

**Piney Woods Regional Advisory Council General Assembly Meeting**

July 23, 2024

11937 US Hwy 271 North – School of Community & Rural Health Building, RM H127

Welcome to All 10:00 a.m.....Lisa Hutchison

Moment of silence held in recognition of the passing of

- Harold Higgins, Retired: Northeast Texas Public Health
- Robert “Bob” Rodocker, Waskom VFD/EMS

**Topic 1: Call for approval of previous meeting minutes.....Lisa Hutchison**

Discussion:

- Motion made to approve previous meeting minutes by Roy Langford
- Motion seconded by Karen Adams
- All in favor with no further discussion

Action:

- None

**Topic 2: Chair’s Report.....Lisa Hutchison**

Discussion:

- Sheryl Coffey has resigned as President/CEO of RAC-G due to the health of her husband
- The Executive Board has unanimously voted to name Loretta Kuhn as the new President/CEO of the Piney Woods Regional Advisory Council
  - The Executive Board extends its heartfelt appreciation to the entire RAC-G office for their performance during the transition
- GETAC Update
  - Trauma rules are a main priority.
  - There will be multiple webinars conducted along with educational opportunities due to requirements that have not been in place in the past
  - It is highly encouraged that all monitor the changes and join in the webinars and educational session

Action:

- None

**Topic 3: RAC Office Updates.....Loretta Kuhn**

Discussion:

- Welcome back to the RAC
  - Mid-Coast Medical Center Crocket
  - Mid-Coast Medical Center Trinity
- RAC office personnel changes

- Michael Johnson is no longer with RAC-G
- Retirement of Sheryl Coffey
- The HPP position has been posted and applications are being received
- Introduction of the RAC-G office staff
  - Tammy Clanton – Contract Compliance Administrator
  - Heather Wells – Office Manager/Data Analysis
  - Lisa Modisette – HCC-G
  - Glenn House – HCC-F
  - Eric Bailey – EMTF 4 Coordinator
  - Aaron Wells – Date Information Systems Administrator
  - Johnny Brown – Senate Bill 8 Compliance
- Single audit was filed with the state resulting in no findings
- The state fiscal audit reported no financial issues. There were 3 considerations to respond to concerning tracking and labeling of items
  - The considerations will be reported to the state by the end of this week

Action:

- None

**Topic 4: Senate Bill 8 Scholarship Program.....Johnny Brown**

Discussion:

- The following scholarships have been awarded
  - 141 Paramedic
  - 1 Advanced EMT
  - 127 EMT-Basic
- Monies are still available up until December 31, 2024
- Reminder to maintain communication with the RAC office on the status of your agency students for compliance
- Out of 259 scholarships awarded, 61 either quit the program, did not complete it, or failed
- Approximately \$400,000 left for scholarships
- Applications can be submitted up to December 31, 2024

Action:

- If interested in scholarships please get in touch with Johnny Brown at the RAC office

**Topic 5: Narrative Financial Report.....Tammy Clanton**

Discussion:

- The financial narrative report was read aloud to the general assembly
- A copy of available at the RAC office for anyone wanting to review it

Action:

- None

**Topic 6: Speaker: Mario Padilla, APRN, AGACNP-BC**

- Critical care medicine: Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program in East Texas

**Topic 7: EMTF Report.....Eric Bailey**

Discussion:

- Report from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
  - Hopkins County EMS, Fairfield EMS, and Paris EMS have deployed
  - 15 total deployments
  - 38 personnel deployments
  - An estimated 13,900 hours of manpower
- Hurricane Beryl response
  - An estimated 2.5 million without power for 2 weeks
  - Over 366 personnel across the state of Texas deployed with 214 units
  - Missions encompassed oxygen delivery, welfare checks, and 911 support for areas affected
  - EMTF-4 ran mostly missions in Conroe at Montgomery Hospital District supplementing their 911 system
  - Aided in evacuation and force protection missions
  - Trinity, Houston, and Anderson counties had tropical storm-type winds with Shelby and Panola counties having tornados

Action:

- In the future, EMTF-4 will attempt to notify EMS providers when stroke teams are deployed into their area for disaster when the information is available

**Topic 8: Committee Reports**

Discussion

- The RAC office acknowledges the hard work and dedication that the committee Chairs put in along with the work the entire committee accomplishes
- Air Medical – Chad Solomon
  - Meeting will be held on July 25, 2024 @ 11:00
  - Urged the assembly that if they would like to attend the meeting please notify Chad Solomon to receive the agenda and invite
- Pre-Hospital – Amy Hooten
  - Will meet on July 25, 2024 in conjunction with Air Medical
  - Update RAC MOUs have been sent out through the list serve.
  - Prehospital Pediatric Survey needs to be completed by July 31, 2024
- Cardiac/Stroke – Jamie Moore
  - Meetings will be held on July 25, 2024
  - Plan finalization – requesting an updated list of freestanding emergency departments from the RAC office
  - ACC and Chest Pain MI registries have new dashboard with printable reports and be turned in to the RAC to turn around and analyze data for a blinded overall group. Jamie Moore is making detailed directions on the ability to accomplish this.
    - A letter of attestation has been created for facilities
- Finance – Roy Langford

