

General Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 1000 hours

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THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Kardha Alvarado – Las Palmas Medical Center
Jose Aragon - EPIA
Virginia Armendariz – UMC of El Paso
Rosalia Arzate – Fort Hancock EMS
Tony Baird - Dominion Ambulance
Vanessa Banderas – BorderRAC
Debra Barba-Ornelas – UMC of El Paso
Amber Bechtel - El Paso Psychiatric Center
Trahana Benbow – Del Sol Medical Center
Erica Bergeron - UMC of El Paso
Savannah Bernal - Del Sol
Henry Brutus - ProAction/Immunize El Paso
Imelda Cazares - Peak Behavioral Health
Celia Cisneros - Las Palmas Medical center
Jayson Connally - Culberson Hospital
Erin Delagarza - WBAMC
Gloria Delgado – UMC of El Paso
Yolanda Delgado - THOP/Transmountain/Sierra
Michelle Diaz - THOP Memorial Campus
Martin Dominguez – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribal FD
Carla Escobar – UMC of El Paso
Monica Esparza – Innovative Renal Care
Yvette Felix – THOP: East Campus
Chassi Fernandez – THOP:-East Campus
Jose Franco - Fort Hancock EMS
Taylor Furth – Tenet Healthcare
Xochitl Gamboa - UMC of El Paso
Jesus Gamez - DSMC
Rafael Garcia – BorderRAC
Amanda Gary – Culberson Hospital
Kendra Garza - El Paso Children’s Hospital
Camille Gerdes - EPCH
Roseann Gomez - Kindred Hospital
Cristal Gonzales - NHC EMS
Roy Gonzales - HCA Healthcare
Bianca Gonzalez – THOP: East Campus
Claudia Gonzalez - Del Sol Medical Center
Michelle Gonzalez – THOP: Memorial Campus
Raul Guerrero – DSHS
Diane Guillen – UMC of El Paso
Todd Haugen – Memorial Medical Center, New Mexico
Wanda Helgesen – BorderRAC
David Hernandez – Envision Healthcare Hospice
Veronica Hinojo – Del Sol Medical Center
Cynthia Holguin - Del Sol Medical Center
Peggy Jaime - BorderRAC
Carolina Juarez – UMC of El Paso
Frances Killenbec – THOP: East Campus
Oscar Lira Loera - UMC of El Paso
Iris – Madariaga – THOP: Sierra Campus
Ricardo Marin – THOP: East Campus
Miriam Mendoza – THOP: Memorial Campus
Brianna Morelos – THOP: MEMORIAL CAMPUS
Manny Munoz – THOP: East Campus
Tony Muro – THOP: TM Campus
Nora Naj – THOP: Transmountain NICU
Valerie Nunez - UMC El Paso
John O’Hargan - WBAMC
Jennifer Olivas – THOP: East Campus
Bryan Olson - BorderRAC
Mario Ontiveros - OEM
Jose Ortiz - EPFD
Anne Pacheco - UMC of El Paso
Adrian Payan – Las Palmas Medical Center
Angie Pena – THOP: Memorial Campus
Diego Perez - Culberson Hospital EMS
Maria Perez – UMC of El Paso
Ashley Quinlan – THOP: Memorial Campus
Molly Ramirez - WBAMC
Verenice Ramirez - Las Palmas Medical Center
Veronica Ramirez – THOP: EAST Campus
Victor Ramirez - El Paso Psychiatric Center
Alex Ramos – Tenet Healthcare
Maurice Riley - WBAMC
Elen Rodriguez – THOP: East Campus
Marco Romero – Las Palmas Medical Center
Cissy Romo – THOP: East Campus
Karla Ruan – THOP: Sierra Campus
SANDRA SALAS - ENDOSCOPY CENTER OF EL PASO
Eddie Sanchez - Life Ambulance
Susan Sharp - BorderRAC

