

**General Membership Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 @ 1000 hours

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**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

Ana Acosta - UMC El Paso  
Anneliese Aguirre - Del Sol Medical Center  
Kardha Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center  
Bruce Applebaum - TTUHSC  
Virginia Armendariz – UMC of El Paso  
Tony Baird - Dominion Ambulance  
Vanessa Banderas - BorderRAC  
Hydie Bean - Parallon  
Amber Bechtel - El Paso Psychiatric Center  
Donald Berger - UMC / EPCH  
Erica Bergeron - UMC of El Paso  
Savannah Bernal - Del Sol  
Kenneth Berumen - THOP Sierra  
Carlos Bravo -Kindred Hospital- El Paso, TX  
Henry Brutus - ProAction/Immunize El Paso  
Michael Buldra - Trans Aero MedEvac  
Lydia Camacho - UMC of El Paso  
Shane Canada- THOP: Sierra Campus  
Imelda Cazares - Peak Behavioral Health  
Celia Cisneros - Las Palmas Medical center  
Eddie Colclasure - Del Sol Medical Center  
Jayson Connally - Culberson Hospital  
Erin Delagarza - WBAMC  
Yolanda Delgado - THOP/Transmountain/Sierra  
Monica Diaz - WBAMC  
Michelle Diaz - THOP Memorial Campus  
Alejandra Dorado - THOP Memorial Campus  
Carla Escobar – UMC of El Paso  
Yvonne Estrada - Del Sol Medical Center  
Yvette Felix – THOP: East Campus  
Chassi Fernandez – THOP:-East Campus  
Jose Franco - Fort Hancock EMS  
Xochitl Gamboa - UMC of El Paso  
Jesus Gamez - DSMC  
Ethan Gabardine - WBAMC  
Elisa Garcia - El Paso Psychiatric Center  
Rafael Garcia - BorderRAC  
Kendra Garza - El Paso Children’s Hospital  
Patricia Gelinas - THOP Memorial Campus  
Camille Gerdes - EPCH  
Laura Gerovac - HCA Healthcare  
Roseann Gomez - Kindred Hospital  
Roy Gonzales - HCA Healthcare  
Cristal Gonzales - NHC EMS  
Claudia Gonzalez - Del Sol Medical Center  
Bianca Gonzalez – THOP: East Campus  
Wanda Helgesen - BorderRAC  
Cynthia Holguin - Del Sol Medical Center  
Peggy Jaime - BorderRAC  
Donald Jane - UMC  
Frances Killenbec – THOP: East Campus  
Walter Kuykendall - EmergentAir  
Willie Langfeldt - EPFD  
Tiffany Lasky - TTUHSC EP/UMC  
Oscar Lira Loera - UMC of El Paso  
Cristina Macias - DPH  
Iris – Madariaga – THOP: Sierra Campus  
Maria Perez - UMC of El Paso  
Fonda Marler – THOP: TM Campus  
Erica Marquez - UMC El Paso  
Laura Martin – THOP: East Campus  
Miriam Mendoza – THOP: Memorial Campus  
Ariel Mess - Emergence Health Network  
Brianna Morelos – THOP: MEMORIAL CAMPUS  
Manny Munoz – THOP: East Campus  
Tony Muro – THOP: TM Campus  
Valerie Nunez - UMC El Paso  
Jennifer Olivas – THOP: East Campus  
Bryan Olson - BorderRAC  
Mario Ontiveros - OEM  
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  
Carlos Ponce - Dominion Ambulance  
Ashley Quinlan – THOP: Memorial Campus  
Molly Ramirez - WBAMC  
Victor Ramirez - El Paso Psychiatric Center  
Verenice Ramirez - Las Palmas Medical Center  
Veronica Ramirez – THOP: EAST Campus

Alex Ramos – Tenet Healthcare  
Maurice Riley - WBAMC  
Frank Rios - Memorial Medical Center  
Martha Rios - Del Sol Medical Center  
Cissy Romo – THOP: East Campus  
Christine Rosales - OEM  
Karla Ruan – THOP: Sierra Campus  
SANDRA SALAS - ENDOSCOPY CENTER OF EL PASO  
Eddie Sanchez - Life Ambulance

