

General Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 1000 hours

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THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Jessica Acosta – UMC of El Paso	Wanda Helgesen – BorderRAC
Elias Adair – Desert Haven EMS	Paloma Herrera – ProAction Emergency Services
Carlos Alarcon – Revive Mobile Health	Peggy Jaime - BorderRAC
Kardha Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center	Don Janes – UMC of El Paso
Virginia Armendariz THOP: Sierra Campus	Noreen Jaramillo – Emergence Health Network
Rosalia Arzate – Ft. Hancock EMS	Carolina Juarez – UMC Of El Paso
Tony Baird – Dominion Ambulance	Frances Killenbec – THOP: East Campus
Vanessa Banderas - BorderRAC	Cynthia Loera – THOP: East Campus
Naomi Bastardo – El Paso Children’s Hospital	Ricardo Marin – THOP: Edgemere Campus
Robin Bauer – HCA-DSMC	Juan Martin - Revive
Donald Berger – UMC/EPCH	Laura Martin – THOP: East Campus
Erica Bergeron – UMC of El Paso	Miriam Mendoza – THOP: Memorial Campus
Kenneth Berumen – THOP: Sierra Campus	Leo Mercer - TTUHSC
Cindy Bigbee – TMF Health Quality Institute	Glennnda Merritt-Alcorn – Northern Hudspeth County
Carlos Bravo – Kindred Hospital	Manny Munoz – THOP: East Campus
Michael Buldra – Trans Aero MedEvac	Tony Muro – THOP: Transmountain
Lydia Camacho – UMC of El Paso	Jose Ortiz - EPFD
Arlene Castanon – THOP: Transmountain Campus	Anne Pacheco – UMC of El Paso
Jorge Castanon – El Paso Children’s hospital	Julie Perez – Del Sol Medical Center
DJ Cedillos – Fire-Med Services	Ashley Quinlan – THOP: Sierra Campus
Chris Celaya - Tenet Healthcare	Veronica Ramirez – THOP: East Campus
Celia Cisneros – Las Palmas Medical Center	Victor Ramirez – El Paso Psychiatric Center
Jayson Connally – Culberson Hospital	Alex Ramos – Tenet Healthcare
Roxann Contreras – UMC of El Paso	Maurice Riley – WBAMC
Gloria Delgado – UMC of El Paso	Elen Rodriguez – THOP: East Campus
Yolanda Delgado – THOP: Sierra/TM Campus	Marco Romero – Las Palmas Medical Center
Sam Dominguez – Revive Mobile Health	Christine Rosales – Office of Emergency Management
Melissa Duran – THOP: Memorial Campus	Karlq Ruan – THOP: Transmountain Campus
Carla Escobar – UMC of El Paso	Sandra Salas – Endoscopy Center of El Paso
Diana Fancher – Tender Care Home Health/Hospice	Eddie Sanchez – Life Ambulance Service
Stephen Flaherty – DSMC	Blanca Scott – Memorial Medical Center, LC
Cristina Fore – THOP: East Campus	Susan Sharp - BorderRAC
Jose Franco – Fort Hancock EMS	Guy Stevenson – HCA LPDS Healthcare
Xochitl Gamboa – UMC of El Paso	Kristen Torres – El Paso Children’s Hospital
Rafael Garcia – BorderRAC	Alan Tyroch - TTUHSC
Amanda Gary – Culberson Hospital	Marlo Urquiza – Del Sol Medical Center
Kendra Garza – El Paso Children’s Hospital	Kristol Veach – THOP: Memorial Campus
Patricia Gelinaz – THOP: Memorial Campus	Anthony Velasquez – Dell Valley EMS
Roseann Gomez – Kindred Hospital	Janet Walker-EMTF
Cristal Gonzalez, Northern Hudspeth County EMS	Verne Walker – LPDS Healthcare
Michellee Gonzalez - THOP: Memorial Campus	Gabriel Zubia – UMC/EPCH
Raul Guerrero - DSHS	

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Helgesen called the meeting to order at 1002 hours.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The July minutes were reviewed. Dr. Tyroch motioned, Ms. Bergeron and the motion carried to accept the minutes as presented.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report

Mr. Garcia reviewed quarterly snapshots (as of September 30, 2023) of each grant, beginning with the ones that closed August 31, 2023.

