

**RAC-G General Assembly
Virtual Meeting
January 20, 2022**

Call to order 10:00.....Lisa Hutchinson

Welcome and Invocation

Topic 1: First Quarter financial report.....Sheryl Coffey

Action: No action required

Topic 2: Financial Report.....Kent Kalb, CPA

Discussion: Report is available via email per request due to virtual meeting

Action: No action required

Topic 3: Chairman Talking Points

Discussion:

- Two At-Large-Member positions are open for nominations. As of date no names have been submitted for consideration. Mr. George Roberts would like to continue to serve on the board. Dr. Paul McGaha has not commented back as of today's meeting if he would like to continue to serve.
- RAC assessment form – each committee chair is responsible for filling out the form that pertains to their committee. Sheryl is setting up meeting with each chair to go over the form. The draft has to be filed by June and the final copy has to be sent to the state by August

Action:

- Submit nominations for At-Large-Member to RAC secretary Alicia Whetsell at alicia.whetsell@jacksonvilletx.org
- Meetings with committee chairs will be scheduled to discuss the RAC assessment form.

Topic 4: Announcements

Discussion:

- Level I-III hospitals have been asked to complete questionnaire
 - RE: resources and capabilities of hospital's trauma center (i.e. do you carry/use whole blood, helipad access, hybrid OR capabilities etc.) Trauma coordinators should have received this survey.
- NETRAC has submitted a letter to the state for realignment of Franklin County and Joe Schmider with DSHS has contacted our RAC office and asked our opinion.

Action:

- Submit trauma center survey to Christine Reeves at creeves@hotrac.org along with a copy to Sheryl Coffey at sheryl@rac-g.org. This is time sensitive and should be done as soon as possible.
- RAC-G has stated that we are in favor of the re-alignment of Franklin County and as a result we will not have 18 counties in RAC-G.

Topic 5: RAC Office Update

Discussion:

- **Contract Compliance Administrator.....Loretta Kuhn**
 - 3588 submissions are due by June 1, 2022. Confirmation was made that funds can be used to purchase COVID-19 tests for agencies.
 - RAC dues are due
 - Tobacco funds are still available
 - Over 41 requests have been made for COVID expenses and the state is reimbursing quickly.

Action:

- Entities must submit 3588 fund documentation for reimbursement by June 1
- Entities need to pay their RAC dues ASAP
- Submit requests for tobacco funds to Roy Langford with the finance committee.
- **HPP Manager.....Michael Johnson**
 - All deliverables are 1 month ahead
 - Currently working on FY22 budget revisions
 - Training/equipment monies are still available
 - Will be hosting decontamination training with 9 agencies hosting
 - Warehouse is going well with all inventory complete
 - ICS 300 and 400 is scheduled for January and February in Jacksonville

Action:

- Contact Michael for monies related to training/equipment
- See registration information for ICS 300 and 400 in Jacksonville
- **Data Information System Administrator.....Aaron Wells**
 - New mass notification system has almost everyone onboarded into ALERT Media and once everyone is done training will be set up with each facility.
 - New tracking system has onboarded most office equipment into the system and can track all DME by using facility codes.
 - New network for EMTF warehouse is set up and online.

Action:

- Training will be set up with Aaron and ALERT Media once everyone is onboarded.
- **EMTF-4.....Eric Bailey**
 - Warehouse has been moved from Crocket to Tyler with very few small things left to move
 - Longview Fire Department completed an IDRU mission with San Antonio
 - Fairfield EMS completed 3-day SMA assisting Chambers County with EMS services
 - Hopkins County EMS is currently on SMA in Valverde County assisting with EMS services

- Fairfield EMS and Hopkins County EMS are both currently on SMA in Titus with an AST assisting with EMS services.

Action:

- No action required
- **HCC-F Coordinator.....Brandon Moore**
 - All deliverables are met
 - Staffing is the main focus
 - Attempting to incorporate long-term care into meeting and training classes

Action:

- No action required
- **HCC-G Coordinator.....Todd Duckett**
 - Working on getting distribution equipment purchased and delivered and inventoried
 - Survey planned for future for hospitals and long-term care facilities

Action:

- Continue working on distribution of equipment
- Future survey for hospitals and long-term care facilities will be created and sent out when complete

Topic 6: Committee Meetings

Discussion:

- Chairs should schedule their committee's next meeting before the March 2022 Board meeting.

All Trauma coordinators and committee chairs will remain in this meeting for about 20 minutes. All others are dismissed.

Adjournment: 10:50 a.m.

Topic 7: Wristband Project.....Christina Reeves, Executive Director of HOTRAC And Central Texas RAC

Discussion:

Purpose of the Project: Tracking/Identifying patients throughout the state in the same manner system wide

Name of the project: "Eye of the Storm"

- Senate Bill 500 – 2 million to RAC's to design, plan, and implement a system. Barcode /Texas specific spot for trauma registry with next NEMESIS update in Jan 2023

Some of the ways agencies are using the bands to their advantage

- High amount of John Doe's, a lot of services are using this wrist band and this helps the EMS service gain that information from the hospital once the patient is identified.

- Can also get patient outcome information by using wristband numbers.
- HOTRAC uses barcode number for performance improvement identification.

This gives a unique identifier to patient's and that is the projects intent.

Questions/Answers from Attendees:

Q: What has been your experience with the hospital leaving the band on when patient is brought in and transferred out?

A: We have done some flyers but mainly the nurse managers of ER have talked with their nursing staff. It was not an overnight success. It took some time for everyone to realize and get educated. Once they understood what it was for we have not had any problems leaving them on. Some regions have contemplated instead of using the wrist they are using the ankle. That did not work for us but others have.

Q: What is the buy in with EMS? I have heard rumors of some EMS services starting the process then got lacks or medics not doing it.

A: Not 100% patients are getting banded. Once it is required in the registry that will get fixed. It can be utilized for many things as stated above.

Q: Required to be in the registry? Is this going to be a state requirement?

A: It is anticipated that it will be.

Q: Is there data entry required?

A: The barcode does not hold any data. It only provides the number in which the patient is identified by.

Q: Does this program only apply to trauma patients?

A: No, all patients

Q: Cost wise, in the future will be RAC always provide the bands or at some point will the agencies be responsible for purchasing the bands?

A: A lot of the RACs are using county funds to purchase the bands for the agencies but in the future, it will be determined by the individual RACS and agencies

Our Next Steps

- Virtual Meeting in February with EMS supervisors, ER directors/supervisors, etc.
- Priority in March meeting
- RAC-G has already purchased wrist bands

Adjournment: 11:40a

Addendum Added January 24, 2022

Dr. Paul McGaha has contacted the RAC office via email advising that he would like to serve another term as a Board Member.

Signed_____ Date_____