David Solem - St. Giles Nursing & Rehabilitation
Alexa Timbrook - UMC of El Paso
Alan Tyroch - TTUHSC el Paso
Martha Vasquez – THOP: TM Campus
Anthony Velasquez – Dell Valley EMS

Jerry Villanueva – El Paso ISD
Verne Walker - HCA Healthcare
TERRY WASHINGTON – WBAMC
Zyon Zate – EMTF 9 - BorderRAC
Gabriel Zubia - UMC / EPCH

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Celaya called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Everyone observed a moment of silence for Lisa-Anne Raney Waldo, an EMS community member for many years, recently passed. Mr. Celaya offered deep condolences to her family.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Garcia presented a quarterly snapshot as of March 31, 2025:

ASPR23 Quarterly Report						START: 7/1/2024	END: 6/30/2025
Cost Category	Budget	July - Sept 1st Qtr	Oct - Dec 2nd Qtr	Jan - March 3rd Qtr	April - June 4th Qtr	YTD	
Personnel	\$363,475.00	\$96,825.23	\$96,357.18	\$97,250.50	\$0.00	\$290,432.91	
Fringe Benefits	\$109,043.00	\$27,289.79	\$26,602.13	\$29,984.04	\$0.00	\$83,875.96	
Travel	\$31,904.00	\$5,287.71	\$6,821.46	\$4,641.67	\$0.00	\$16,750.84	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$3,220.00	\$495.59	\$593.79	\$514.94	\$0.00	\$1,604.32	
Contractual	\$23,300.00	\$3,420.00	\$3,792.00	\$2,232.00	\$0.00	\$9,444.00	
Other	\$121,621.00	\$60,096.54	\$22,896.16	\$12,290.34	\$0.00	\$95,283.04	
Indirect	\$159,695.00	\$32,440.95	\$35,252.37	\$39,355.92	\$0.00	\$107,049.24	
	\$812,258.00	\$225,855.81	\$192,315.09	\$186,269.41	\$0.00	\$604,440.31	

Q3 incurred \$186,269.41, slightly decreased from Q2 and significantly lower than Q1, due to insurance for all trailers and assets being charged during Q1. Funds remaining are \$207,817.69 51. The grant is 74% spent, with the variance at less than 1 percent. We are on target to fully expend the funds by the grant closure deadline June 30, 2025.

ASPR23 TSA-I Quarterly Report						START: 7/1/2024	END: 6/30/2025
Cost Category	Budget	July - Sept 1st Qtr	Oct - Dec 2nd Qtr	Jan - March 3rd Qtr	April - June 4th Qtr	YTD	
Personnel	\$114,160.00	\$30,068.36	\$30,025.38	\$32,539.33	\$0.00	\$92,633.07	
Fringe Benefits	\$34,248.00	\$8,805.74	\$8,283.65	\$11,198.95	\$0.00	\$28,288.34	
Travel	\$14,937.00	\$1,941.23	\$1,366.16	\$1,678.92	\$0.00	\$4,986.31	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$456.50	\$282.83	(\$62.99)	\$0.00	\$676.34	
Contractual	\$20,800.00	\$3,420.00	\$3,792.00	\$2,232.00	\$0.00	\$9,444.00	
Other	\$70,706.00	\$27,301.81	\$10,888.23	\$6,302.11	\$0.00	\$44,492.15	
Indirect	\$63,058.00	\$12,671.86	\$13,520.73	\$13,222.28	\$0.00	\$39,414.87	
	\$320,009.00	\$84,665.50	\$68,158.98	\$67,110.60	\$0.00	\$219,935.08	

Q3 incurred \$67,110.60. Q1 expenditures are higher, again due to insurance costs in Q1. Remaining funds for April-June are \$100,073.92. As we move into Q4, there are many ongoing projections based on available funds.