David Solem - St. Giles Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Gustavo Tavarez - EPFD  
Alexa Timbrook - UMC of El Paso  
Kristen Torres - El Paso Children's Hospital  
Alan Tyroch - TTUHSC el Paso  
Verne Walker - HCA Healthcare  
TERRY WASHINGTON - WBAMC  
Gabriel Zubia - UMC / EPCH

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\*Ema Marciscano - Project BRAVO (Guest)  
\*Claudia (Guest)  
\*Anne and Valerie (Guest)  
\*Diane (Guest)  
\*Michelle. Arroyos (Guest)  
\*Fedra Toy (Guest)  
\*Maria Perez (Guest)  
\*Daniel Ames (Guest)  
\*chris.celaya THOP EMS Liaison (Guest)  
\*Melissa Perlinger (Guest)  
\*Raquel Madrid-Ontiveros (Guest)  
\*ashley.dorchester (Guest)  
\*Special Ops Chief Abraham Human (Guest)

\*iPhone (9) (Guest)  
\*Erin's iPhone (Guest)  
\*Ben Mares (Guest)  
\*Alyssa Galindo UMC ED (Guest)  
\*bravoc00 (Guest)  
\*Cynthu (Guest)  
\*dianna.enriquez (Guest)  
\*Arlene.Castanon (Guest)  
\*Jose Luis Salas (Guest)  
\*Cristina.Fore (Guest)  
\*Alexa Timbrook (Guest)  
\*Ariel Mess (Guest)  
\*Roxann Contreras (Guest)  
\*Erin's iPhone (Guest)

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Ms. Helgesen announced that Mr. Celaya graciously agreed to step into the recently vacated Chair position earlier than anticipated, as normally he would have taken over in September.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Celaya called the meeting to order at 1006 hours.

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The October minutes were reviewed. Dr. Gamez motioned, Dr. Tyroch seconded and the motion carried to accept the minutes as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Garcia presented a quarterly snapshot as of December 31, 2024:

						START:	END:
<b>ASPR23 Quarterly Report</b>						7/1/2024	6/30/2025
<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	\$363,475.00	\$96,825.23	\$98,901.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195,726.99	
Fringe Benefits	\$109,043.00	\$27,289.79	\$26,800.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,089.96	
Travel	\$31,904.00	\$5,287.71	\$6,821.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,109.17	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$3,220.00	\$495.59	\$593.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,089.38	
Contractual	\$23,300.00	\$3,420.00	\$3,792.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,212.00	
Other	\$121,621.00	\$60,096.54	\$22,896.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,992.70	
Indirect	\$159,695.00	\$32,440.95	\$35,766.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,207.21	
	<b>\$812,258.00</b>	<b>\$225,855.81</b>	<b>\$195,571.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$421,427.41</b>	

Q2 incurred \$195,571.60, is half way through the cycle of the grant, and is currently at 51.88% spent versus a straight-line basis at 50 percent. We will continue with expenditures and projections for this grant.

						START:	END:
<b>ASPR23 TSA-I Quarterly Report</b>						7/1/2024	6/30/2025
<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	\$114,160.00	\$30,068.36	\$30,889.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,957.97	
Fringe Benefits	\$34,248.00	\$8,805.74	\$8,350.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,156.65	
Travel	\$14,937.00	\$1,941.23	\$1,366.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,307.39	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$456.50	\$282.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$739.33	
Contractual	\$20,800.00	\$3,420.00	\$3,792.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,212.00	
Other	\$70,706.00	\$27,301.81	\$10,888.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,190.04	
Indirect	\$63,058.00	\$12,671.86	\$13,681.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,353.43	
	<b>\$320,009.00</b>	<b>\$84,665.50</b>	<b>\$69,251.31</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$153,916.81</b>	

Q2 incurred \$69,251.31, with \$166,092.19 remaining through June of 2025. Currently we are at 48.10% spent and should be at 50% spent. Dr. Berumen inquired what was included under the contractual section. Mr. Garcia responded that within the grant for TSA I, PPE supplies and 2 contractors are included.

