

General Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 @ 1000 hours

Via Zoom

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ana Acosta – UMC of El Paso
Elias Adair – Desert Haven EMS
Carlos Alarcon – RevIVE Mobile Health
Getsemani Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center
Kardha Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center
Elly Angulo – THOP Memorial/Sierra Campuses
Virginia Armendariz THOP: Sierra Campus
Richard Avitia – Las Palmas Medical Center
Tony Baird – Dominion Ambulance
Vanessa Banderas - BorderRAC
Debra Barba-Ornelas – UMC of El Paso
Naomi Bastardo – El Paso Children’s Hospital
Robin Bauer – HCA-DSMC
Donald Berger – UMC/EPCH
Erica Bergeron – UMC of El Paso
Kenneth Berumen – THOP: Sierra Campus
Carlos Bravo – Kindred Hospital
Michael Buldra – Trans Aero MedEvac
Lydia Camacho – UMC of El Paso
Robert Campion – Elite Medical Transport
Jorge Castanon – El Paso Children’s hospital
Imelda Cazares – Peak Behavioral Health
Chris Celaya - Tenet Healthcare
Celia Cisneros – Las Palmas Medical Center
Jayson Connally – Culberson Hospital
Roxann Contreras – UMC of El Paso
Gloria Delgado – UMC of El Paso
Yolanda Delgado – THOP: Sierra/TM Campus
Sam Dominguez – RevIVE Mobile Health
Melissa Duran – THOP: Memorial Campus
Carla Escobar – UMC of El Paso
Jose Franco – Fort Hancock EMS
Rafael Garcia – BorderRAC
Amanda Gary – Culberson Hospital
Kendra Garza – El Paso Children’s Hospital
Camille Gerdes – El Paso Children’s Hospital
Cassandra Gibson – THOP: Memorial Campus
Roseann Gomez – Kindred Hospital
Cristal Gonzalez, Northern Hudspeth County EMS
Michellee Gonzalez - THOP: Memorial Campus
Sandra Gonzalez – UMC of El Paso
Leroy Granado – El Paso City- OEM
Todd Haugen – Memorial Medical Center
Wanda Helgesen – BorderRAC
Paloma Herrera – ProAction Emergency Services
Cynthia Holguin – Del Sol Medical Peggy Jaime – BorderRAC
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
Sonia Lopez – Tenet Healthcare
Rachel Madrid-Ontiveros - Las Palmas Medical Center
Fonda Marler – THOP: Transmountain Campus
Laura Martin – THOP: East Campus
Miriam Mendoza – THOP: Memorial Campus
Glennnda Merritt-Alcorn – Northern Hudspeth County
Manny Munoz – THOP: East Campus
Tony Muro – THOP: Transmountain
Mario Ontiveros – EPFD
Anne Pacheco – UMC of El Paso
Karla Parra – THOP: Transmountain Campus
Christina Paz – Centro San Vicente
Julie Perez – Del Sol Medical Center
Verenice Ramirez – Las Palmas Medical Center
Veronica Ramirez – THOP: East Campus
Victor Ramirez – El Paso Psychiatric Center
Alex Ramos – Tenet Healthcare
Luis Roman – RHSNM ACHSNM
Marco Romero – Las Palmas Medical Center
Christine Rosales – Office of Emergency Management
Sandra Salas – Endoscopy Center of El Paso
Eddie Sanchez – Life Ambulance Service
Blanca Scott – Memorial Medical Center, LC
Susan Sharp - BorderRAC
Andrew Shay – THOP: East Campus
Heather Styles - WBAMC
Alexa Timbrook – UMC of El Paso
Alan Tyroch - TTUHSC
Marlo Urquiza – Del Sol Medical Center
Martha Vasquez – THOP: TM Campus
Kristol Veach – THOP: Memorial Campus
Janet Walker-EMTF
Gabriel Zubia – UMC/EPCH

