

Meeting Minutes

RAC-G: Public Education & Injury Prevention Committee

3/26/2025 10:00AM

Call to order

A meeting of RAC-G Public Education & Injury Prevention Committee was held via Teams link on 3/26/2025
Sign in Sheet attached identifying members in attendance and those not in attendance.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting approved as presented. Motion by Kevin Jones, second by Julie Sperling. All in attendance in favor of approval as written.

Purpose of Meeting: Provide collaboration opportunity for entities impacting public education and injury prevention as well as those who provide care of injured patients within RAC-G.

1. Topic of Discussion

Discussion on data dive for top 5 mechanisms of injury trending. Awaiting data from CTMF to compile. Request was sent to Tammy Jones about 6 weeks ago. Hailey Evans to follow-up. Original goal was set to review in April meeting, but will need time to clean data & compile analysis prior to being able to present. Brittany welcomes volunteers to assist in analysis while we wait on a data analyst to be hired and trained for the RAC. Joni Barone agrees to assist
Thank you to committee members who participated in 3/14 Fall prevention course for Newcomer & Friend's group. There were 91 attendees and feedback was mostly positive. Some opportunities with transitions and repetitive information noted by attendees - Brittany will compile into evaluation summary for review at April meeting.
No updates on Longview course potential or Mineola potential - members based in those locations are not currently in attendance.
Lauren Ellis would like to consider holding a course in Athens - Athens does fall into our top 5 injury locations for falls and the committee will support this location. Recommended looking at dates in June or over the summer to avoid conflicts with May calendars for committee members with children's school events coming up, but May 19-20 are available dates for UT Athens if committee members are available - please review calendars. Brittany reached out to Heather Singleton with TX DOT via email regarding next CarFit course as well as possible car safety technician education - have not heard back. Julie will reach out to her via cell as well. The church that hosted the Newcomers & Friends Fall Prevention course is interested in more community education and have a great parkinglot set-up for CarFit if we can identify dates with TX DOT.
Kevin & Jennifer have been doing some research on drowning prevention education and ability to offer life jackets. There are some opportunities for funding and partnership, but they require 6-9 months of advance work. Committee agrees this year likely needs to be focused on soft education - flyers & media and work on hosting an actual event next year - possibly around Spring Break instead of this close to summer.

2. New Business

Upcoming Events in the region: Texas ENA will be in town April 11-12 for the state meeting - Brittany will attend their Injury prevention committee meeting as well as their membership meeting. April 11th - Christus Neuro Symposium; April 12th UT Spring into Health Event - looking for membership participation for a RAC booth - please let Greg Lamay or Brittany Ray know if you would like to represent the RAC. April 15th ABLs @ CTMF; May 1-2 UT Neuro symposium; May 20 ABLs at CTMF; July 31-Aug1 UT trauma symposium; October 17 CTMF Trauma symposium; May 15th - Athens Senior Expo at Athens First Methodist Church (RAC will supply fall prevention night lights for 2-300 for this event).

Update on funding availability from Loretta - committee has approximately \$2-5,000 available for spending. Will have a firm amount when the CPA finishes. Money is from the supplemental account so it is not earmarked for anything specific and can be used for anything that can be tied to injury prevention and public education. Discussion on possible items - bike helmets, life jackets, car seats. Consideration that we could partner and use this money to help support other groups in the area that are aligned with our goals as well - historically the RAC helped support funding for car seat and bike safety events where the instructors were through other groups. Previously DPS and Tyler PD were involved in carsheat programs. Brittany to reach out to Sgt Alexander at DPS to inquire if they have connections and/or a program. Loretta states Jeannie Dark was the previous contact, but has since left DPS she believes. Loretta reported a car thermometer purchase has been made to support the April 12th event coordinating through Pediatric committee.

3. Old Business

Longview falls locations discussion - Northpark emergency/urgent care was proposed as a possible location - committee members believe this is owned by Christus Good Shepherd - Brittany will try to follow-up with CGS contacts to see if this is a potential.

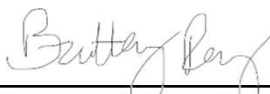
4. Action Items

CTMF - 5 year report to combine with rest of regional injury prevention data
Committee to confirm funding request by end of April

5. Announcements:

Next meeting April 16 @ 10AM via TEAMS

Adjournment: 10:40AM


Secretary: Brittany Ray

3/27/2025
Date