FY25 EMTF Rider Quarterly Report						START: 9/1/2024	END: 8/31/2025
Cost Category	Budget	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	\$7,607.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,082.78
Equipment	\$13,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$1,072.89	\$3,919.11	\$4,427.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,419.43
Contractual	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Other	\$172,320.00	\$9,234.79	\$34,006.16	\$46,276.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$89,517.72
Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$236,111.00	\$12,731.10	\$41,977.58	\$59,001.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$113,709.93

This grant start date was September 1, 2024, and ends August 31, 2025, beginning 2 months subsequent to the ASPR grants. Q3 incurred \$59,001.25, down slightly from Q2 and significantly less than Q1 (Q1 only covers the month of September). The remaining funds are \$122,401.07. Straight line to Actual is 48%, with a 10% variance.

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

We are monitoring as we move forward to ensure that we decrease the gap prior to end date reporting.

FY25 Systems Development Quarterly Report					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	\$7,333.62	(\$5,303.33)	\$0.00	\$2,030.29
Fringe Benefits	\$9,297.00	\$0.00	\$696.67	(\$696.67)	\$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	\$5,820.39	\$5,626.58	\$0.00	\$11,502.95
Indirect	\$12,779.00	\$0.00	\$348.96	\$825.21	\$0.00	\$1,174.17
	\$77,754.00	\$55.98	\$16,265.07	\$451.79	\$0.00	\$16,772.84



The FY25 System Development grant began September 1, 2024 and will end August 31, 2025. Q3 expenditures totaled \$451.79. Expenses included GETAC travel.

FY25 EMS RAC Quarterly Report					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	\$30,301.42	\$43,014.59	\$0.00	\$84,121.40
Fringe Benefits	\$27,500.00	\$3,539.72	\$10,669.75	\$13,890.11	\$0.00	\$28,099.58
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	\$7,096.96	\$0.00	\$21,484.81
Indirect	\$36,414.00	\$2,849.97	\$10,851.90	\$11,069.13	\$0.00	\$24,771.00
	\$246,843.00	\$24,365.86	\$61,265.64	\$75,070.79	\$0.00	\$160,702.29

Expenses included salaries and benefits and office operations such as IT support, copier/office applications (Adobe, Etc.) and EMS CE renewal.

FY25 EMS County Quarterly Report					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	\$12,086.00	\$0.00	\$21,377.31

Q3 incurred \$12,086.00, as reimbursement requests were submitted, reviewed, approved and paid. The remainder of \$146,125.00 is to be utilized by the end of August. Mr. Garcia is reviewing 3 additional submission packets, which once approved, will encumber a sizeable amount of the remaining funds. Mr. Garcia will continue to follow up with those agencies that have not yet submitted.

Action Taken: Roy Gonzales motioned to approve the financial report, Carla Escobar seconded, and the motion carried to accept the Financial Report as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acute Care Committees

Cardiac Subcommittee

Ms. Armendariz reported the committee decided for 2025 to change the data collection tool to a Survey Monkey link for Over/Under STEMI triage and NCDR-like elements. The committee recently reviewed their benchmark goals and data. The submission compliance dates were updated because of NCDR and a 2025 schedule sent to the committee. The RAC cardiac dashboards are in development. Monthly case reviews continue to showcase our wins and review the opportunities within the region.

The committee continues monitoring the feedback form elements as well and have added the additional elements:

- Pts with hospital arrival to ECG <= 10 min
- Time (min) from first facility ED arrival to primary PCI (transfer)
- Time (min) door-in door-out (transfer)
- Pts not re-perfused
- STEMI Activations

The following was reviewed concerning education:

Professional Education

- *Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion:* Dr. Gonzalez Feb. 11, 2025
- *AMI Guideline Update:* Dr. Chanwit Roongstritong May 22, 2025

Community Education

- *Cardiac Bingo* at Senior Citizen Centers

Stroke Subcommittee

Mr. Munoz reported the committee continues to review of benchmark goals, data compliance, and case reviews. They are focused on pediatric strokes, transfer request streamlining, and improving communication during transfers. The committee is tracking missed stroke diagnoses, delays in care, and issues with LVO assessment and completion of LAMS scores.

