

**General Membership Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 1000 hours

Via Zoom

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**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ana Acosta – UMC of El Paso  
 Jessica Acosta – UMC of El Paso  
 Carlos Alarcon – RevlVe Mobile Health  
 David Almaguer – only on zoom participants no info  
 Kardha Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center  
 Veronica Arriaga – Chest Pain Coordinator  
 Rosalia Arzate – Ft. Hancock EMS  
 Tony Baird – Dominion Ambulance  
 Vanessa Banderas – BorderRAC  
 Naomi Bastardo – El Paso Children’s Hospital  
 Robin Bauer – HCA-DSMC  
 Amber Bechtel – El Paso Psychiatric Center  
 Donald Berger – UMC/EPCH  
 Erica Bergeron – UMC of El Paso  
 Kenneth Berumen – THOP: Sierra Campus  
 Carlos Bravo – Kindred Hospital  
 Henry Brutus – ProAction, Inc.  
 Michael Buldra – Trans Aero MedEvac  
 David Bustillos – Transmountain Campus  
 Lydia Camacho – UMC of El Paso  
 Chris Celaya - Tenet Healthcare  
 Celia Cisneros – Las Palmas Medical Center  
 Sadhana Chheda – EPCH/TTUHSC – El Paso  
 Celia Cisneros – Las Palmas Medical Center  
 Jayson Connally – Culberson Hospital  
 Roxann Contreras – UMC of El Paso  
 Erin Delagarza - WBAMC  
 Gloria Delgado – UMC of El Paso  
 Yolanda Delgado – THOP: Sierra/TM Campus  
 Monica Diaz - WBAMC  
 Sam Dominguez – RevlVe Mobile Health  
 Brandon Donat – El Paso OEM  
 Melissa Duran – THOP: Memorial Campus  
 Carla Escobar – UMC of El Paso  
 Yvette Felix – THOP: East Campus  
 Jose Franco – Fort Hancock EMS  
 Xochitl Gamboa – UMC of El Paso  
 Jesus Gamez – Del Sol Medical Center  
 Amanda Gary – Culberson Hospital  
 Kendra Garza – El Paso Children’s Hospital  
 Patricia Gelinas – THOP: Memorial Campus  
 Camille Gerdes – El Paso Children’s Hospital  
 Casandra Gibson – THOP: Memorial Campus  
 Roseann Gomez – Kindred Hospital  
 Georgina Gonzalez - TDEM  
 Michellee Gonzalez - THOP: Memorial Campus  
 Sandra Gonzalez – UMC of El Paso  
 Ysela Gonzalez - Vitalant  
 Raul Guerrero – DSHS  
 Todd Haugen – Memorial Medical Center, LC  
 Wanda Helgesen – BorderRAC  
 Paloma Herrera – ProAction Emergency Services  
 Cynthia Holguin – Del Sol Medical Center  
 Melissa Ireland – WBAMC ED  
 Don Janes – UMC of El Paso  
 Noreen Jaramillo – Emergence Health Network  
 Carolina Juarez – UMC Of El Paso  
 Daniel Kendall – WBAMC ED  
 Frances Killenbec – THOP: East Campus  
 Walter Kuykendall – EmergentAir  
 Andres Lerma – City of El Paso PHEP  
 Granado Leroy – El Paso City OEM  
 Cynthia Loera – THOP: East Campus  
 Martin Lopez – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo  
 Cristina Macias-Lopez –Dept of Public Health  
 Fonda Marler – THOP: Transmountain Campus  
 Juan Martin - RevlVe  
 Laura Martin – THOP: East Campus  
 Michelle Mateos – El Paso Children’s Hospital  
 Miriam Mendoza – THOP: Memorial Campus  
 Joanne Miller – WBAMC ED  
 Juan Miramontes – Elite Medical Transport  
 Manny Munoz – THOP: East Campus  
 Tony Muro – THOP: Transmountain  
 Bryan Olson - BorderRAC  
 Jose Ortiz – EPFD  
 Amber Ozaeta – Las Palmas Medical Center  
 Anne Pacheco – UMC of El Paso  
 Biannica Parker – UMC of El Paso  
 Adrian Payan – Las Palmas Medical Center  
 Diego Perez – Culberson Hospital EMS