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The April minutes were reviewed. Dr. Tyroch motioned, Ms. Escobar seconded and the motion carried to accept the minutes with the following correction in the *GETAC UPDATE* section:

Please delay transfer to complete a skeletal survey should read please do *not* delay transfer to complete a skeletal survey.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report

Ms. Helgesen reviewed quarterly snapshots (as of June 30, 2023) of each grant.

| | | ASPR21 Quarterly Report | | | | START: | END: |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | 7/1/2022 | 6/30/2023 |
| Cost Category | Budget | July - Sept | Oct - Dec | Jan - March | April - June | | |
| | | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | YTD | |
| Personnel | \$378,004.00 | \$92,030.59 | \$82,643.69 | \$95,699.42 | \$111,819.64 | \$378,004.00 | |
| Fringe Benefits | \$94,107.00 | \$27,786.88 | \$24,499.36 | \$30,470.94 | \$30,649.94 | \$94,107.00 | |
| Travel | \$29,317.00 | \$5,496.32 | \$9,247.94 | \$2,474.00 | \$14,639.36 | \$29,317.00 | |
| Equipment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Supplies | \$2,794.00 | \$1,182.06 | \$570.66 | \$393.17 | \$2,439.02 | \$2,794.00 | |
| Contractual | \$50,631.00 | \$14,094.38 | \$16,997.00 | \$6,618.00 | \$5,430.00 | \$50,631.00 | |
| Other | \$95,034.00 | \$40,207.31 | \$15,569.29 | \$11,685.18 | \$24,762.44 | \$95,034.00 | |
| Indirect | \$162,371.00 | \$38,973.57 | \$44,485.25 | \$37,871.43 | \$49,728.98 | \$162,371.00 | |
| | \$812,258.00 | \$219,771.11 | \$194,013.19 | \$185,212.14 | \$239,469.38 | \$812,258.00 | |

The above grant year ended 6/30/23. We utilized the entirety of the funding. Nothing of note to report. This grant covers all three of the service areas BorderRAC oversees; TSA I, J, and K.

| | | ASPR21 TSA-I Quarterly Report | | | | START: | END: |
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| | | | | | | 7/1/2022 | 6/30/2023 |
| Cost Category | Budget | July - Sept | Oct - Dec | Jan - March | April - June | | |
| | | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | YTD | |
| Personnel | \$109,571.00 | \$35,487.18 | \$24,548.10 | \$28,445.84 | \$28,244.62 | \$116,725.74 | |
| Fringe Benefits | \$28,488.00 | \$10,881.75 | \$7,400.92 | \$9,445.60 | \$8,464.42 | \$36,192.69 | |
| Travel | \$12,658.00 | \$1,359.51 | \$3,428.39 | \$1,697.22 | \$6,037.64 | \$12,522.76 | |
| Equipment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Supplies | \$1,500.00 | \$1,135.08 | \$473.34 | \$326.05 | \$2,439.02 | \$4,373.49 | |
| Contractual | \$50,631.00 | \$13,740.00 | \$16,997.00 | \$6,618.00 | \$4,830.00 | \$42,185.00 | |
| Other | \$53,160.00 | \$14,110.07 | \$7,603.78 | \$3,143.95 | \$8,341.27 | \$33,199.07 | |
| Indirect | \$64,001.00 | \$18,350.10 | \$15,005.05 | \$15,328.65 | \$16,708.59 | \$65,392.39 | |
| | \$320,009.00 | \$95,063.69 | \$75,456.58 | \$65,005.31 | \$75,065.56 | \$310,591.14 | |

In review of TSA I with final journal entries, \$320,009 was expended. This contract ended 6/30/23 and *To advance the Far West Texas / Southern New Mexico trauma and emergency healthcare system through prevention, education, preparedness, and response.*

we began a new one as of 7/1/2023. We do not expect much of a change in this funding.

