

RAC-G General Assembly Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

UT Health Tyler Pavilion

Call to order at 9:00 a.m. by Sheryl Coffey with a welcome.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag with Kim Beckham

Introduction of meeting Sponsor.....Sheryl Coffey

- McKesson Medical-Surgical – Mike O’Conner & Bret Coker
 - Presentation of McKesson

Topic 1: Chair Talking Points.....Lisa Hutchison

Discussion:

- Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - Motion to approve minutes by Dawn Johnson
 - Seconded motion by Chad Solomon
 - All were in favor with no further discussion
- GETAC report
 - The committee chair tasked all committees to develop outcomes/goals of their committees.
 - Consideration is being made to realign committees and restructure the meetings as part of the 2024 strategic planning.
 - The legislature is providing 6.6 million dollars to the RACs biannually. Each RAC will receive approximately \$150,000 for this year and again next year.
 - Trauma rules are delayed until April 2024. Public comment will begin in December 2023.
 - NEMSIS will be going into effect in the Fall
 - EMS must provide an abbreviated report to hospitals upon patient drop off and then the patient care report in full within 24 hours
 - Wristband Update
 - Pulsara is being funded by the state and will be updated to include the wristband project.
 - Education needs to be done at the hospital level.
 - Next GETAC meeting will be the week of August 16th.

Action:

- No action needed

Topic 2: Roll Call Discussion.....Loretta Kuhn

Discussion:

- Committee chairs received schedules today of upcoming General Assembly meetings
- SB8 funding is rapidly decreasing.

- If approved – the RAC is considering using the Incentive Line monies to the Scholarship Line to provide more scholarships.
 - The Incentive is monies for students that complete school and pass the National Registry test on their first try. It goes to the educator.
 - The question was brought to the General Assembly of foregoing the incentive and making more scholarships available for schooling. The General Assembly agreed to proceed with requesting permission from DSHS to do so.
- Roll Call
 - Reiterated the importance of membership, the purpose for each facility/agency, and voting rights per membership.
 - The RAC office will send a form to agencies/facilities to update their primary and alternate voter contact information.

Action:

- When the RAC office sends out the forms for updated contact information, submit back completed forms as quickly as possible.

Topic 3: The introduction of our speakers.....Sheryl Coffey

- Discussion:
 - Sam Vance & Sally Snow presented the EMS for Children program. They included regional statistics and information for the RAC-G area for the Pediatric Readiness Program.

Topic 4: RAC-G Staff Reports

- Contract Compliance Update.....Loretta Kuhn
 - HPP closeout on June 30 for FY23; FY 24 contract is level funding.
 - Signing in at all meetings is imperative for membership compliance and accountability.
 - 3588 funds increased by approximately \$1000 for the year
 - RDS funds for FY24 increased by only about \$2000. However, DSHS added \$150,000 in unrestricted funds bringing the RDS funds to approximately \$255,000.
- HCC-G.....Todd Duckett
 - AAR is being completed for the June 2023 weather events
 - The upcoming year will entail multiple educational offerings with information and registration being placed on the RAC website
- HCC-F.....Glenn House
 - Due to timing and funds, committees made the decision to purchase needed supplies versus educational opportunities in the current FY. More educational offerings will be available in the next FY
- EMTF-4.....Eric Bailey
 - June weather events were the largest EMTF-4 response to date
 - Emphasis on agencies/facilities reviewing the capabilities and emergency response plans along with training of their personnel, improving the plans, and exercising them.
 - Recognition was given to the EMTF and RAC personnel for their dedication and response during the June power outage response.
 - 16 agencies responded, with 20 personnel from our region.

- 993 person encounters
 - 117 treated
 - 99 transported
- SB8 Update.....Johnny Brown
 - Currently enrolled
 - 84 Paramedic students
 - 50 EMT students
 - 2 applications pending approval with (1) EMT and (1) Paramedic
 - Reporting needs to be continuous from participating agencies to the RAC office.
 - Any student did not complete their program
 - Any who completed it and passed their National Registry test
 - For all students who withdrew before completing the program: the monies must be returned to the RAC office to return them to the state.

Action:

- Suggestions are appreciated for spending the unrestricted RDS funds
- Review, train, improve, and exercise emergency response plans for your agency/facility.
- If participating in SB8, update the RAC office on the status of your students.

Topic 5: Committee Reports

Discussion:

- Air Medical.....Chad Solomon
 - Monthly meetings are being conducted, with the next being on July 27, 2023.
 - The next meeting will consist of going over GETAC requests and safety issues.
- Pre-Hospital.....Amy Hooten
 - Monthly meetings are being held on the 4th Thursday of each month in conjunction with Air Medical
 - ALERT Active Shooter training will be coming soon; this is being hosted by Longview Fire Department.
 - January – train the trainer
- Perinatal-Maternal Child.....Ruth DeBacco
 - Committee will be meeting today after General Assembly to appoint a new committee chair
 - Working on a postpartum branding program in identifying women with special needs up to 6 weeks postpartum
 - Silicone bracelets to be worn for the six weeks following birth stating “I Gave Birth” on them to identify these patients.
 - Trifold pamphlets will be printed with information for patients
 - Cost estimate is about \$0.20 per bracelet with an estimated \$4,000 per year plus the cost of printing the pamphlets
 - January 2024 is the projected launch of the program
- Cardiac.....Jamie Moore
 - Our regional plan includes staying with the “STEMI” activation verbiage.

- Data points for the region – prehospital EKG is at 75%, door-to-door outcomes currently at 49 minutes with 39 being the optimum, door-to-PCI by private vehicle is 82% with EMS at 91%
- Emphasis on baseline EKG’s is being pushed for patients to have to provide to medical providers
- Stroke.....Jennifer Reeves
 - 1st draft of the regional Stroke plan is complete, and voting will be conducted at the next meeting to approve
- Trauma.....Laura Garlow & Ashley Hanson
 - First meeting was held in June, where a gap analysis was provided to members.
 - The goal was set to review and update the regional trauma plan
 - two sub-committees were developed:
 - Trauma Registry sub-committee
 - Injury Prevention sub-committee
 - Meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- HCC.....Karen Adams
 - Approximately \$39,000 was spent on training, equipment, and supply purchases, such as evacuation chairs and decontamination suits.
 - Three tabletop exercises were completed, one functional exercise, and one full-scale exercise
 - Radiation surge exercise to be conducted in the upcoming year is being discussed

Action:

- Check the RAC-G website for upcoming committee meetings and educational opportunities

Open Discussion:

- Shawn Salter
 - House Bill 624 was signed by the Governor authorizing, in certain situations, fire apparatus to transport patients in the event that a delay in ambulance availability is unavoidable.
 - The RAC needs to consider this in its regional Trauma Plan
 - Pediatric Readiness funding for agencies/facilities might be an option for some of the RAC monies.
 - Potentially have the RAC office send out a questionnaire to agencies/facilities on their pediatric readiness and what equipment and/or training would be beneficial.

Next RAC-G General Assembly meeting: October 24, 2023, at the

- UT Health North Campus Educational Building: 11937 US Hwy 271N, Tyler

Adjourn: 11:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Alicia Whetsell July 13, 2023