Julie Perez – Del Sol Medical Center  
 Jay Phillips - RevIVE  
 Ashley Quinlan – THOP: Sierra Campus  
 Veronica Ramirez – THOP: East Campus  
 Victor Ramirez – El Paso Psychiatric Center  
 Alex Ramos – Tenet Healthcare  
 Sireesha Reddy – TTUHSC/UMC  
 Marin Ricardo – THOP: Edgemere Campus  
 Martha Rios – Del Sol Medical Center  
 Elen Rodriguez – THOP: East Campus  
 Marco Romero – Las Palmas Medical Center  
 Karlq Ruan – THOP: Transmountain Campus  
 Eddie Sanchez – Life Ambulance Service

Patricia Sanchez – University Medical Center  
 Mike Sarabia – RevIVE  
 Blance Scott – Memorial Medical Center, LC  
 Susan Sharp – BorderRAC  
 Andrew Shay – Tenet Healthcare  
 Guy Stevenson – HCA LPDS Healthcare  
 Alexa Timbrook – UMC of El Paso  
 Kristen Torres – El Paso Children’s Hospital  
 Anthony Velasquez – Dell Valley EMS  
 Janet Walker-EMTF  
 Zyon Zate – EMTF 9 / BorderRAC  
 Gabriel Zubia – UMC/EPCH

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The October minutes were reviewed. Mr. Almaguer motioned, Ms. Gibson seconded and the motion carried to accept the minutes as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Report

Ms. Helgesen reviewed quarterly snapshots of each grant.

		<b>ASPR22 TSA-I Quarterly Report</b>				7/1/2023	6/30/2024
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<b>July - Sept</b>	<b>Oct - Dec</b>	<b>Jan - March</b>	<b>April - June</b>		
		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr		YTD
Personnel	\$111,736.00	\$31,206.20	\$32,197.56				\$63,403.76
Fringe Benefits	\$29,051.00	\$8,933.90	\$9,715.14				\$18,649.04
Travel	\$16,183.00	\$2,617.92	\$842.90				\$3,460.82
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,490.90	\$553.08				\$2,043.98
Contractual	\$31,550.00	\$3,216.00	\$2,700.00				\$5,916.00
Other	\$65,874.00	\$30,633.16	\$7,052.34				\$37,685.50
Indirect	\$63,615.00	\$14,004.37	\$15,664.38				\$29,668.75
	<b>\$320,009.00</b>	<b>\$92,102.45</b>	<b>\$68,725.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$160,827.85</b>

Expended in Q2 (Oct-Dec) \$68,725.40, with a decrease in expenditures for Q2, as the vehicle insurance is paid in Q1.

<b>FY24 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report</b>							
		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	\$9,370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$2,436.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Travel	\$20,614.00	\$0.00	\$5,353.36				\$5,353.36
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Other	\$191,191.00	\$7,670.22	\$26,965.11				\$34,635.33
Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
111k	\$236,111.00	\$7,670.22	\$32,318.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,988.69

Additional funding of \$111,000.00 was received. Q2 expenses increased due to rent and travel.



<b>FY24 Systems Development Quarterly Report</b>							
		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	\$31,470.00	\$7,783.37	\$4,704.27				\$12,487.64
Fringe Benefits	\$9,297.00	\$2,581.53	\$504.61				\$3,086.14
Travel	\$3,225.00	\$683.88	\$628.10				\$1,311.98
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$1,166.00	\$1,586.54	\$0.00				\$1,586.54
Contractual	\$6,945.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Other	\$12,872.00	\$6,418.21	\$3,703.38				\$10,121.59
Indirect	\$12,779.00	\$2,129.30	\$1,895.77				\$4,025.07
150k	\$77,754.00	\$21,182.83	\$11,436.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,618.96

There was a decrease in Q2 expenditures, as we continue strategizing to balance with FY24 EMS RAC. The goal this year is to minimize the expenditure of unrestricted funding.

<b>FY24 EMS RAC Quarterly Report</b>							
		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	\$29,390.00	\$0.00	\$20,536.03				\$20,536.03
Fringe Benefits	\$9,097.00	\$0.00	\$7,198.06				\$7,198.06
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$755.60				\$755.60
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Supplies	\$3,230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Contractual	\$3,283.00	\$0.00	\$960.00				\$960.00
Other	\$18,452.00	\$6,720.78	\$20,500.14				\$27,220.92
Indirect	\$21,414.00	\$105.95	\$14,397.91				\$14,503.86
	\$84,866.00	\$6,826.73	\$64,347.74	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$71,174.47

The majority spent in Q2 was for personnel and items purchased for community outreach. Again, we continue to strategize and balance expenditures and personnel time between this and the System Development funding pending receipt of the additional \$150,000 received during the last legislative session.