| FY23 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report | | | | | | START: | END: |
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| <u>Cost Category</u> | <u>Budget</u> | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | 9/1/2022 | 8/31/2023 |
| | | | | | | | YTD |
| Personnel | \$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 |
| Travel | \$4,425.00 | \$1,132.57 | \$3,919.31 | \$1,913.65 | \$4,910.09 | \$11,875.62 | \$11,875.62 |
| Equipment | \$13,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Supplies | \$34,850.00 | \$370.78 | \$0.00 | \$1,307.90 | \$549.99 | \$2,228.67 | \$2,228.67 |
| Contractual | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,734.50 | \$1,344.00 | \$6,078.50 | \$6,078.50 |
| Other | \$72,225.00 | \$8,201.10 | \$25,508.77 | \$17,123.89 | \$15,042.28 | \$65,876.04 | \$65,876.04 |
| Indirect | \$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 | \$21,846.36 | \$86,058.83 | |



The FY23 EMTF rider funding closes 8/31/23. Remaining dollars in this grant are being utilized to service EMTF equipment and replace exit signs in the hangar, as per the fire marshal.

| FY23 Systems Development Quarterly Report | | | | | | 9/1/2022 | 8/31/2023 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <u>Cost Category</u> | <u>Budget</u> | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | | YTD |
| Personnel | \$31,470.00 | \$10,395.04 | \$20,492.21 | \$0.00 | \$11,637.18 | \$42,524.43 | \$42,524.43 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$9,297.00 | \$3,489.56 | \$6,222.67 | \$0.00 | \$895.71 | \$10,607.94 | \$10,607.94 |
| Travel | \$3,225.00 | \$0.00 | \$659.88 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$659.88 | \$659.88 |
| 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 | \$24.99 |
| Contractual | \$6,945.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other | \$12,872.00 | \$2,735.68 | \$4,600.26 | \$9,334.31 | \$260.49 | \$16,930.74 | \$16,930.74 |
| Indirect | \$12,779.00 | \$1,171.03 | \$3,677.35 | \$2,152.10 | \$5.54 | \$7,006.02 | \$7,006.02 |
| | \$77,754.00 | \$17,816.30 | \$35,652.37 | \$11,486.41 | \$12,798.92 | \$77,754.00 | |

We have expended the entirety of this funding, as well as the EMS RAC funding; however, neither contract ends until 8/31/23. The shortage will be covered by unrestricted dollars. Therefore, we are being mindful of the cost and work to ascertain to what projects we can pursue to mitigate that expense.

| FY23 EMS RAC Quarterly Report | | | | | | START: | END: |
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| <u>Cost Category</u> | <u>Budget</u> | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | 9/1/2022 | 8/31/2023 |
| | | | | | | | YTD |
| Personnel | \$27,702.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,984.53 | \$18,220.01 | \$0.00 | \$26,204.54 | \$26,204.54 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$9,097.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,611.15 | \$6,831.27 | \$1,905.66 | \$11,348.08 | \$11,348.08 |
| 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 | \$721.44 |
| Contractual | \$3,283.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other | \$18,452.00 | \$7,806.45 | \$10,471.52 | \$5,674.15 | (\$940.49) | \$23,011.63 | \$23,011.63 |
| Indirect | \$21,414.00 | \$1,979.24 | \$9,898.67 | \$6,945.54 | \$3,068.86 | \$21,892.31 | \$21,892.31 |
| | \$83,178.00 | \$9,785.69 | \$31,687.31 | \$37,670.97 | \$4,034.03 | \$83,178.00 | |

Q3 expenses increased approximately \$7,000.00 due to staff time allocations. There is only \$4,034.03 remaining with the grant close date of 8/31/23. We anticipate funding 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.

| FY23 EMS County Quarterly Report | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 9/1/2022 | | | 8/31/2023 | |
| <u>Cost Category</u> | <u>Budget</u> | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | YTD |
| Contractual | \$163,027.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$35,713.51 | \$51,012.00 | \$86,725.51 |
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This is the pass-through EMS funding. In Q3, we reimbursed \$51,012.00. The amount remaining must be expended by 8/31/23. We are working with the remaining agencies to meet the expenditure deadline. In the upcoming contract, we may have the opportunity to utilize left over funding for a group project if submission deadlines are not met.



