

General Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 1000 hours

*Via Zoom***THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ana Acosta – UMC of El Paso
Jessica Acosta – UMC of El Paso
Elias Adair – Desert Haven EMS
Kardha Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center
Virginia Armendariz THOP: Sierra Campus
Richard Avitia – Las Palmas Medical Center
Tony Baird – Dominion Ambulance
Russell Baker – TTUHSC
Debra Barba-Ornelas – UMC of El Paso
Robin Bauer – HCA-DSMC
Donald Berger – UMC/EPCH
Erika Bergeron – UMC of El Paso
Rosario Bernal – Hospice El Paso
Carlos Bravo – Kindred Hospital
Henry Brutus – Pro-Action, Inc.
David Bustillos – THOP: TM Campus
Kathleen Callaghan – THOP: Memorial/OBHG
Robert Campion – Elite Medical Transport
Jorge Castanon – El Paso Children’s hospital
Imelda Cazares – Peak Behavioral Health Hospital
Chris Celaya - Tenet Healthcare
Celia Cisneros – Las Palmas Medical Center
Roxann Contreras – UMC of El Paso
Yolanda Delgado – THOP: Sierra/TM Campus
Monica Diaz – WBAMC Trauma
Sam Dominguez – RevIVE Mobile Health
Melissa Duran – THOP: Memorial Campus
Carla Escobar – UMC of El Paso
Jose Franco – Fort Hancock EMS
Rafael Garcia – BorderRAC
Karen Gardea – WBAMC
Amanda Gary – Culberson Hospital
Kendra Garza – El Paso Children’s Hospital
Patricia Gelinaz – THOP: Memorial Campus
Cassandra Gibson – THOP: Memorial Campus
Roseann Gomez – Kindred Hospital
Bianca Gonzalez – THOP: East Campus
Michellée Gonzalez - THOP: Memorial Campus
Leroy Granado – El Paso City- OEM
Raul Guerrero – DSHS
Todd Haugen – Memorial Medical Center
Wanda Helgesen – BorderRAC
Amber Herrera – THOP: East Campus
Cynthia Holguin – Del Sol Medical Center
Peggy Jaime - BorderRAC
Don Janes – UMC of El Paso
Noreen Jaramillo – Emergence Health Network
Carolina Juarez – UMC Of El Paso
Frances Killenbec – THOP: East Campus
Walter Kuykendall – EmergentAir
Fonda Marler – THOP: Transmountain Campus
Angie Martinez-Romero - WBAMC
Miriam Mendoza – THOP: Memorial Campus
Leticia Mireles – UMC of El Paso
Manny Munoz – THOP: East Campus
Jose Ortiz - EPFD
Amber Ozaeta – LPMC
Anne Pacheco – UMC of El Paso
Karla Parra – THOP: Transmountain Campus
Julie Perez – Del Sol Medical Center
Veronica Ramirez – THOP: East Campus
Victor Ramirez – El Paso Psychiatric Center
Alex Ramos – Tenet Healthcare
Amber Rey – Rio Grande Council of Governments
Elen Rodriguez – THOP: East Campus
Marco Romero – Las Palmas Medical Center
Christine Rosales – Office of Emergency Management
Sandra Salas – Endoscopy Center of El Paso
Eddie Sanchez – Life Ambulance Service
Andrew Shay – THOP: East Campus
Alexa Timbrook – UMC of El Paso
Kristen Torres – El Paso Children’s Hospital
Alan Tyroch - TTUHSC
Marlo Urquiza – Del Sol Medical Center
Martha Vasquez – THOP: TM Campus
Anthony Velasquez – Dell Valley EMS
Janet Walker-EMTF
Verne Walker – HCA Healthcare
Gabriel Zubia – UMC/EPCH

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response.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Perez called the meeting to order at 1005 hours.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The January minutes were reviewed. Dr. Tyroch made motion to approve, Dr. Shay seconded and the motion carried to accept the minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report

Mr. Garcia reviewed quarterly snapshots (as of March 31, 2023) of each grant.