<b>FY24 EMS County Quarterly Report</b>							
		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>
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 to the EMS agencies. We are pending El Paso trauma runs to send the funding allocations to each EMS agency and request reimbursement submissions.

FY23 EMS RAC/SB8 Quarterly Report				9/1/2022	12/31/2024	
Cost Category	Budget	1st-4th Qtr	5th Qtr	6th Qtr	7th Qtr	8th Qtr
Personnel	\$0.00	\$20,247.68	\$6,421.87	\$2,504.65	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$2,533.14	\$1,668.27	\$654.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$34,271.66	\$0.00	\$11,375.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$723.58	\$685.48	\$231.72	\$0.00	\$0.00
Edu/Scholarships	\$428,395.75	\$394,499.07	\$33,627.00	\$44,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Incentives	\$102,814.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect/Program	\$137,086.64	\$256.84	\$569.28	\$123.26	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>\$702,569.04</b>	<b>\$418,260.31</b>	<b>\$54,347.85</b>	<b>\$47,514.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Q6 expenditures totaled \$47,514.00 each quarter having decreased. The majority of expenditures remain in the Education/Scholarship category.



**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Acute Care Committees

*Cardiac Subcommittee*

Ms. Helgesen reported the following:

- Arrival Via EMS – Q3 data indicates a significant increase to 67%, although still short of the 80% benchmark.
- Patients with prehospital ECG – data indicates a decrease in Q3. EMS is addressing this issue.

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

Mr. Munoz introduced Ms. Veronica Arriaga, the new chest pain coordinator for THOP: East Campus.

*Stroke Subcommittee*

The committee continues review of the pediatric considerations section for the revised Regional Stroke Plan 2024. Additionally, there may be opportunity to track pediatric data.

Regionally, RDC is missing data from LPMC and UMC and analysis of the upload issue for these facilities is pending.

*Hospital Trauma Committee/Regional Registry*

Ms. Camacho reviewed Q3 2023 data. There were 2,380 patients.

- Place of Injury – 2 most prevalent:
  - Private Residence-922
  - Street, Highway, other Paved Roadways-725
- Primary injury type was *Blunt* (90%)
- *Cause Of Injury* falls (50%) represent the greatest cause.

*Pediatric Subcommittee*

Ms. Bastardo announced the nomenclature change from *Non-Accidental Trauma Guideline* to *Child Maltreatment Guideline*. The subcommittee will continue to monitor facility compliance to the guideline. Additionally, we continue to work on a standardized *Child Maltreatment* assessment inclusive of all pediatric patients.

For this region's Pediatric Readiness Project, the committee has chosen monitoring of vital signs - collection and documentation in the prehospital and hospital settings. We will begin with the trauma patient population, as that information should be readily available in the registry. Dr. Tyroch inquired regarding our regional definition by age of pediatrics. Ms. Helgesen responded it is < 15 years of age.

The pediatric subcommittee recently discussed an interest in assessing regional pediatric suicide. The month of May 2023 was chosen for a regional snapshot. . Kudos to the informatics personnel as they were able to set some parameters and run a report for those <17 years of age. Ms. Helgesen reviewed the data collected.

- Total Screened – 822
- Total High Risk – 52
- Transfer to in-patient behavioral health – 33
- DC with OP Services – 6
- AMA – 1
- Admit to hospital (not medically cleared) – 7

The remainder were discharged home. Of the 52 high risk, 19 had a history of self-harm.

The decision of the subcommittee is to include EHN to assist in development of public education. The goal is to focus on the school-level developing signs, symptoms and possible education to include nurses, counselors, and teachers. Additionally, they want to develop general information for dissemination to parents and students.

Ms. Helgesen reported the facilities have different screening tools but each has a low, medium and high-risk identifier.

#### Whoo Am I?

The Pediatric subcommittee want to reinvigorate the BorderRAC initiative where a card with pertinent pediatric information can be attached to a car seat via zip tie, allowing them to be cutoff if they are transported to a hospital and an adult is unable to provide information. .

#### EMS Committee

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

- Scholarships Approved – 126
  - EMT – 65 (9 dropped)
  - AEMT – 31
  - Paramedic – 31 (8 dropped)
- \$520,067.56

The requests are ongoing and funding remains.