<u>Cost Category</u>	FY23 EMS RAC Quarterly Report					START:	END:
	<u>Budget</u>	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	9/1/2022	8/31/2023
Personnel	\$27,702.00	\$0.00	\$7,984.53	\$18,220.01	\$0.00		\$26,204.54
Fringe Benefits	\$9,097.00	\$0.00	\$2,611.15	\$6,831.27	\$1,905.66		\$11,348.08
Travel	\$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
Supplies	\$3,230.00	\$0.00	\$721.44	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$721.44
Contractual	\$3,283.00	\$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
Indirect	\$21,414.00	\$1,979.24	\$9,898.67	\$6,945.54	\$3,068.86		\$21,892.31
	\$83,178.00	\$9,785.69	\$31,687.31	\$37,670.97	\$4,034.03		\$83,178.00

This grant funding was fully expended a few months ago, is reported closed and you can see the quarterly trends displayed.

<u>Cost Category</u>	FY23 Systems Development Quarterly Report					9/1/2022	8/31/2023
	<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
Fringe Benefits	\$9,297.00	\$3,489.56	\$6,222.67	\$0.00	\$895.71		\$10,607.94
Travel	\$3,225.00	\$0.00	\$659.88	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$659.88
Equipment	\$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
Contractual	\$6,945.00	\$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
Indirect	\$12,779.00	\$1,171.03	\$3,677.35	\$2,152.10	\$5.54		\$7,006.02
	\$77,754.00	\$17,816.30	\$35,652.37	\$11,486.41	\$12,798.92		\$77,754.00

This funding was fully expended. The above-two grants work in tandem on program expenses and are utilized for personnel activities and equipment. We had to utilize approximately \$45,000.00 of unrestricted funds due to, as the allotment were not adequate to cover expenses. This will improve in the upcoming year, as more funding was appropriated this past legislative session. Ms. Helgesen further reported challenges are not only personnel, but also the activities that come up towards the end of the year (i.e. *Aging to Perfection, Fire Fest, etc.*) and equipment/supplies that must be purchased for those

activities.

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	\$130,053.49	\$165,767.00
	\$163,027.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,713.51	\$130,053.49	\$165,767.00

This is the pass-through funding to the EMS agencies. We received the last reimbursement request, leaving this funding 100 percent spent.

Mr. Garcia continued the report with the current open grants. Please note the following correction to be made: the below grant should read ASPR 22 for the combined and each separate TSA (I, J, and K)



ASPR21 Quarterly Report						
		START: 7/1/2023			END: 6/30/2024	
		July - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - March	April - June	
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD
Personnel	\$383,581.00	\$99,882.52				\$99,882.52
Fringe Benefits	\$95,493.00	\$28,724.32				\$28,724.32
Travel	\$36,717.00	\$4,366.50				\$4,366.50
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$2,650.00	\$1,715.56				\$1,715.56
Contractual	\$31,550.00	\$3,216.00				\$3,216.00
Other	\$101,168.00	\$55,007.95				\$55,007.95
Indirect	\$161,099.00	\$40,738.86				\$40,738.86
	\$812,258.00	\$233,651.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$233,651.71

ASPR is the largest budget we manage. He reviewed the amount spent in Q1 (July – September) and YTD remaining is \$578,606.29.

ASPR21 TSA-I Quarterly Report						
		START: 7/1/2023			END: 6/30/2024	
		July - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - March	April - June	
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD
Personnel	\$111,736.00	\$35,487.18				\$35,487.18
Fringe Benefits	\$29,051.00	\$10,881.75				\$10,881.75
Travel	\$16,183.00	\$1,359.51				\$1,359.51
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,135.08				\$1,135.08
Contractual	\$31,550.00	\$13,740.00				\$13,740.00
Other	\$65,874.00	\$14,110.07				\$14,110.07
Indirect	\$63,615.00	\$18,350.10				\$18,350.10
	\$320,009.00	\$95,063.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95,063.69

The amount remaining YTD for TSA I budget is \$224,945.31.