		START:		END:			
		7/1/2022		6/30/2023			
ASPR21 Quarterly Report							
		July - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - March	April - June		
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining
Personnel	\$378,004.00	\$92,030.59	\$82,643.69	\$95,699.42	\$0.00	\$270,373.70	\$107,630.30
Fringe Benefits	\$94,107.00	\$27,786.88	\$24,499.36	\$30,470.94	\$0.00	\$82,757.18	\$11,349.82
Travel	\$29,317.00	\$5,496.32	\$9,247.94	\$2,474.00	\$0.00	\$17,218.26	\$12,098.74
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$2,794.00	\$1,182.06	\$570.66	\$393.17	\$0.00	\$2,145.89	\$648.11
Contractual	\$50,631.00	\$14,094.38	\$16,997.00	\$6,618.00	\$0.00	\$37,709.38	\$12,921.62
Other	\$95,034.00	\$40,207.31	\$16,092.09	\$11,685.18	\$0.00	\$67,984.58	\$27,049.42
Indirect	\$162,371.00	\$38,973.57	\$44,485.25	\$37,871.43	\$0.00	\$121,330.25	\$41,040.75
	\$812,258.00	\$219,771.11	\$194,535.99	\$185,212.14	\$0.00	\$599,519.24	\$212,738.76

There was a reduction of approximately \$15,000-\$16,000 from Q2 to Q3. There is \$212,738 remaining in Q4, which must be expended prior to the close out of the grant (6/30/23). (Assessment will be conducted to determine potential supplies for agencies.)

		START:		END:			
		7/1/2022		6/30/2023			
ASPR21 TSA-I Quarterly Report							
		July - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - March	April - June		
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining
Personnel	\$109,571.00	\$35,487.18	\$24,548.10	\$28,445.84	\$0.00	\$88,481.12	\$21,089.88
Fringe Benefits	\$28,488.00	\$10,881.75	\$7,400.92	\$9,445.60	\$0.00	\$27,728.27	\$759.73
Travel	\$12,658.00	\$1,359.51	\$3,428.39	\$1,697.22	\$0.00	\$6,485.12	\$6,172.88
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,135.08	\$473.34	\$326.05	\$0.00	\$1,934.47	(\$434.47)
Contractual	\$50,631.00	\$13,740.00	\$16,997.00	\$6,618.00	\$0.00	\$37,355.00	\$13,276.00
Other	\$53,160.00	\$14,110.07	\$8,126.58	\$3,143.95	\$0.00	\$25,380.60	\$27,779.40
Indirect	\$64,001.00	\$18,350.10	\$15,005.05	\$15,328.65	\$0.00	\$48,683.80	\$15,317.20
	\$320,009.00	\$95,063.69	\$75,979.38	\$65,005.31	\$0.00	\$236,048.38	\$83,960.62

Expenditures for Q3 totaled \$65,005.31. The decrease in expenses from Q2 to Q3 was roughly \$10,000.00. Of the \$212,738.78 mentioned as the overall remaining funds for ASPR21, \$83,960.62 is our regional (TSA-I) portion. (Assessment will be conducted to determine potential supplies for agencies.)

FY23 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report					START:	END:		
					9/1/2022	8/31/2023		
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining	
Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$4,425.00	\$1,132.57	\$3,919.31	\$1,913.65	\$0.00	\$6,965.53	(\$2,540.53)	
Equipment	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,500.00	
Supplies	\$34,850.00	\$370.78	\$0.00	\$1,307.90	\$0.00	\$1,678.68	\$33,171.32	
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,734.50	\$0.00	\$4,734.50	(\$4,734.50)	
Other	\$72,225.00	\$8,201.10	\$25,508.77	\$17,123.89	\$0.00	\$50,833.76	\$21,391.24	
Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$125,000.00	\$9,704.45	\$29,428.08	\$25,079.94	\$0.00	\$64,212.47	\$60,787.53	

Q2 to Q3 decrease in expenses was approximately \$4,000.00. Remaining funds to be expended prior to 8/31/23 is \$60,787.53. We are strategizing to utilize some of this funding to evaluate equipment and maintenance needs.



FY23 Systems Development Quarterly Report					9/1/2022	8/31/2023		
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining	
Personnel	\$31,470.00	\$10,395.04	\$20,492.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,887.25	\$582.75	
Fringe Benefits	\$9,297.00	\$3,489.56	\$6,222.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,712.23	(\$415.23)	
Travel	\$3,225.00	\$0.00	\$659.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$659.88	\$2,565.12	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$1,166.00	\$24.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.99	\$1,141.01	
Contractual	\$6,945.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,945.00	
Other	\$12,872.00	\$2,735.68	\$4,600.26	\$9,334.31	\$0.00	\$16,670.25	(\$3,798.25)	
Indirect	\$12,779.00	\$1,171.03	\$3,677.35	\$2,152.10	\$0.00	\$7,000.48	\$5,778.52	
	\$77,754.00	\$17,816.30	\$35,652.37	\$11,486.41	\$0.00	\$64,955.08	\$12,798.92	

Q2 to Q3 there was an expenditure reduction of approximately \$24,000.00. We anticipate these funds will be expended before the contract end date.

