. She requested that even though we don't have scanners yet, the wrist bands be placed in use. They need to get in practice of using the wrist bands. The bands will be used in the Trauma System. She noted the SNAP forms were going to be updated. She noted that the NTRAC Mutual Aid agreement hasn't been updated since 2009 and asked if the Providers should review and updated the agreement. She has been doing community outreach to several organizations. The Sunrise Optimist have a 79-team softball league without an AED available. She is recommending the NTRAC purchase an AED for their use. Mr. Nauman noted it should be clear they are responsible for updating and maintaining the AED. She also noted that distribution of pass-through funding was changed this year and she needs receipts from several transport agencies. Don't forget to include pay stubs, time sheets and job descriptions. Finally, she noted there is an EMS Training grant for rural EMS departments on substance abuse and must be applied for by 1 May 2023.
 - c. HCC – Mr. Comer discussed the SB 8 grant which expires at the end of December. He thanked the sponsors that are sponsoring EMS students. He noted that the second round of equipment requests are available. He also noted that if the equipment on backorder remains to lengthy, we will have to find a new vendor. Finally, he noted there is a new student application available and it needs to be used for new students. He also reminded the membership that he is sending out student repay notices to students that fail or drop out of the program on behalf of the sponsor and the NTRAC. He also announced he still has about 7 cases, 5 each case, of the Soft People Lifts available. If you interested in one of the soft lifts, please email him the request. He asked all EMS services participate in an upcoming training exercise that will last over 2 days. A list of patients will be distributed and the EMS

service will need to triage the patients and provide a disposition. He recommended that the Operations Superintendent or Manager transfer the triage to one of there staff for training.

d. GETAC – Ms. Whitelaw presented the report. The committee is reviewing and setting priorities for the 2023 Priorities and Strategies. Watch for changes to be announced in the EMS CE program and in retention and resilient programs.

e. TETAF – No report

f. EMTF – Ms. Whitelaw provided the following EMTF update. Both versions of the wrist bands will be available. Both will work with Pulsara EMS program. Finally, the EMTF is working with TDEM on a supply chain program

5. Old Business – None discussed

6. New Business – Mr. Comer noted the eBridge program renews in October 2023. We have an opportunity to switch to a new free program, Pulsara which has the same capability as the eBridge program and has a few more capabilities. The consensus from the membership was to look into Pulsara and try to have them make a presentation at the next Providers meeting. Mr. Comer will reach out to them.

7. Open Forum –

a. Mr. Nauman noted that Dan King has been appointed the new BFD Chief by City Council.

b. Mr. Hoffman announced on May 22 and 23 there will be a free Peer-to-Peer Intervention class held at MSU

c. Mr. Ritche announced a PHTLS class is being held 12-13 April at the WFFD Drill field. Class cost is \$40.

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

L.E. NAUMAN
Secretary