The FY23 EMTF rider funding closed 8/31/23. The remaining dollars of this grant was utilized to service EMTF equipment and maintenance requirements in the warehouse.

FY23 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report							START:	END:
							9/1/2022	8/31/2023
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>5th Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
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	\$12,113.00	\$1,132.57	\$3,919.31	\$1,913.65	\$4,910.09	\$2,069.45	\$13,945.07	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$19,767.00	\$370.78	\$0.00	\$1,307.90	\$549.99	\$7,591.05	\$9,819.72	
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,734.50	\$1,344.00	\$1,020.00	\$7,098.50	
Other	\$93,120.00	\$8,201.10	\$23,673.77	\$17,123.89	\$26,287.83	\$18,850.12	\$94,136.71	
Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$125,000.00	\$9,704.45	\$27,593.08	\$25,079.94	\$33,091.91	\$29,530.62	\$125,000.00	

Funds fully expended by 8/31/23. Mr. Garcia is working to close out the grant and is pending packet receipt of the final two months from DSHS.



FY24 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report							START:	END:
							9/1/2023	8/31/2024
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>5th Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Personnel	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
Travel	\$14,833.00	\$1,132.57					\$1,132.57	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
Supplies	\$3,847.00	\$370.78					\$370.78	
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
Other	\$106,320.00	\$8,201.10					\$8,201.10	
Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$0.00	
111k	\$125,000.00	\$9,704.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,704.45	

This grant started 9/1/23 and adds to the EMTF new base funds for the coming grant year. We will also receive an additional \$111,000.00 (please note the funding will be revised to include the additional funding once we have received the contract). The additional funding will assist with the expanded warehouse space. YTD remaining is \$115,295.55. The majority of remaining funds will be allocated to rent.

Ms. Helgesen elaborated the review can sometimes be confusing, as the grants have different start and end dates depending on whether they are federal or state funding. The state funds have a start date of September 1 and the federal funding can have different start dates. Additionally, we have been speaking with the legislature requesting increased funding and have received increased amounts, which can be given as a separate grant or added to a current one.

FY23 EMS RAC/SB8 Quarterly Report							9/1/2022	12/31/2024
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>		
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. We expended \$79,477.74 in Q4. The scholarships continue to be paid out. Q4 saw a decrease in scholarship/education payments. YTD \$423,948.42 has been expended. Mr. Garcia reported moving forward, some of the budget items may need revision and redirection. Ms. Helgesen clarified, the amounts in the budget originally allocated by DSHS to certain elements have not been expended and we have the ability to move funding back into the scholarships. Additionally, DSHS clarified that classes do not have to be completed by 12/31/24, but must be started by that time, giving us more time to approve and award scholarships getting more EMS personnel into the field.

Mr. Garcia continued with review of the upcoming FY24 Trauma System Development Grants.

FY24 Systems Development Quarterly Report						
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Personnel	\$31,470.00	\$7,783.37				\$7,783.37
Fringe Benefits	\$9,297.00	\$2,581.53				\$2,581.53
Travel	\$3,225.00	\$683.88				\$683.88
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$1,166.00	\$1,586.54				\$1,586.54
Contractual	\$6,945.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Other	\$12,872.00	\$6,418.21				\$6,418.21
Indirect	\$12,779.00	\$2,129.30				\$2,129.30
150k	\$77,754.00	\$21,182.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,182.83

YTD remaining is \$56,571.17. We received and additional \$150,000.00. We will strategize and plan to balance all the grants and all time spent. The goal this year is to minimize the expenditure of unrestricted funding. Expenses have included items needed for Shattered Dreams and Fire Fest.