FY23 EMS RAC Quarterly Report					START:	END:		
					9/1/2022	8/31/2023		
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining	
Personnel	\$27,702.00	\$0.00	\$7,984.53	\$18,220.01	\$0.00	\$26,204.54	\$1,497.46	
Fringe Benefits	\$9,097.00	\$0.00	\$2,611.15	\$6,831.27	\$0.00	\$9,442.42	(\$345.42)	
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$3,230.00	\$0.00	\$721.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$721.44	\$2,508.56	
Contractual	\$3,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,283.00	
Other	\$18,452.00	\$7,806.45	\$10,471.52	\$5,674.15	\$0.00	\$23,952.12	(\$5,500.12)	
Indirect	\$21,414.00	\$1,979.24	\$9,898.67	\$6,945.54	\$0.00	\$18,823.45	\$2,590.55	
	\$83,178.00	\$9,785.69	\$31,687.31	\$37,670.97	\$0.00	\$79,143.97	\$4,034.03	

Q3 expenses increased approximately \$7,000.00. This is due to staff time allocations. There is only \$4,034.03 remaining with the grant close date of 8/31/23. We anticipate fund will be expended before the contract end date. Last year we utilized about \$20,000.00 of unrestricted funds to meet obligations once these dollars were expended. We are hoping to receive an increase through the legislative session.

FY23 EMS County Quarterly Report					9/1/2022	8/31/2023		
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining	
Contractual	\$163,027.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,713.51	\$0.00	\$35,713.51	\$127,313.49	
	\$163,027.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,713.51	\$0.00	\$35,713.51	\$127,313.49	

This is the pass-through EMS funding. In Q3, we reimbursed \$35,713.51 with \$127,313.49 remaining that

must be expended by 8/31/23. Mr. Garcia encouraged any agencies on the meeting to submit their reimbursement request as soon as possible. The deadline is the end of June, as BorderRAC needs time to review those reimbursement requests for accuracy and eligible expenses before preparing our report to the state.

FY23 EMS RAC/SB8 Quarterly Report							9/1/2022	12/31/2024
Cost Category	Budget	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD Remaining	
Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,299.85	\$3,181.42	\$0.00	\$4,481.27	(\$4,481.27)	
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.44	\$1,006.73	\$0.00	\$1,313.17	(\$1,313.17)	
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$34,271.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,271.66	
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.98	\$570.86	\$0.00	\$583.84	(\$583.84)	
Edu/Scholarships	\$428,395.75	\$0.00	\$223,658.04	\$114,361.04	\$0.00	\$338,019.08	\$90,376.67	
Incentives	\$102,814.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102,814.99	
Indirect/Program	\$137,086.64	\$14.29	\$53.67	\$5.36	\$0.00	\$73.32	\$137,013.32	
	\$702,569.04	\$14.29	\$225,330.98	\$119,125.41	\$0.00	\$344,470.68	\$358,098.36	

There are approximately \$90,376.67 remaining in the scholarship category.

Action taken: Motion made by Don Janes, seconded by Eddie Sanchez and approved to accept the financial report as presented.

BORDERRAC UPDATE

Ms. Helgesen reported we continue with PPE distribution mainly to Long-term care facilities. We remain busy trying to get back in the swing of our multiple reports in committees.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Acute Care Committees

Cardiac Subcommittee

Ms. Timbrook reported the following:

- Arrival Via EMS - Benchmark 80%
- Median-time symptom onset to FMC - Benchmark 120 min.
- Patients with prehospital ECG – Benchmark 95%
- Patient with FMC to prehospital ECG <10 min – Benchmark 95%
- Median time FMC to ECG – Benchmark 10 min.
- Median time from first hospital arrival to primary PCI transfer – Benchmark 120 min.
- Median time door-in-door-out – Benchmark 30 minutes

Data indicates STEMI patients arriving via EMS percentages are down, offering community education opportunity. The region has been steadily improving with regard to prehospital ECG and FMC to ECG in <10 minutes. The region is meeting benchmarks on Median time from hospital arrival to primary PCI transfer and Median time door-in-door-out. The hospitals and EMS are working well together to improve the system response and outcomes.