						START:	END:
<b>FY25 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report</b>						9/1/2024	8/31/2025
<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	5th Qtr	YTD
Personnel	\$15,341.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$4,602.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$19,798.00	\$2,423.42	\$4,052.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,475.73
Equipment	\$13,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$1,072.89	\$320.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,393.00
Contractual	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$172,320.00	\$9,234.79	\$34,006.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,240.95
Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>\$236,111.00</b>	<b>\$12,731.10</b>	<b>\$38,378.58</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$51,109.68</b>

This grant start date was September 1 2024, and ends August 31, 2025. Q1 is July to September 2024, with the amount incurred \$12,731.10. Ms. Helgesen noted the rider comes from the State of Texas General Revenue, so has a different start date than the other grants. Q2 incurred \$38,378.58, and as shown, there is a difference between

the second quarter expenditures and the 1st quarter since Q1 only includes one month of expenses. YTD is at \$51,109.68 remaining. Straight-line to actual is at 21.65% and we should be at 33% spent. The variance is slightly over the 10% internal threshold that we have set. The majority of the funds expended are in the other category (and go toward the warehouse facility rents). Rent recently doubled since we overtook both sides of the warehouse. The variance will eventually catch up to where we should be percentage wise.

<b>FY25 Systems Development Quarterly Report</b>					START:	END:
					9/1/2024	8/31/2025
<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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$9,297.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$3,225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$1,166.00	\$0.00	\$2,065.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,065.43
Contractual	\$6,945.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$12,872.00	\$55.98	\$5,759.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,815.79
Indirect	\$12,779.00	\$0.00	\$348.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$348.96

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The FY25 System Development grant began September 1, 2024 and will end August 31, 2025. Q1 expenditures totaled \$55.98; Q2 expenditures totaled \$8,174.20 with YTD expenditures equaling \$8,230.18. Expenditures totaled 10.58% and we should be at 33.33 % spent. The variance percentage was 22.75%, which is over the 10% internal threshold.

<b>FY25 EMS RAC Quarterly Report</b>					START:	END:
					9/1/2024	8/31/2025
<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	\$85,000.00	\$10,805.39	\$31,069.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,875.00
Fringe Benefits	\$27,500.00	\$3,539.72	\$10,729.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,269.25
Travel	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$13,469.00	\$1,462.51	\$762.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,225.50
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$83,700.00	\$5,708.27	\$8,679.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,387.85
Indirect	\$36,414.00	\$2,849.97	\$10,959.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,809.26
	<b>\$246,843.00</b>	<b>\$24,365.86</b>	<b>\$62,201.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$86,566.86</b>

This grant has absorbed a fair amount of the expenditures in Q1 (\$24,365.86) and Q2 (\$62,201.00), with YTD expenditures at \$86,566.86 and amount remaining of \$106,276.14. The actual percentage spent is 35.07 and straight line is 33.33%, with the variance at 1.74 percent.

<b>FY25 EMS County Quarterly Report</b>					START:	END:
					9/1/2024	8/31/2025
<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	\$167,503.00	\$0.00	\$9,291.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,291.31
	<b>\$167,503.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,291.31</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,291.31</b>

This is the pass-through monies going to the qualifying EMS entities. Currently, the only expense incurred is for the Texas EMS wristbands purchased, as the decision of the committee was for BorderRAC to continue distribution of those bands to all EMS agencies. The total cost was \$9,291.31. 5.55% of this grant was expended and we should be at 33.3% spent, which is in line with historical spending for this time. Backup reimbursement requests from the EMS entities normally begin in Q3 and Q4.

FY23 EMS RAC/SB8 Quarterly Report					START: 9/1/2022	END: 12/31/2024	
Cost Category	Budget	1st-6th Qtr	7th Qtr	8th Qtr	9th Qtr	10th Qtr	YTD
Personnel	\$0.00	\$29,174.20	\$2,925.69	\$3,774.93	\$11,506.89	\$7,356.41	\$55,182.07
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00	\$4,855.93	\$952.81	\$837.99	\$2,684.96	\$910.15	\$10,510.19
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$34,271.66	\$11,375.95	\$24.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,400.28
Other	\$0.00	\$1,645.56	\$85.25	\$137.05	\$400.52	\$121.13	\$2,457.98
Edu/Scholarships	\$428,395.75	\$472,126.07	\$20,908.50	\$26,000.00	\$89,192.00	\$20,000.00	\$628,226.57
Incentives	\$102,814.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect/Program	\$137,086.64	\$949.38	\$194.58	\$173.25	\$843.23	\$1,324.06	\$3,608.00
	<b>\$702,569.04</b>	<b>\$520,127.09</b>	<b>\$25,091.16</b>	<b>\$30,923.22</b>	<b>\$104,627.60</b>	<b>\$29,711.75</b>	<b>\$711,385.09</b>

This is the SB8 EMS Workforce Initiative Scholarship funding. Q10 expenditures equal \$29,711.75. The budgeted amount was \$702,569.04 and funding expended YTD is \$711,385.09. The overage will be adjusted with a journal entry to either System Development or the EMSRAC grant. We are projecting the overage to be approximately \$3,000.00, as we will be receiving some reimbursements for over payments made previously. The deadline for closure is May 31, 2025.