FY24 EMS RAC Quarterly Report						
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Personnel	\$29,390.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$9,097.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$3,230.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Contractual	\$3,283.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Other	\$18,452.00	\$6,720.78				\$6,720.78
Indirect	\$21,414.00	\$105.95				\$105.95
	\$84,866.00	\$6,826.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,826.73

YTD remaining \$78,039.27. Balancing the budgets for these two grants with the additional funding will be a priority.

FY24 EMS County Quarterly Report						
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contractual	\$165,767.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$165,767.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

This is the pass through funding. Planning, logistics, and award stage is ongoing and therefore, no funding is yet expended. We are hoping to receive reimbursement requests earlier this year than in the prior year and will be pressing agencies to submit their requests.

Action Taken: Don Janes motioned to approve the financial report, Dr. Tyroch seconded and no one

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

opposed. Motion carried to accept the Financial Report as presented.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Acute Care Committees

Cardiac Subcommittee

Ms. Armendariz reported the following:

- Arrival Via EMS - Q2 data indicates a significant increase to 59%; although still short of the 80% benchmark.
- Median-time symptom onset to FMC – within the 120 min benchmark at 27.4 min.
- Patients with prehospital ECG – data indicates in Q2 we slipped slightly below the benchmark and will reach out to EMS to ascertain the possible cause.
- Patient with FMC to prehospital ECG <10 min – data indicates a significant decrease below our 95% Benchmark.
- Median time FMC to ECG – Benchmark 10 min and again we were slightly above at 12.6 minutes.
- Median time from first hospital arrival to primary PCI transfer – Benchmark 120 min. and Q2 data indicated 100 min.
- Median time door-in-door-out – Benchmark is 30 min. Both Q1 and Q2 remained above the benchmark at 37.5 min.

Though there is still opportunity for improvement, we are moving in the correct direction.

Elements to the EMS measure metrics:

- Total Ischemia Time – Median time (min) symptoms to EMS dispatch is at 24.6 minutes, a slight increase over Q1, but still well below the 40 minute benchmark
- Number of code heart activations – 21 were code heart activations by EMS – Ms. Armendariz is reviewing to ascertain if there is a way to identify which are over/under triaged and if there is education that can be provided to decrease those numbers.

In the professional education department, Dr. Abedin presented *Cardiac Mapping in A-Fib* and it was very well received.

Additionally, the last case presentation in our monthly meeting was given by Dr. Garza, which facilitated discussion on how to make certain patients have meds in hand upon discharge, decreasing readmissions and mortality rates.

Stroke Subcommittee

Mr. Munoz reviewed the key points:

Regional Stroke Plan has been diligently reviewed and revisions to match the best practice guidelines are underway. Most facilities are utilizing Tenecteplase and hopefully by the end of the year, all facilities will have corrected. Facilities have shared thrombolytic monitoring tools and Ms. Jaime is trying to combine them into a standardized tool for the region to utilize in the Transfer Checklist form.

The committee is reviewing the pediatric considerations as a section in our Regional Stroke Plan. Additionally, there have been discussions with RDC concerning the addition of manual entry for collection of pediatric information.

Mr. Munoz requested everyone contribute for their committee community education by volunteering during the BorderRAC activities, such as *Aging to Perfection* and the *Northeast Community Fair*).

Hospital Trauma Committee/Regional Registry

Ms. Camacho reviewed Q2 2023 data. There were 2,375 patients, of those the majority were males (1,443). 1,655 were direct admitted and 720 transferred from a referring facility. The majority were discharged alive. The top place of injury was *private residence* (917). Ms. Camacho noted data indicated 215 were listed as *Unspecified Place* and she would check with the registry people, as that number seemed high. Ms. Helgesen suggested that item be added to the next Hospital Trauma/Registry meeting. The number one cause of injury remains *Falls*. UMC is noticing an increase in penetrating firearm injuries. Ms. Helgesen noted firearm and stabbings appear to be running neck and neck. Data indicated the age group presenting most is 25-34, with the senior population coming in second. Over 30% of the trauma injuries are ≥ 65 years of age.