| FY23 EMS RAC/SB8 Quarterly Report | | | | | | |
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| | | 9/1/2022 | | | 12/31/2024 | |
| <u>Cost Category</u> | <u>Budget</u> | 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | YTD |
| Personnel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,299.85 | \$3,181.42 | \$5,454.52 | \$9,935.79 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$306.44 | \$1,006.73 | \$1,219.97 | \$2,533.14 |
| Travel | \$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 |
| Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.98 | \$570.86 | \$139.74 | \$723.58 |
| Edu/Scholarships | \$428,395.75 | \$0.00 | \$223,658.04 | \$114,361.04 | \$72,479.99 | \$410,499.07 |
| Incentives | \$102,814.99 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Indirect/Program | \$137,086.64 | \$14.29 | \$53.67 | \$5.36 | \$183.52 | \$256.84 |
| | \$702,569.04 | \$14.29 | \$225,330.98 | \$119,125.41 | \$79,477.74 | \$423,948.42 |

This grant has an 8-quarter funding period, as it goes through December 2024. \$423,948.42 has been expended. We are working with our providers to determine those that have graduated. Any that did not complete the course are responsible to pay back the scholarship. This will assist toward the end months to have funding that remains.

Ms. Helgesen reported some good news – The Texas legislature approved an extra \$150,000.00 per year for the next 2 years to each RAC, as well as the EMTF programs receiving an additional \$125,000.00.

BORDERRAC UPDATE

Ms. Helgesen reported no updates from BorderRAC at this time.

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 at 42.9 percent; below our benchmark of 80%. We continue pushing EMS transportations through community education. The region continues improving and have surpassed the 95% goal of ECG (currently at 100%) and met the 95% goal of FMC to ECG in <10 minutes. The region is meeting benchmarks on Median time from hospital arrival to primary PCI transfer and not quite meeting the Median time door-in-door-out.

Additionally, we added a few more elements to the EMS measure metrics:

- Total Ischemia Time – Median time (min) symptoms to EMS dispatch is at 19.3 minutes, well below the 40 minute benchmark
- Number of code heart activations – 14 were code heart activations by EMS – no benchmark currently set. Case reviews with the agencies continue in order to incorporate issues they are having, such as over and under triage.

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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. An education activity originally planned for this month will hopefully be scheduled for August.

The committee is pending RDC contracts from the hospitals so we can begin collecting data to assist in information and data review. She reiterated we need the contracts from the facilities.

Stroke Subcommittee

Mr. Munoz reviewed the key points:

Regional Stroke Plan is under review for any needed revision to reflect the new levels of designation, which are identified as follows:

- Comprehensive (Level I) stroke designation.
- Advanced (Level II) stroke designation (**NEW**) - non-Comprehensive Thrombectomy Stroke Center
- Primary (Level III) stroke designation.
- Acute Stroke-Ready (Level IV) stroke designation.

- Transfer Checklist review
- Pediatric Consideration is another topic of discussion and we are hoping to, as a committee, assist in drafting guidelines for pediatric stroke patients.

The committees are working on new processes of data transfer from GWTG to the RDC registry. We hope to begin having data for review soon.

Ms. Gonzalez requested clarification on the difference between a Level 3 and Level 4 facility, as they look similar. Mr. Munoz explained Level IV facilities can administer tPA and then transfer to a higher level of designation facility and would not need a neurologist on call. Ms. Helgesen clarified these facilities were sometimes referred to as the *drip and ship* patient transfers.