The committee also monitors thrombolytic administration and neuro interventions. Mr. Munoz reviewed current data reports. Data indicates 69% of facilities are administering thrombolytic, with a median onset-to-arrival time of 86 minutes. The committee endeavors to increase thrombolytic utilization, which is currently at 8.1% citywide. The FDA recently approved Tenecteplase, which most regional facilities are now utilizing. Hypertension remains the highest risk factor for stroke patients. He also noted 28% of stroke patients are in the 45-65 age range.

Community education efforts include completing development of the *stroke bingo* for utilization at senior centers.

Pediatric Subcommittee

Ms. Rodriguez reported the pediatric subcommittee recently discussed their initiatives, including pediatric readiness, quarterly data collection, and compliance with guidelines, as well as the new RAC rules. One of the requirements in the new rules are pediatric simulations.

Data compiled from all facility submissions focused on weighing pediatric patients in kilograms, and not both. The benchmark is 80%; we are currently at 67% indicating opportunity exists to increase that documentation. Additionally, opportunity regarding temperature, pain and mental status reassessment

exists.

A professional education session in collaboration with the El Paso County Medical Society on the measles outbreak took place recently.

Regarding community education, "Who am I?" cards were distributed to hospitals recently for distribution to new parents. The card is utilized to identify children in case of a car accident. Once filled out by the parent, it gives vital information for first responders and is zip tied to car seats, which can be removed by EMS if necessary and taken with the child to the ED.

The subcommittee updated their child maltreatment guideline.

April is child abuse prevention month and the committee is participating in a prevention fair with YDSP. The BorderRAC focus will be burn prevention, shaken baby syndrome, and safe sleeping.

Shattered Dreams is April 22, 2025.

Hospital Trauma Committee

Ms. Helgesen reported the committee continues review of quarterly demographics, benchmark goals, and compliance regarding data submission deadlines. They are preparing for a new regional registry system expected in mid-to-late 2026.

In Q4 2024, there were 2,331 trauma patients, with falls being the most common injury, followed by motor vehicle crashes. The committee continues monitoring feedback forms and injury severity scores to ensure patients are transported to appropriate facilities.

Ms. Jaime added BorderRAC randomly checks the Injury Severity Score (ISS) for those not valued to make certain the state reports are less than the regional reports.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee

Mr. Muro reported the upcoming statewide exercise on May 20, which will be virtual tabletop using EMResource notifications. Two drills will be conducted prior to the State exercise to identify any capability gaps in Pulsara.

The healthcare coalition will complete a cybersecurity assessment similar to the hazard vulnerability analysis. Several factors will be reviewed including data deletion, data corruption, information disclosure, and interruption of any system functions to include probabilities and severities of the impact. Additionally, we will discuss appropriate mitigation measures and responses

A DECON workgroup meeting took place April 3, 2025 to discuss equipment status and team composition. Additionally there is discussion regarding development of a citywide response team and bringing some decon training into the region toward the end of the year.

The region has seen some measles cases recently. The hospitals continue to perform state measles queries daily on EMResource.

EMS

Ms. Helgesen updated on the EMS Committee's progress, including the use of the trauma registry, as a sample, to verify EMS wristband utilization compared to 911 calls entered into Pulsara by the agencies.

Noted were some recommended changes to stroke protocols to include head of bed elevated 30 degrees. Ms. Helgesen also reported a DSHS vs. regional discrepancy of LAPSS and LAMS documentation, which we are trying to reconcile.

The EPFD Mobile Integrated Health unit and BorderRAC continue collaboration on the senior fall program.

The EMS Committee continues efforts to create a transfer workgroup to include both EMS agencies and the Hospital Case Managers.

EMS partners remind us of the importance of safety issues, as they are reviewing statistics of crashes resulting from transporting patients by lights and sirens.

Concerning trauma patients, the committee is reviewing double transfers, missing documentation and failed intubations.

EMS completed pediatric readiness assessments and we are compiling the reports to trend regionally and identify opportunities.