Pediatric Subcommittee

Ms. Bastardo reviewed the committee continues to monitor Non-accidental Trauma (NAT) compliance and working on NAT assessments for all pediatric patients. Discussions are ongoing to integrate the assessments to facility electronic records.

The Pediatric Readiness Assessments are completed and facilities are working to establish Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC) in each facility. In reviewing the assessments, opportunity exists in some areas.

In the *Improving Pediatric Patient Safety in the ED* section, our region scored top scores with the exception of availability of End tidal CO2 for critical patients and we will continue monitoring this item.

Our biggest opportunity was in regard to protocol and policy. The committee discussed ways to manage immunization assessments of the under-immunized child. Additionally, there was much discussion regarding guidelines involving families and caregivers in all aspects of emergency care, treatment plan and disposition. Most facilities probably involve families listed specifically within a protocol:

- Patient care decision making
- Medication Safety Processes
- Family and guardian presence during all aspects of emergency care, including resuscitation
- Education of the patient, family and caregivers on treatment plan and disposition

EMS Committee

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

- Scholarships Approved – 116
 - EMT – 56 (8 dropped)
 - AEMT – 31
 - Paramedic – 29 (6 dropped)

- \$455,843.40

Chief Ortiz inquired if the scholarship recipients do not meet the demands of the program will they be required to pay the money back to BorderRAC. Ms. Helgesen replied each one would be reviewed individually. If they dropped the course/failed to complete the course, they are required to repay the fees. BorderRAC will notify the EMS agency sponsoring, as well as DSHS of any changes.

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee continues to work through set up and test phase of the PULSARA system.

The committee is reviewing the EMS Pass Through funding guidelines and may revise the guideline to adhere to a shorter deadline for submission for reimbursement request.

The committee is pending rollout of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program in January.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee

Mr. Muro reported September was preparedness month and in lieu of a September meeting, the following education programs were presented:

- Radiation Exposure Response
- Mass Casualty Response

He announced Fire Prevention Week was October 8-October 14 with the focus being cooking safety.

Ms. Helgesen reported the original intent was to test the PULSARA system during the EPIA exercise tomorrow; however, nothing is in place to complete the testing of the system.

Airport Triennial Exercise – October 12, 2023

The exercise will take place tomorrow and will test the transport and distribution of patients (both live role players and manikins) from the scene to regional facilities.

Mr. Muro reminded all to complete their AARs to share with our region subsequent to the exercise.

Dr. Tyroch inquired if patients were to be banded and the reply was affirmative.

EMTF

Ms. Helgesen reported for Mr. Zate as he is setting up the EMTF command unit for utilization in the exercise tomorrow. The Wildland Fire Season took place between 7/14 – 8/14 and Wildland Fire teams attended 42 fires, had 4415 encounters, 26 patients were treated, and two were transported.

Hurricane Season 2023 runs through November. EMTF 9 is always looking to recruit Ambulance Strike Teams and Mobile Medical Unit.

Deployment classes and EMTF 101 are available for personnel to deploy this summer/fall please contact Mr. Zate.

Perinatal Committee

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

This committee anticipates working with the EMS Committee on out-of-hospital births and, in collaboration with EMS schools, BorderRAC purchased the NOELLE® Maternal Care Patient Simulator. Simulator provides learners with a complete birthing simulation experience. Participants can practice providing care before, during, and after delivery. The simulator provides capabilities in ALS, obstetrics, and neonatal resuscitation protocols. The cost was \$13,500.00. Mr. Sanchez inquired if BorderRAC would provide classes with regard to the utilization of NOELLE and Ms. Helgesen responded affirmatively.

Ms. Delgado reported TCHMB is providing a webinar with the Texas College of American Surgeons presenting about Postpartum Hypertension December 5 and 6, 2023. There will be CME/CNE and should be 1.0 hours credit. She will provide a link as soon as she receives it.