- The Finance Committee and Executive Board have approved the following requests
  - UT Tyler – Belmont Rapid Infuser
    - 50/50 funding for
  - Christus Heart Vascular Symposium
    - that will be paid with the first quarter funding of 2025
  - Hot Trauma Topics XXIV Symposium August 1-2, 2024
  - UT Tyler Prenatal Post-Partum Bracelet Project
  - Air 1 for purchase of Landing Zone Kits to provide to first responder agencies
- Hospital Preparedness – HCC Governance – Karen Adams
  - Met a week ago and will meet following the General Assembly today
  - Aaron Wells updated the committee on deliverables
  - Most recent training/education conducted was Operation Radical Blue on May 10, 2024 with 51 agencies including 24 ER departments
  - Upcoming training opportunities
    - MGT 3436
    - Decon/Hazmat August 9 at Hwy 64 training center, the class is currently full
    - MGT348 for bomb training August 7-8, 2024, the class is currently full
    - October 5-6 MGT341 at TJC West Campus: Disaster Prep for Healthcare Organizations
    - Pediatric Readiness Training June 2025 in Tyler and November 2025 in Pittsburg
- Injury Prevention – Brittany Ray/Julie Sperling
  - Fall prevention course at the library coming up on September 21, 2024
  - Car fit safety instructor course on October 29 and community course on October 30, 2024
  - Funding requests for next year will be submitted to the finance committee
  - UT Trauma Symposium on August 1-2, 2024
  - Christus Trauma Symposium October 11, 2024
- Pediatric – Brittany Ray
  - Currently there is no Chair for the committee and no meetings have been held
  - The EMS Pediatric Survey is due July 31 and is currently on the RAC website
  - Meetings have been conducted with hospitals for pediatric training.
- Perinatal/Health Mothers – Hillary Hill & Laura Ryan
  - Post Partum Bracelet Project presentation
  - The committee will be meeting following General Assembly
- Trauma – Laura Garlow & Ashley Hanson
  - Committee met on June 19 and discussed proposed state trauma rules 2.0 and are currently monitoring as changes are made
  - Regional registry is being looked at for the future when the new trauma rules are implemented
  - Committee will meet following General Assembly
- WebEOC Update – Aaron Wells
  - The new version is implemented and ready to go
    - Limited to 100 seats
    - With Nexus, the program is complicated
    - The program needs to be built from the inside and right now it is in a very basic form and not built for our facilities specifically. It is online

Action:

- Chairs need to notify the RAC office and make accommodations if they want to hold a meeting following the General Assembly meetings, possibly a year in advance as the meeting dates are released.
- Yearly meeting calendar will be disseminated through email to the General Assembly
- Prehospital
  - Please complete the RAC MOU and return it to Amy Hooten
  - Complete Pediatric Survey at <https://emspedsready.org> before July 31, 2024
- The RAC office will compile and disseminate an updated freestanding emergency department list to the Cardiac/Stroke committee
- If your facility would like to discuss pediatric training, please reach out to Brittany Ray
- The RAC office will work on re-evaluating and updating member email addresses.
  - Aaron will work with committee chairs for committee list serve updates
- It is imperative that when you sign in to meetings you verify the correct email address that is on file with the RAC office
- Chairs must provide their agendas to the RAC office 2 weeks prior to the meeting dated for them to be posted on the RAC website

**Topic 8: RAC-G Executive Board Nominations.....Loretta Kuhn**

Discussion:

- Nominations were received from the general membership for the RAC-G Executive Board of Directors for the following positions:
  - Chair
  - Secretary
  - At Large as needed, Education, Clinical, City/County Official
- Voting will take place at the General Assembly meeting on September 24, 2024
- The RAC-G office and DSHS 4/5 North received and vetted nominations
- Nominees presented their qualifications for the Executive Board to the membership
  - Chair Position
    - Roy Langford – Safety Director, UT Health EMS
    - Shawn Salter – Chief, Christus EMS
  - Secretary Position
    - Cassandra Gallaway – EMS Chief, Lifeguard Ambulance Services of Texas
    - Dawn Johnston – Admin Director NSG, Christus Flight for Life
  - At Large Education
    - Miranda Hagans – EMS Program Director, Panola College
    - Greg LeMay – EMT Instructor, UT Tyler School of Medicine
  - At Large EMS
    - Brent Smith – Director/EMS Chief, Hopkins County EMS
  - At Large Trauma Designated Hospital
    - Robert Graham – Director of Emergency Preparedness, Christus Mother Frances
    - Laura Garlow – Christus Mother Frances

Action:

- Voting members and alternates will receive an email from the RAC-G office in early August to verify voting positions for the September elections.

- Each entity has 1 vote per county they serve

Adjourn: 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Hot Trauma Topics Symposium August 1-2, 2024
- GETAC
  - August 21-23, 2024
  - November 23-25 during the EMS Conference
- RAC-G General Assembly September 24, 2024

Minutes submitted by: *Alicia Whetsell*

July 25, 2024