



RAC-G Public Education & Injury Prevention Committee Minutes

Date/Time: 06/17/2026 10:00-11:00 AM

Location: Via Teams

Chairperson: Brittany Ray

Co-Chairperson: Julie Sperling

Attendees:	P/V	Agency	Representative(s)	P/V	Agency	Representative(s)	P/V	Agency	Representative(s)
	V	UTHET - Tyler (I)	Brittany Ray, Ashley Hanson, Julie Sperling	V	CTMF - Tyler (II)	Heather Shertzer	V	RAC - G Office	Mandie Watson
	V	UTHET - Athens (IV)	Lauren Ellis	V	Longview Regional (III)	Jodi Freeman	V	Christus Flight for Life	Dawn Johnstn
	V	UTHET - Carthage (IV)	Kevin Jones	A	CGS - Longview (III)		A	Christus EMS	
	A	UTHET - Henderson (IV)		V	CGS - Marshall (IV)	Heather Biddy	A	UTHET EMS	
	A	UTHET - Jacksonville (IV)		A	CTMF - Jacksonville (IV)		A	Fairfield EMS	
	V	UTHET - North Tyler (IV)	Jodi Barone	A	Freestone Medical Center (IV)		A	DSHS 4/5 N	
	V	UTHET - Pittsburg (IV)	Jennifer Marshall	A	Midcoast Medical - Crockett				
	A	UTHET - Quitman (IV)							
Guests:									

P = Present in person V = Present virtually A = Absent

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Minutes	May 20 Minutes Approval	Minutes from 5/20/26 committee meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ashley Hanson & Julie Sperling. All in attendance in favor of approval as written.	
Current Business Discussions	Water Safety - Lake Murval 6/6	Over 150 attendees received water safety education with 71 children being fitted for life vest size. 29 life vests (provided by RAC-G funding) were provided to children who were without properly fitted vests. Members in attendance: UTHET Carthage, UTHET Jacksonville, UTHET Tyler, UTHET EMS, Longview Fire Water Rescue. Additional community partners: Texas A&M Child Passenger Safety & AgriLife Extension Office. Committee members are supportive of continued involvement in a similar event each year for community engagement.	Recommend support of 1 similar event each year.
	Fall Prevention- Athens 6/2	6 community members in attendance; great feedback on evaluation forms and we were requested to present for retired teachers group in fall/winter as a result. Presentation data was updated using 5 year MOI trending data to be more cohesive than the 2023 data alone. Members in attendance: UTHET Athens, UTHET Tyler; Night lights provided by committee. Encourage others to discuss with their facilities & senior centers on where we'd like to present next. Data supports Greg & Smith County with high need for fall prevention.	Committee members encouraged to identify locations for fall and spring 2027 courses
	Chair/Co-chair Elections	Mandie received nominations for Brittany Ray & Jodi (Jones) Freeman for co-chair positions. Floor opened to additional nominations. No additional nominations received. Both Brittany & Jodi have accepted the nominations. Vote held with 100% support of both individuals by members present. No opposition or abstension voiced. Brittany will present to the board for review & final approval during June 30th meeting.	Brittany to bring committee election results to board for review/approval 6/30/26.

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New Business Discussions		No new business to present at this time.	
Standing Reports	Upcoming Events	No upcoming events were presented at this time.	
	Emerging Trends	Attendees have not identified any current emerging trends at this time.	
Open Discussions	Micromobility in RAC-G	Mandie discussed recent GETAC presentation on micromobility and questioned if this is a concern in RAC-G. Committee did a quick review of data available from 5 year review and do not note and obvious trends based on quick review, but noted a need for closer review due to overlapping cause codes in this area. Upon quick review/filtering, it appears there were approximately 37 e-bike/e-scooter injuries clearly identified between 2020-2024 for RAC-G with an average ISS of 13. Some of these injuries may be coded in other areas and will require a key word search instead of being able to filter specifically to a few codes. Brittany will do a closer review of available RAC data to see if any trends can be identified. Quick review of CRIS system as well, but additional training is needed on this system to clearly identify any trends present. Brittany will reach out to TxDOT & local DSHS to see if they have identified any trends in their available data as well.	Brittany to review 5 year trend for presentation at future meeting (Brittany will be out in July, but happy to send what she finds for presentation at July meeting or can present in August). Will also reach out to TxDOT & DSHS to discuss trends they are seeing.
	RAC-G Blood Drive		
	July Meeting	Mandie brought forth discussion on potential need for RAC-G sponsored blood bank with emerging whole blood use in the region and asked for this committee's support in that effort. Committee members are in agreement that they would support this effort. Brittany will be on vacation during July meeting - Jodi will lead meeting with support from Julie.	Mandie to share more as this event formalizes
Adjorned at: 10:58 AM		Next Meeting: July 15, 2026 10:00-11:00 AM via Teams	Minutes completed by: Brittany Ray, RN