Ms. Escobar reported GETAC endorsed the new *Mission Lifeline* EMS transfer protocols for urban and rural areas as guidance. There is a combined pediatric/stroke workgroup working for standardized guidelines

for children suffering strokes. Additionally, stroke transfer times are being reviewed. The state of Texas has also changed the survey application submission and process. The surveyors will review at least 10 records at each facility being surveyed.

Hospital Trauma Committee/Regional Registry

Ms. Styles reviewed Q1 2023 data. There were 2,105 patients, of those 1,564 were direct admitted and 541 transferred from referring facility. The majority were discharged alive. The top place of injury was *private residence*. The number one injury mechanism was *Fall*. Ms. Helgesen queried the *Struck By or Against* mechanism. Ms. Gonzalez suggested normally it would be sports related, such as football. Discussion ensued. We may want to review those cases and consider re-categorization or clarification/definition. Dr. Tyroch commented typically, they see more stabbings than gunshot wounds and was wondering why stabbings was not listed. Patient age was consistently high in the geriatric age group.

Pediatric Subcommittee

Ms. Helgesen reviewed the committee revised the Non Accidental Guidelines and added the New Mexico Child Protection phone number. The revisions were adopted on June 19, 2023. Q4 2022 data revealed There were 70 pediatric patients \leq the age of 2 and of those, 31 % were suspected abuse.

EMS Committee

Mr. Sanchez reported current numbers on the SB8-Texas Workforce Initiative:

- Scholarships Approved – 105
 - EMT – 45
 - AEMT – 30
 - Paramedic – 30
- Rural 27 and Urban 78
- \$411,974.07

He reported Life Ambulance had 7 people graduate and pass their exams. Dr. Tyroch inquired regarding TX vs. NM certifications. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Helgesen reported Ms. Banderas is following up to ascertain and track numbers of scholarship recipients having passed their exams , as well as those that withdrew or were dropped so we can move forward with repayment when necessary. DSHS will send a standard template letter for the RACs to send those awardees requiring they pay back the funds within 3 months. Any money paid back to BorderRAC from scholarship awardees not completing the courses will go back into the scholarship fund availability.

Mr. Sanchez explained the Perinatal committee has been working on EMS education modules. The goal is to have the newborn *EMS Education Series* videos (20-40 minutes each) available for viewing beginning in November through the end of December. Once the participant has completed the online lecture portions, BorderRAC will work with the perinatal committee to set the hands-on portion at the FOB for crews to come and go during the day, similar to that of the thermoregulation education. The goal is to begin the hands-on component in January.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee

Ms. Helgesen reported the Pediatric Exercise was May 18, 2023. A workgroup reviewed the opportunities

and we will revise the regional pediatric disaster plans, including distribution considerations.

The Pediatric Radiation exercise was June 20, 2023. We are working to offer a DSHS radiation specialist to answer some of our questions.

Airport Triennial Exercise – October 12, 2023

More information to come.

EMTF

Mr. Zate reported of recent Texas EMTF deployment. In one case, the extreme heat caused backup generators to fail in the Piney Woods region. EMTF 4 utilized their MMU as a cooling center for 2 weeks and Ambuses were used to evacuate long-term care facilities. In addition, EMTF responded to the tornados in the panhandle, providing 911 service for 2 weeks while the EMS station came back on-line after being hit by the tornado.

Perinatal Committee

Ms. Gonzalez reported the committee continues to monitor Postpartum Hemorrhage, Maternal Hypertension, and Newborn admission temperatures.

Hypertension

Q1 2023 data was reviewed. There were 2114 total deliveries. Of those, 48% were not identified pre-delivery as at risk, 50% were identified and 2 % had no prenatal care. The maternal hypertension *PowerPoint* was sent to the committee to progress with ED education. Some facilities are involved with the TCHMB *Post-Partum Hypertension Collaborative*. If anyone is in need of additional bands (identifying post-partum patients of post 6 week delivery), please contact BorderRAC.