Dr. Berumen inquired how the state decides which RAC gets what funding. Ms. Helgesen responded there are statutory formulas that decide the amounts using variables such as square miles, population, etc. and 60% of the dollars to rural areas. She also noted it is point of continual discussion.

*Action Taken:* Dr. Alan Tyroch motioned to approve the financial report, Dr. Berumen seconded, and the motion carried to accept the Financial Report as presented.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Acute Care Committees

*Cardiac Subcommittee*

Ms. Armendariz presented the cardiac PI indicators, focusing on under/over triage, missed STEMI diagnosis, PCI times and documentation. The committee is working to find a way to report data in a more expedient manner and format a feedback tool as well.

- Revised Cardiac Plan Approval  
Ms. Armendariz reviewed the revised Regional Cardiac-STEMI Plan approved by SPI in July. This revision included documentation and descriptions regarding the STEMI facilities versus non-PCI capable facilities, as well as inclusions of special populations, such as maternal. Ms. Helgesen noted the revised Cardiac STEMI plan was circulated previously for review and approval at this meeting. Mr. Celaya asked if anyone had questions. No questions were forthcoming.

*Action Taken:* Dr. Kenneth Berumen motioned, Mr. Frank Rios seconded, and the motion carried to approve the revised Cardiac STEMI Plan as presented.

*Stroke Subcommittee*

Mr. Munoz reported on Stroke committee projects, including pediatric stroke guidelines. We have worked to include pediatric patients with stroke in RDC to track the pediatric stroke patient.

Mr. Munoz also overviewed stroke PI indicators such as missed diagnoses, delayed transfers, documentation issues, reasons patients miss the window for neuro intervention and possible means to decrease those

oversights.

#### *Pediatric Subcommittee*

The Pediatric subcommittee has accepted the challenge of Pediatric Readiness and have chosen to review pediatric vital signs in the ED. Every ED is gathering vital sign information on 10 pediatric patients monthly. Utilizing ED data lets us look at not only injured pediatric patients, but also those that come in for any other type of illness. It is a fair amount of data collection and she offered kudos to those working to enter that data.

The committee is also reviewing the regional Child Maltreatment Guideline and algorithm for revisions or updates since it was last approved 2 years ago. Additionally, the committee discussed regional pediatric simulations in the emergency departments. WE can review at the regional level for possible opportunities and ideas for education.

#### Hospital Trauma Committee

The Trauma Committee is reviewing systems for upgrading or replacing their trauma registry, which will sunset in 2026. Ms. Camacho reported BorderRAC set up a virtual presentation with ESO, as well as an in person meeting with Image Trend that was very interactive. Facilities are working through comparison and contrasts of both. It is likely that not everyone will end up having the same home registry regionally, so we need to ascertain the best way to make all of that will work together

Ms. Camacho reported many of the trauma PI indicators might be the same as were previously mentioned:

- ED length of stay greater than 2 hours prior to transfer for any level one trauma patients
- ED Length of stay greater than 4 h for non-emergent trauma patients
- Inappropriate triage
- Other indicators include missed intubations, perceived problem with care of any trauma patient, missing documentation from referring agencies, and a patient that arrives with a GCS of less than 8, with no airway management.

#### Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee

Mr. Muro reported the committee completed a supply chain survey a few months back. The three greatest vulnerabilities in our regional supply chain include pharmaceuticals, medical consumable supplies and general PPE. There is a meeting February 3 with all the safety officers at BorderRAC to deliberate ideas and goals for this year.

- Review and Approval of the Chemical Plan  
Mr. Muro reviewed the regional Chemical Emergency Surge Plan and noted the committee reviewed defining chemical emergencies, hazardous materials, and identification of functions of the members of the Hospital Command Centers. Detection and activation: overt and covert incidents and identification to include giving descriptors of those incidents was discussed. Additionally identified, was the regional hazard and vulnerability assessment tool, which is utilized in implementing our hazard vulnerability analysis as a region. This is incorporated into the Chemical Response Plan to define capability gaps and how we can work towards resolving those gaps. The plan also addresses the logistics of space, staff, supplies, and special considerations such as pediatrics, functional needs, mental and behavioral health needs, as well as combined injuries. Mr. Muro reported the committee had approved the plan and requested the same of General Membership.