Prevention Committee

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

July 2023

- Fireworks Safety
- Lawn Mowing Safety
- Trampolines & ATVs
- Lightning Safety

August 2023

- Pedestrian Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Driver Safety

September 2023

- Emergency Preparedness
- Senior Safety
- Baby Safety
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The Prevention Committee participated in the following events:

- Aug. 23 - Aging to Perfection
- Sep 23 – Fire Fest
- Sep 27 – Shattered Dreams

Ms. Helgesen reported we were fortunate this time to be able to utilize Air Methods for one of the transports. Additionally, we received a large amount of feedback from the students regarding possible changes to the program and we will consider implementing some of those changes.

- Sep 30 – Northeast Community Fair

Ms. Acosta mentioned November is Injury Prevention month and Injury Prevention Day is November 18, 2023. We are trying to get all hospitals and EMS agencies to light-up green, as well as getting the star on the mountain lit green that night.

System Improvement

Dr. Tyroch reported the committee continues to review data from Perinatal, Cardiac, Pediatric and Trauma Committees, as well as all MCI notifications and patient distribution. He reported having reviewed two activations in August 6 in September and so far in October 1 activation.

He reported we will be sending several people to the upcoming regional Whole Blood Academy, Nov. 2-3, 2023 in San Antonio and stated if we can get this rolled out for prehospital utilization in our region it is a huge step forward. Once we return from the Academy, the group that attended will meet to strategize the best means to move forward to implement a Whole Blood Prehospital program within our region. She emphasized one of the key points is establishing a steady donor group.

Dr. Flaherty reported the rules process is still rolling along. They should be released on or about December 22, 2023, at which time there will be a 30-day public comment period.

Dr. Tyroch reported applications submitted for the various GETAC committees would be reviewed later this month. Historically El Paso has had very good representation and is hoping that will continue.

Ms. Helgesen reported about System PI and data collection for all committees, when topics are introduced, there is a process we have to go through to ascertain the means by which to collect data, and to monitor once collected, can we affect improvement based on the data collected?

Dr. Flaherty reported one topic continually being raised at GETAC are delayed transfers of patients from critical access hospital to a major trauma center. The GETAC Trauma Systems Committee is trying to get all the RACs knowledgeable about the issue. He believes all RACs should be focused on resolving this issue. Additionally, he has been working on an effort to ascertain the best means to collect civilian/military collaboration information. He requested our RAC find a means to report regarding this collaboration. Dr. Tyroch suggested we request each facility report what interactions they have with the military. He feels we can lead the way in these collaborations. Ms. Helgesen will add it to the Hospital Trauma and EMS committee meeting agendas for discussion.

Professional Education

Quarter 3 2023 Activities:

August

August 8 – Cardiac Mapping in Atrial Fibrillation

August 18 – Human Trafficking

August 24 - AI in Healthcare

September

September 9 - Radiological Emergency Response

September 14 - Treating and Curing Gastroparesis

September 25 - Active Attack – Training and Lessons Learned: Allen, TX Mall Shooting

FUNDRAISING

El Paso Giving Day – October 19, 2023

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sending information this week and next.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Ms. Helgesen announced a guest attending today's meeting, Ms. Cindy Bigbee, who works for TMF Health Quality Institute, the quality improvement organization for the state of Texas. Ms. Bigbee reported a program with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and she has the El Paso community. On November 14, 2023 at 2 p.m., there will be a meeting/presentation with Behavioral Health. She invites all those that deal with behavioral health to attend. She will send the informational flyer once she has received it.

There was a request to invite the CIT team. Ms. Helgesen will add that to the list of people to be invited.

Ms. Helgesen reported the Interfacility task team meets quarterly and they collect data on the Emergency Detention Orders and reviewing variations. Dr. Scully has been working to get standardized workups to streamline patient movement between EDS and behavioral facilities.

Dr. Tyroch congratulated Ms. Helgesen as being named one of the *2023 Women of Impact* by El Paso Inc. The ceremony will be October 19, 2023.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS –Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1128 hours.
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