

GCRAC General Membership Meeting

April 21, 2021

Virtual via TEAMS

Members Present:

Citizens Medical Center
Cuero Regional Hospital
DeTar Navarro
DeTar North
Jackson County Hospital
Lavaca Medical Center
Memorial Medical Center
Calhoun County EMS
Goliad Co EMS
JCHD EMS
Lavaca County EMS
Victoria Fire Department

Yoakum Ems
Yorktown EMS
Prestige
PHI Air Medical
DSHS – Region 8 Rep
Victoria County Public Health
Victoria College EMS program
Victoria Office of Emergency Mgmt.
STRAC
DSHS EMS & Trauma Systems
HOTRAC Rep

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I. Agenda

- A. Meeting called to order at 15:01
- B. Reviewed via power point through TEAMS

II. Review of minutes

- C. Minutes approved as read with motion by Vicki LaVelle and second by Goliad Co. EMS
- D. Meeting Attendance attached

III. Treasurer’s Report

- E. Account balance with grant breakdown and general ledger reviewed by T. Fox

Misc. Funds	\$19,025.61
EMS/RAC Fund	\$41,994.38
EMS/County Fund	\$2.00
RAC Systems (Tobacco)	\$31,665.56
Local Project Grant	\$0.00
SB500	\$18,531.00
TOTAL	\$111,218.55

IV. Meeting Reports

- A. GETAC Meeting dates for 2021:
 - 1. April 9th (Virtual)
 - 2. June 25 (Virtual)
 - 3. September TBD
 - 4. November TBD (usually in conjunction with EMS conference which will be in Austin)

Meeting Date Announcements for GCRAC for 2021

- 1. April 21 (Virtual)
 - 2. July 14 (Virtual)
 - 3. September TBD
 - 4. December TBD
- B. RAC Chair Recap – Meeting pending
- C. GETAC Committees & GETAC Council 1st quarter – (notes sent out prior to meeting for review)
 - C.Knox reviewed notes briefly and asked all members to review individually.

V. Funding

DSHS currently re – aligning the RAC contracts so that fiscal year will be 9/1 – 8/31 of following year. RAC will be front- loaded funds in 9/2020 to allow for spending through 8/2021.

- F. EMS Funds – Disbursements were made in May and September 2020. An email was sent to agencies who have not deposited the September disbursement. All funding needs to be expended by June 1, 2021 and reports should be submitted as funds are spent.

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- G. RAC Grants – funding received in May and September 2020. Expenditures per budget. Grant period ends 8/31/2021.
- H. FY21 budget: FY21 LPG funds are expended and reporting is complete.

VI. Other Business

- I. Texas Wristband Project: Christine Reeves with HOTRAC presented power point on Wristband Pilot project that is associated with SB 500 funds. This will become state project. Overall goal with wristband project is Pt. tracking regardless of circumstances. This band can also help tie records together to ensure continuum of care. This project is being implemented in steps so that it can be built on over time and be successful. Would like to have full implementation of all RACs by end of 2022.
- J. WAVE communication Presentation: Mr. Sample with WAVE Network, a regional interoperability solution. The big goal of project was to solve issue of communication out of San Antonio. Took existing equipment we had and re-utilized it. Vendor agnostic (can use any radio), uses very small data packets, uses AES encryption, can be interconnected with other WAVE networks, Tracking app. C. Knox noted this is something that GCRAC is looking into for region with extra funding that has been provided. Opened call for any questions – no questions at this time.
- K. Committee Report:
 - 1. Air-Medical – has not met
 - 2. Bylaws and System Plan – No report
 - 3. Education – Looking at alternative to Annual Trauma conference. ALS rescheduled for May 14-15th on VC campus. PHTLS has had to be rescheduled twice and has not happened.
 - 4. Finance Committee – No report
 - 5. Injury Prevention, Public Outreach & Special Populations – has not met
 - 6. Performance Improvement – no report
 - 7. Perinatal and Maternal Health – Meeting scheduled for 5/1/2021. Ms. Jimenez gave an update on Maternal designation status for the RAC. Dr. Dana Gonzales to sit on committee.
 - 8. Regional Hospital Emergency Preparedness / Coalition – New HPP coordinator introduced self and discussed Burn regional table top planned for May
 - 9. Pre-Hospital Care and Transport / Cardiac / Stroke – no report
- L. Miscellaneous Announcements – T. Fox discussed
 - a. Change Notice 1.0 - EMT skill added IM injections, EMT Medical Director approved medications – Immunizations during a public health emergency
 - b. Change Notice 2.0 - EMT Skill added – specimen collection via nasal swab
 - c. Stop the Bleed –
 - 1. Currently regional training is suspended
 - 2. New billboards on Navarro provided by Victoria County Public Health Dept., VOEM, & city of Victoria
 - 3. VC ET building with Stop the bleed kits.
 - 4. Please send Training numbers to mfox@cmcvtx.org

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5. Stop the bleed virtual course released
 6. May is National Stop the Bleed Month with May 20th being Stop the bleed day.
- d. Emergency Management
1. Welcome Kyle Jacobson – new HPP coordinator for TSA-S
 2. Burn Table Top scheduled for May 19th.
- e. Special Announcements
1. Cuero Regional Hospital – Designated Basic Care (Level I) Maternal Facility, Re-Designated Well Nursery (Level I), Re-Designated as a Basic (Level IV) Trauma Facility
 2. DeTar Hospital North - Re-Designated as a Basic (Level IV) Trauma Facility
 3. Memorial Medical Center Re-Designated as Well Nursery (Level I) Neonatal facility
 4. Yoakum Community Hospital - Re-Designated as Support (Level III) Stroke Facility.
 5. ENPC will be offered on 9/11-9/12 and will be held at CMC central classroom
 6. May 6-12, 2021 is National Nurses week
 7. May 16-22, 2021 is EMS week

VII. Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 16:15