*Action Taken:* Mr. Frank Rios motioned, Dr. Kenneth Berumen seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Regional Chemical Emergency Surge Plan as presented.

## EMS

Mr. Sanchez reported the committee has been working on Code 3 responses, as there is much literature regarding the safety implications of travel of ambulances utilizing lights and sirens confirmed during a powerful presentation given by Dr. Baker. Ms. Helgesen stated the challenge in some cases are the contracts by jurisdictions to provide emergency services and that the language in the contracts stating how quickly the services are required to arrive on-scene from dispatch time. However, our data shows travel from the scene to the hospital with lights and sirens has decreased and is a real safety consideration for the on-board patients. Dr. Tyroch inquired if it would help to develop a BorderRAC position statement regarding movement of patients. Ms. Helgesen stated it might be helpful and Mr. Sanchez agreed, especially when discussing jurisdictional contracts.

The EMS committee is working on Pulsara implementation and some caveat additions that the EMS services are trying to have added to the system. Ms. Helgesen notes that we have traditionally worked the Pulsara through our Trauma patients; but we are now expanding that into other committees such as the Cardiac subcommittee working to get ECGs transmitted via Pulsara.

The neonatal education planning continues with Emergent Air and BorderRAC. The EMS workforce Initiative (SB8) ended last year and data indicated the following:

- 151 scholarship were approved
  - 62 Basics
  - 34 Advanced
  - 55 Paramedics

However, 42% did not complete the training. Mr. Sanchez reported efforts are ongoing for additional legislative action to continue the program perhaps through the Workforce Commission, for enhanced follow-up purposes. Dr. Berumen inquired how our region did in comparison to the rest of the state on finishing and on-boarding new EMS personnel. Ms. Helgesen responded that though she was disappointed, when she asked others, it appeared to be comparable to the rest of the state. Individuals who did not finish are required to re-pay the scholarship.

## EMTF

EMTF continues to recruit for a number of different avenues. Mobile Medical Unit (RN's in particular), which deploy for hurricanes etc. requires an agency MOU with EMTF for staff to deploy. They are also looking for Ambulance Strike Team units, which do not have to be 5 units from a single agency, but allows for the creation of a strike team from other agencies, sometimes from other regions. Additionally they are beginning the re-training efforts for the Infectious Disease Response Unit (IDRU), which evolved after Ebola and has the ability to assist a facility in several ways including moving the patient to the Region 6 Emergency Special Pathogen Treatment Center in Galveston.

Additionally, Mr. Zate is looking for people that are a Class A or CDL driver to assist us with movement of the mobile medical Unit by driving the Peterbilt tractor, pulling the 53-foot trailer.

If anyone has biomed or logistics staff that can assist in assembly or disassembly of the mobile medical unit, or can assist in making certain everything is working properly, we would be happy to talk with you as well.

We are gearing up for Wildland Fire season and have had a few teams deploy (most of which are coming out of San Angelo and Midland areas).

The new AmBus will be delivered to Reeve's County and housed there. We are also hoping by the end of the year to have a third one for our region in the Odessa area, which will allow us to have more rapid response to some of the rural areas.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is Saturday March 22, 2025, with setup on Thursday, pre-event training on Friday and the actual event on Saturday, normally starting about 7 a.m. Ms. Helgesen displayed the QR code to sign up to participate offering medical assistance or non-medical (registration assistance through MRC) for those interested in participating.

### Perinatal Committee

Ms. Helgesen reported the committee has altered their meetings, similar to The Trauma and EMS meetings, wherein they begin with NICU followed by a Perinatal Interface and then Maternal focused at the end of the meeting time.

### *NICU/NEONATES*

We have reviewed a number of cases having to do with multiple transfers of neonates, and extended lengths of stays at lower levels of care before transfer. Within these, we are looking at missing documentation and missing diagnostic imaging studies.