Hemorrhage

5% did with a QBL of more than 1,000. Dr. Tyroch questioned how many of the high hemorrhage of 2 liters required hysterectomies. Discussion ensued. Ms. Helgesen remarked BorderRAC tried to review level of harm. Four patients were admitted to ICU and received more than 40 units RBC.

Newborn Temps

Total babies for Q1 2343, of those, 18% went to NICU. Three percent were Hyperthermic and 1 % hypothermic. Ms. Helgesen reported 100% of the NICU babies are included in the data set, but for WBN, only those that are hypo (<36.5 c degrees) or Hyperthermic (>37.5 c) thermic are counted.

Prevention Committee

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

April Spotlight Review

- National Child Abuse Prevention
- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Distracted Driving

May Spotlight Review

May is national *Stop The Bleed* and stroke month.

- Kids in Hot Cars
- Heat Safety

- Stop The Bleed
- Stroke

June Spotlight review

- Water Safety
- Gun Safety

Report - The Summer Safety BorderRAC and EPPD collaborative event June 3, 2023 was disappointing in terms of attendees. When we met with City Parks and Recreation and chose Nations Tobin Park, it was expected for many activities to be in motion at the park for swim meets, softball etc. The day of the event, we found out Parks and Rec had suspended team activities at the parks for all of June and July so there were very few people at the park.

- Rattlesnake Safety

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

Prehospital Patient Categorization

Was approved and education has begun. A few points:

- Nomenclature revision to add color as the main identifier. Red (Level 1), Yellow (Level 2) and Green (Level 3)
 - *Red Criteria*
 - GCS was revised utilizing the motor component
 - Pulse Ox <90
 - Geriatric SBP < 110
 - *Yellow Criteria*
 - Can be transported to a Level 1, Level II, or Level III facility
 - Previously was Fall from height of > 20 feet - Changed to Fall from >10 feet (all ages)
 - *Green Criteria*
 - All other injuries go to closest trauma facilities
 - Unique Situations
 - Drowning with signs of injury

Best Practice Guidelines – Pelvic Fractures

Approved 6/19/2023 – Suggested EMS agencies consider carrying tXA if they do not already carry it.

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EMS Time Out Report

Approved in 2021 - There is much discussion regarding this topic at the state level. The new rules state that a time-out must be observed and not just for trauma patients. There was also discussion regarding when the MIST is to take place. The majority do it prior to taking the patient of the stretcher. Dr. Tyroch suggested we may want to utilize a video like the one utilized by STRAC or Michigan. Ms. Helgesen responded we will research and it will be added to the EMS agenda for discussion.

*Professional Education*Quarter 2 2023 Activities:**Direct – (2 hours)**

April 11 – Mental Health Crisis in Today’s Use (1 hr. CME, CNE, EMS)

April 26- PASD (1 hr. CME, CNE)

June 14-Cardiac Mapping in A fib **CANCELLED**

Joint (9.5 hours)

April 27- Behavioral Health Integration (1 hr. CME, CNE)

April 28 - Spectrum of Care TPA Conference (up to 6.5 hrs. EMS, CDR)

May 11- Clinical Conditions in Migration Health (1 hr. CME, CNE, EMS)

May 18 – MCA (1 hr. CME, CNE)

Enduring (17 hours)

7 hrs. Texas EMS Jurisprudence Exam

8 hrs. EMS Enduring online

2 hrs. Enduring Obesity Management (CNE)

Quarter 3, 2023 Activities**Direct**

Radiology in Pediatrics

Reschedule Cardiac Mapping

Joint

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare 8/24/23

Human Trafficking for Border Conference in Harlingen 8/18/23

In planning EMS Neonatal Series

FUNDRAISINGEl Paso Giving Day – October 19, 2023

Preparation will begin soon and emails will be sent to the General Membership.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

This will be Ms. Gonzalez’s last meeting as chair. Ms. Perez will be presenting in October. Mr. Janes has also come to the end of his term as Secretary.

Ms. Helgesen selected as an El Paso Women of Impact.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS –Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 2023

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1113 hours.

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