The committee tries to schedule one facility each month for a case presentation during the meeting. *COVID's Toll on the Heart* was presented by Dr. Shami March 27, 2023. Another education activity is in the planning stages for May.

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The committee works to identify the best means to provide the community *Hands Only CPR* education. We researched the kiosks in the airports and they are prohibitively expensive. Therefore, we are looking to set up classes for community groups, such as Boy Scouts.

GETAC update

The most focused discussions are introduction of the cardiac designations, and participation in and funding for the CARES registry. Ms. Helgesen requested DSHS review the available NEMSIS cardiac elements and review prehospital component to ascertain what data is available through current data collection and review with the CARES data. Dr. Tyroch queried other sources of potential funding.

Stroke Subcommittee

Mr. Munoz reviewed the committee's benchmarks:

- Door to IV Thrombolytic Therapy – Benchmark 60 min (85% population)
- Door to IV Thrombolytic Therapy – Benchmark 45 min (75% population)
- Door to IV Thrombolytic Therapy – Benchmark 30 min (50% population)
- Door in-Door Out \leq 90 minutes
- Arrive within treatment window
- EMS on Scene \leq 15 minutes
- Accuracy of LAMS

The committees are working on new processes of data transfer from GWTG to the RDC registry. In the midst of the switchover, we do not currently have data for review.

GETAC update

Ms. Escobar reported GETAC has a new Chair of the Stroke Committee, Dr. Robin Novakavic. She is building EMS and education workgroups to move forward with committee goals. The committee is working with the GETAC Pediatric Committee regarding pediatric strokes. DSHS has initiated monthly stroke designated facility meetings. Ms. Escobar will send information regarding the monthly meetings.

Hospital Trauma Committee/Regional Registry

The trauma committee continues monitoring the following:

- Registry: Tourniquet application and coding- STB - ensure regionally we capture and report all applications to the state.
- Registry: EMS wristband documentation – ESO registry has a location for the wristband number, and we will be monitoring compliance in logging the numbers.
- Trauma: Review ISS >15 at Level 3 & 4 facilities – benchmark 100% compliance with movement of patients.
- Trauma: Review of double transfers as they arise.

They will also work with System Performance Improvement Committee (SPI) regarding review of best practice guidelines. The first to review is Pelvic Fractures.

GETAC update

Ms. Helgesen stated they anticipate the trauma rules opening for comment mid-July. Notice will be sent to members so they have the opportunity to read and make a comment.

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The GETAC Pediatric Committee noted the continued use of the ATLS definition of pediatric shock.

GETAC wants to begin reviewing reports that will assess possible gaps across the state, such as high ISS scores remaining at Level 3 facilities. Dr. Tyroch suggested they want to review any patient with an ISS > 11 remaining at Level 3 facilities and he believes our current criteria is at >15. Ms. Helgesen will add it to the SPI agenda for discussion.

Pediatric Subcommittee

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the committee is working to set benchmarks for the following:

- Registry: Percent of patients identified with child abuse e-code has LE/CPS referral
- Registry: Percent of <2 yo suspected of abuse with skeletal survey completed
- Trauma: Percent of children with injury screened for NAT

Ms. Helgesen reported the fact our guidelines have been approved and we are working to monitor our adherence to the NAT guideline, is very important. She mentioned this committee should be proud of their progress.

GETAC update

They are developing standards to minimize the time from onset of illness or injury to definitive care in pediatric patients and the expansion of pediatric readiness in the EDs as well as dissemination of current information of best practices and educational opportunities in the care of the pediatric patient. Additionally, they are working with the RACs on incorporating all patient populations within the system designs.

Dr. Tyroch mentioned at GETAC they would discuss the *Status of Pediatric Trauma System Development in the U.S.* Every state was interviewed. Texas only scored 67 in Pediatric Readiness. This region has done a remarkable job regarding the Non-Accidental Trauma. He recommended for consideration; if a facility is going to transfer a pediatric patient to EPCH, please do not delay transfer to complete a skeletal survey. The pediatric radiologists have their own protocol for initial and follow up scans. Additionally, he reported many pediatric patients that present with a fall from height are being given CT scans of the cervical spine. The radiation exposure to the thyroid is tremendous on the little ones and everyone is moving away from that to plain films.

Ms. Rodriguez thanked him and offered they will be reviewing and revamping the process every three years for updated evidence based practices.