### *Maternal PI Indicators*

On the maternal side, PI indicators include extended LOC at lower level of care facilities prior to transfer, missing documentation, missing diagnostic imaging studies, antihypertensive protocols, pre-hospital notification delays and pre-hospital treatments.

### Prevention Committee

Ms. Acosta shared the prevention focus on the BorderRAC website and on social media:

#### *October 2024*

- Safe October
- Mental Health Awareness
- Halloween Safety

#### *November 2024*

- Injury Prevention – Day November 18 - BorderRAC paid to have the Star on the Mountain lit green in commemoration of the day. BorderRAC honored Estella Johnson, who co-founded *Injury Free for Kids* and started *National Injury Prevention Day*. Many of our partners such as EPFD (Station 5), EPPD, the 911 Communications Center and several hospitals also spotlighted their buildings green.
- Thanksgiving Reminders
- Know Your Risks
  - November is Great American Smoke-Out
  - Diabetes Month
  - National Alzheimer's disease Awareness Month

#### *December 2024*

- Holiday Decorations and Fire Safety
- Christmas Trees and Holiday Gift Ideas
- Holiday Parties and Keeping the Spirits
- Monthly Initiatives:
  - Child Passenger Safety Week

- Suicide Prevention Month

#### *Fall Events that took place*

- 10/5/2024 - Veterans Health Fair at Old Glory Memorial
- 10/19/2024 - Fire Fest at Veterans Park, 12-6 pm
- 10/19/2024 – Van Horn Health Fair
- 11/18/2024 - National Injury Prevention Day
- 11/19-11/20/2024- Fall Shattered Dreams Event Irvin High School

#### System Improvement

Dr. Tyroch reported on the System Performance Improvement (PI) Committee's activities. He emphasized the importance of timely data submission to the BorderRAC, defining timelines for submission and compliance:

- Data is considered **Compliant** when it is submitted by the due date
- 1- 60 days after the due date, it is considered **Delayed Compliance**
- Data submitted 61 days or more after the due date is **Non-Compliant**

#### *PAG*

The committee has been discussing issues with multiple transfers of NICU patients and improving communication regarding transfers.

Dr. Tyroch also highlighted the need to enhance EMResource with more accurate and relevant hospital information to aid on-scene EMS providers in patient transport decisions. There are ongoing efforts to integrate EMResource data with Pulsara to provide real-time capability information to on-scene EMS crews.

In conclusion, Dr. Tyroch reports on upcoming state-level meetings and task forces, including those focused on prehospital whole blood, EMS wall-time, burn care, and a potential new System PI committee.

#### *Professional Education*

Dr. Applebaum reported during Q4 2024 the committee remained robust and active, presenting a wide variety of educational opportunities, not only in subject, but in also appealing to a wide variety of healthcare services physicians, nurses, EMS providers, first responders, and advanced practice professionals. Programs provided in the prior quarter include 6 hours of direct programming and 8 hours of enduring.

Upcoming Events include:

- 1/23/2025 – Closing a Medical Practice: Planned and Unplanned by Allan Goldfarb with EPCMS
- 2/11/2025- Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion by Dr. Gonzalez
- Pending- Firefighters Under Fire by Chief Ryan

Dr. Applebaum reviewed the 2024 EOY summary.

The program goals were reviewed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Fundraising

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

*City Bank Community Rewards*

BorderRAC received \$1500 from the City Bank of Lubbock Community Rewards program. Ms. Helgesen thanked all those that voted for BorderRAC. We purchased a Zoll AED trainer to add to the CPR training tools and home blood pressure monitors to give away as part of the hypertension focus for the cardiac, stroke and the perinatal committees to utilize.

The next fundraising event is the Annual BorderRAC TopGolf Fundraiser May 3, 2025.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Dr. Tyroch reported the upcoming GETAC meetings are listed on the Texas GETAC website, with a link to log in remotely. The meetings begin at 1 p.m. central time tomorrow.

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Mr. Franco gave a big thank you to you to Mr. Guerrero and Dr. Berumen, who stepped up when they recently lost their medical director unexpectedly. With their help, they were able to continue without missing a beat, and are very grateful to everyone that assisted them. Dr. Berumen stated he was impressed by Mr. Franco's operation, the work they do at the facility, and was glad to be of assistance.

Ms. Romo mentioned the Providence Love Your Heart Walk, Sunday, February 2, 9-11 on Scenic Drive.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS –Wednesday, April 9, 2025.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1137 hours.

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