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee continues to work through the test phase of the PULSARA system. Thus far, it is going well.

The committee is reviewing the EMS Pass Through funding guidelines and is still considering adhering to a shorter deadline for submission for reimbursement request.

The committee is pending rollout of the EMS Neonatal Resuscitation Program.

#### Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee

Mr. Muro reported the facilities are moving forward planning the DECON exercises. The facility exercises will take place this spring.

EP Electric Company gave a presentation regarding life support for homebound patients, which is challenging during outages. The committee and EP Electric will work together to develop possible solutions.

The committee awaits full implementation of PULSARA in the hopes it will enhance pre-hospital to hospital communications and assist inpatient tracking capabilities.

The Complex Coordinated Attack Exercise occurred Oct 26, 2023 from 2100-0300 hours. Patient distribution validated the need to continue pursuit of MCI distribution plan.

#### EMTF

Mr. Zate announced he is actively recruiting:

- MIST members (hospital based personnel having completed all ICS courses)
- MMU members (logistics and strike teams)

Bataan is Saturday, March 16, 2024. If interested in volunteering please contact Mr. Zate.

EMTF is gearing up for 2024 wildland fire season and hurricane season.

#### Perinatal Committee

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

Q3 Data was reviewed:

##### *Maternal Hemorrhage*

- Total deliveries – 3338
- 5% had QBL > 1000 cc
  - 23% were pre-identified as high risk
  - 10% required blood transfusion
- No maternal or fetal mortality

##### *Maternal Hypertension*

- 5% had hypertensive episode during labor

- 53% were pre-identified
- 85% had a pharmaceutical intervention
- 3 were readmitted within 6 weeks of delivery due to HTN
- No maternal or fetal mortality

Still pending is the perinatal series to take place with EMS.

#### Prevention Committee

Ms. Acosta reported prevention focus in social media:

##### *October 2023*

- Safe October ( Cyber Security, School Bus Safety)
- Mental Health Awareness Month:
  - Pregnancy and Infant Loss
  - National Domestic Violence
- Halloween Safety

##### *November 2023*

- Injury Prevention – National Injury Prevention Day November 18, 2023 – *Shine A Green Light*
- Thanksgiving Reminders
- Know your Risks
  - Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
  - Diabetes Awareness Month

##### *December 2023*

- Holiday Decorations and Fire Safety
- Christmas Trees and Holiday Gift Safety
- Holiday Parties and Keeping the Spirit

Please remember to “Like” and “Follow” BorderRAC on Social Media.

#### System Improvement

Ms. Helgesen reported the SPI committee continues to review data from the Perinatal, Cardiac, Pediatric, and Trauma committees. Additionally, MCI notifications and patient distribution are reviewed on a regular basis.

Twenty-one from our region attended a Whole Blood Academy November 2-3 in San Antonio Texas. We have created workgroups to develop the process and possible donor pool (as we do not wish to disrupt the local blood bank’s existing donors). The meetings are ongoing. This is not an overnight process, but we have a committed group to initiating Whole Blood availability in the pre-hospital setting within the region.

#### Professional Education

##### Quarter 4 2023 Activities:

##### **October**

October 19 – 2023 Cyber Threats and Best Practices

**November**

November 16 – Little ADHD Big Problems

**December**

December 7 – Rio Grande Trauma Conference –EMS and Dieticians

December 15 – CME Reaccreditation

*Physician Advisory Group (PAG)*

There was no report for today's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business for today's meeting.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

The BorderRAC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TopGolf fundraiser May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please save the date. More information to come.

Mr. Diego Perez was congratulated for receiving the DSHS EMS Director of the Year award 2023.

Dr. Berumen congratulated Ms. Helgesen for the recent *Women of Impact* (El Paso Inc.) award she received.

The following facilities announced upcoming Surveys:

- UMC Trauma – June
- EPCH was re-designated for Level IV NICU
- DSMC Trauma October 16-17, 2024
- THOP: East Campus Trauma March
- THOP: Memorial Campus Stroke/Cardiac recently 2023
- THOP: Sierra Campus Oct/Nov 2024 – Heart Care Award 2024
- THOP: Memorial Campus Stroke May

El Paso Marathon, February 18, 2024

MRC and BorderRAC will man one of the water stations early Sunday morning. Let's help MRC win some money for the best station.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS –Wednesday, April 10, 2024.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1109 hours.

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