EMTF

Mr. Zate reported the top priority for EMTF is recruitment of RN's for the MMU. He is available to answer any questions regarding how to get nurses trained to deploy with the MMU. He is in need of four across the entire region, as he would only deploy 4-6 at a time.

EMTF is in need of class A drivers for the 53-foot trailer.

He will schedule Infectious Disease Response Unit training here in El Paso for physicians, nurses, and medics interested and actively practicing in the infectious disease realm.

The Bataan Memorial Death March took place Saturday, March 22, 2025. Ninety-three EMTF personnel from all over the state assisted with the setup of the MMU. There were 4,666 marches and we saw 305 patients, with 2 transfers to hospitals from the site. Pulsara was utilized for patient tracking and went well.

Perinatal Committee

Ms. Gonzalez presented an update on the *Maternal* portion of data including

- *HTN* data for Q4 2024 (this element will close for 2025).
- *Postpartum Hemorrhage* rates for Q4 2024 (will continue in 2025).

Neonatal is focusing on critical congenital heart defects, NICU discharges on breast milk, bereavement assistance, and antibiotic administration times.

The committee continues to monitor feedback forms and reviewing benchmark goals and data due compliance dates.

Regarding community education, the committee continues participation in the following initiatives/programs:

- *Baby Showers* community education to include:
 - *Shaken Baby Syndrome, Safe Sleeping, and Who Am I?* cards
- Water Temperature cards for Burn Prevention
- Postpartum depression information

The distribution and utilization of *MOM* bands continues to be successful.

The committee continues development of maternal risks, signs and symptoms of cardiac or stroke trouble.

Prevention Committee

Ms. Acosta reported in January we touched on winter safety for special populations and human trafficking awareness.

She then reviewed the prevention focus on the BorderRAC website and on social media:

February 2025

- Heart Health Month – facts , signs and symptoms
- Hands Only CPR

March 2025

- Spring Sports Injuries
- Daily Dangers of Poisoning (Poison prevention week March 16-22)

Ms. Helgesen mentioned the fall prevention collaboration between BorderRAC PHIX and the MIH fall program under EPFD. The collaboration is targeted for people that fell at home, were released from the ED, and are in need of resources and further assistance to prevent future falls. Their focus is fall prevention initiatives, including a conference targeted at assisted living/nursing home settings.

System Improvement

Dr. Tyroch reported *PAG* met in January and discussed improving communication between midwives and EMS regarding difficulty with patient handoff and opportunity for improved patient outcomes.

The System PI committee is working on considering pre-hospital antibiotics for open fractures SPI sent a referral to the EMS committee.

The *Whole Blood Task Force* met yesterday regarding utilization of prehospital Whole Blood. The discussion focused on determination of appropriate numbers of units in the field, rotation sites, education for local physicians, prehospital protocol development, query of utilization hospitals and prehospital providers.

Dr. Tyroch discussed the *Whole Blood Saves Lives* article released by ACS. He will send this to Ms. Helgesen for dissemination.

GETAC

There is an upcoming meeting of the Burn Care Task Force and the need for funding for a consultative visit for the entire state.

DSHS

The L4 trauma center meeting is today at 1300 hours and the L1, L2 trauma centers meeting begins at 1415 hours.

Professional Education

Dr. Applebaum presented the Professional Education Committee's report, highlighting their successful CME on measles. The EMS Providership was renewed until 2027. He reviewed the past educational activities.

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Upcoming Events include:

- 4.17.25 Colon Cancer Awareness 2025 (CME, CNE, EMS)
- 4.10.25 "Firefighters Under Fire: The Tucson Experience"(EMS)
- 4.25.25 Texas Perinatal Association (TPA) Conference (EMS)
- 5.22.25 Acute MI Guidelines (CME, CNE, EMS)
- 6.20.25 Biliary Atresia (CME, CNE, EMS)

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Ms. Helgesen mentioned the upcoming annual BorderRAC TopGolf Fundraiser Saturday, May 3, 2025.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS –Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

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

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