EMS Committee

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee has been working with the cardiac and stroke committees to identify elements for monitoring and benchmarks. The cardiac data indicates that thus far EMS is doing a good job. The elements have been identified with the stroke committee and they are working to set those benchmarks, as well as defining a field or area for documentation of those elements:

- Cardiac: Patients with prehospital ECG – Benchmark 95%
- Cardiac: Patients with FMC to prehospital ECG <10 min – 95%
- Stroke: LA Stroke scale documented - 65%
- Stroke: Anticoagulant use documented

- Stroke: Accuracy of LAMS
- Stroke: EMS on-scene <15 min

SB8-Texas EMS Workforce Initiative

- Scholarships Approved – 87
 - EMT – 34
 - AEMT – 27
 - Paramedic – 26
- Rural 26 and Urban 61
- \$344,470.68

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Ms. Helgesen reported some of the courses are near completion, with exams upcoming. This will offer us the opportunity to see how the students fared.

A question arose to Mr. Sanchez regarding identified sepsis patients and administration of fluids on-route to the hospital. Mr. Sanchez responded all of their suspected sepsis patients receive fluids per their protocol and they report the amount of IV fluid given on patient handover to the hospital.

GETAC update

Mr. Janes reported they are finishing a white paper on wall times, which appears to be more of an issue in the other RACS, as our region is doing a great job in comparison. They are also reviewing retention in the EMS world. A study is in progress regarding employee safety and the appropriate self-defense resources, as on-scene assaults to EMS personnel are a common occurrence. Additionally, EMS response and readiness is being reviewed throughout the state.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee

Ms. Angulo was unavailable for today's meeting. Ms. Helgesen reported the following:

Long Term Care TTX – March 2, 2023

The scenario was a freeze, wherein a portion had to evacuate and others had to accept those patients. The following were discussed during the exercise:

- Generator availability and resources
- Facility person in decision making command position
- Transfer of patient medications
- Means of transportation
- Borrowing of staff

The exercise was productive and informative.

Decon set-up training

Facility training has begun and we hope to gather information as each facility moves through the decon shower setup.

Mr. Olson reported Mr. Avitia of LPMC was the first to complete the training. He reported it went very well, the instructor was very familiar with the equipment. The training took 4-5 hours to complete the

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class. 2 ½ hours was the set up and take down of tents and the remainder was spent inspecting water heaters, pumps and other equipment. They determined the need for replacement parts for their system. DSMC is scheduled April 18.

GETAC Update

Ms. Helgesen reported Texas EMS wristband was discussed and depending on what our region wants to do, there will be an opportunity to purchase both version 1.0 and 2.0 (includes the triage tag built in). Regarding the Pediatrics push for *Pediatric Readiness* review, the inclusion of Pediatrics in the disaster plan will be reviewed.

Pediatric Exercise – May 18, 2023

The regional pediatric annex will also be a resource May 18, 2023 during the virtual exercise. We would like to utilize live role-players in the future, but will speak to the challenges of doing so during the exercise.

EMTF

Ms. Helgesen reported there are a number of upcoming EMTF training. GETAC continues to work with TDEM regarding supply chain opportunities. We have been encouraged to reach out to the Free Standing ERs regarding the Pediatric Readiness.

Wildland Fire Season Underway

San Angelo and Odessa Fire have been traveling throughout the region in west Texas due to the critical fire weather. They recently deployed to El Paso in response Hudspeth County desert fire.

Juarez Migrant Center Fire

Forty were deceased. Additionally, there were critical burn patients in the hospital in Juarez. The BorderRAC mass burn plan was to assess available burn beds and air transportation assets. No patients were transferred.

Bataan Memorial Death March

EMTF provided the final medical station at the Bataan Memorial Death March. A smaller group of participants, (only had 4,100 registered) resulted in only 199 patients seen.

The 2023 recruitment priorities were displayed and a detailed slide indicating what we currently have and areas still needing fulfillment. Mr. Zate reported he has been making the rounds confirming commitment to EMTF throughout regions I, J, and K.

Perinatal Committee

Ms. Helgesen reported the committee continues to monitor Postpartum Hemorrhage, Maternal Hypertension, and Newborn admission temperatures. TETAF is reviewing a means to obtain dollars through legislative appropriations for a perinatal data set.

PAC update

The Perinatal Advisory Council is reviewing the rules for designation and how they might be affected by legislative changes and how to assist the facilities in meeting the requirements.

Prevention Committee

Ms. Acosta reported prevention focus in social media for 2023:

January Spotlight Review

- Winter Sports Safety
- Winter Special Population Considerations
- Human Trafficking

February Spotlight Review

- Heart Related Topics and Resources
 - Know the facts
 - Doing Your Part
 - Hands Only CPR

March Spotlight review

- Spring Sports Injuries
- Daily Dangers of Poisoning

Please follow BorderRAC, like us, and repost our community education posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Shattered Dreams – April 5-6, 2023

Photos of the event at Jefferson High School were displayed. Everything went well. DPS, the funeral homes, and juvenile probation spoke during the evening. We had new Moulage volunteers, which worked out well. Participating partners were thanked for their contributions.

GETAC is reviewing suicide prevention and applying evidence based practice due to the youth mental health crisis. BorderRAC recently offered a professional education activity on this topic. They are also concerned about the safe storage of firearms. Our region is working in collaboration with law enforcement to participate in a gun safety event in June.

System Improvement

The prehospital trauma patient categorization was displayed. Dr. Tyroch reported, the committee, to include Medical Directors and EMS worked on integrating the newly released CDC Field Triage Guidelines with our current regional guidelines. It was approved recently. He reviewed the key revisions:

Red Criteria

- Nomenclature revision to add color as the main identifier. Red (Level 1), Yellow (Level 2) and Green (Level 3)
- GCS was revised to GCS motor component <6
- Pediatric SBP <70 Hg + (2 times the age in years)
- Geriatric SBP < 110 or HR >SBP

Yellow Criteria

- Can be transported to a Level 1, Level II, or Level III facility
- Fall from height of > 10 feet (all ages)

Green Criteria

- All other injuries go to closest trauma facilities

Dr. Tyroch inquired if the education had already been started at the agencies. Mr. Sanchez replied each individual agency has begun training. The go-live date will be discussed in the EMS meeting today and at the SPI meeting Monday.

Ms. Helgesen mentioned the committee is formulating a plan to monitor the Best Practice Guidelines discussed at GETAC. The first one up for our review is Pelvic *Fractures*. We are also working with Jia (DSHS) to duplicate a recent report given at GETAC (to input our regional numbers) in order for regional comparison to the statewide data.

Dr. Tyroch reported GETAC is in development stages of a statewide PI committee to include focus on trauma, cardiac, stroke, prehospital, and pediatric. It will be work intensive for the RACs.

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Quarter 1 2023 Activities:

Direct – (4.5 hours)

January 12 – Substance Use Disorder (1 hr. EMS)

February 10 - Preterm Neuroprotection Strategies (1.5 hr. NICU CME, CNE)

March 21 – Pre hospital Hemorrhage (1hr. EMS, CME, CNE)

March 27 - COVID Heart (1 hr. CME, CNE, EMS)

Joint (4 hours)

January 26- Burned to a Crisp (1 hr. CME, CNE, EMS)

February 26- Obesity Management in Primary Care Part 1 (1 hr. CME, CNE and EMS)

March 22 – Colon Cancer (1 hr. CME and CNE)

March 30- Obesity Management in Primary Care Part 2 (1 hr. CME, CNE and CDR)

Quarter 2 2023 Activities:

Direct

April 11 -Teen Mental Health

April 28 - Placenta Accreta

May – Afib Cardiac and Stroke

Joint

April 28 – Texas Perinatal Association Conference (Providing EMS)

April 27 – Behavioral Health Integration and Collaborative Care (CME)

May 27 – MCA New Investigator Course

Additionally, the BorderRAC CNE Providership was approved through March 2026.

FUNDRAISING

The BorderRAC Annual Top Golf Fundraiser is May 6, 2023. The following organizations have confirmed sponsorship of the event:

- HCA Healthcare (LPDS)
- The Hospitals of Providence

To advance the Far West Texas / Southern New Mexico trauma and emergency healthcare system through prevention, education, preparedness, and response.

- PAD Specialists
- Life Ambulance
- AMR
- Elite
- ProAction
- Native Air
- ESEI
- Emergent Air
- Dominion Ambulance

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Mr. Sanchez inquired if the RAC would be providing the laminated prints of the new prehospital categorization. Ms. Helgesen responded affirmatively and stated we will discuss sizing in the meeting this afternoon.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS –Wednesday, July 12, 2023

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1135 hours.

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