



## **East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Trauma Advisory Council**

**P.O. Box 1662  
Texas City, Texas 77592-1662**

### **General Assembly Agenda September 9, 2025**

**0830-0900 Sign-in**

**0900-0915 Welcome/Introductions**

- Call to Order at 0908
- General Assembly members introduced themselves

**0915-1045 Break-out Committee meetings**

**1045-1100 Break**

**1100-1200 Training on Life Flow and Qin Flow equipment (all members)**

- Representatives from Life Flow and Qin Flow gave hands on training to all members of the RAC regarding the use of the two devices.
- Contact information was given so that hospitals and agencies can have training sessions if needed for their facilities.

**1200-1230 Lunch (provided) and speaker- Larry Mosvik: Telehealth**

- Right Site Health came in to discuss a project in conjunction with Beaumont Fire and other agencies across the nation.
- Identified that a significant volume is low acuity and non-emergent patients which drives down efficiency to deal with high acuity patients.
- Instead of transporting low acuity patients – offer to have an ED physician speak with them right there at that moment through a tablet. Activated by the dispatch center or by the crew on scene.
- Physician de-escalates and triages. They can treat minor emergencies over telehealth and help identify barriers to care and remove those barriers (health literacy, transportation, financial barriers, etc.).
- Gave statistics regarding how they are doing with Beaumont Fire.

**1230-1235 Approve minutes from June 10, 2025, meeting**

- Approval of the minutes motion by Kathy Rodgers and seconded by Deanna Bray. No further discussion and minutes approved.

**1235-1245 Finance Report- Max Nguyen**

- Max discussed all the funding sources, including the EI grant (\$150,000) – this is a special grant from DSHS. Total Revenue is 629,934.08 for FY25 and total



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Expenditure is \$614,531.25 for FY25. Remaining balance is about \$15,886 to roll into the next fiscal year.

- FY2026 grant fund \$162,800, EI is \$150,000, RAC/EMS is \$97,024, and system development is \$84,476 (147.00 decrease from FY25).
- Motion to approve the FY25 year-end financial reports by Daniel Burke and seconded by Desiree Fairley. No further discussion and financials approved.

### **1245-1255 Executive Report- Alyson Nickum-Smith**

- Rac dues need to be at the RAC office by Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Texas Wristbands – Sept. 1, 2025, should be applying arm bands to patients coming in by EMS.
  - Hospitals should be banding patients transferred out with no EMS wristband applied before arrival to the hospital.
  - Will send a survey out to the hospitals regarding transfers out to look at buying some wristbands for hospitals.
  - Arm bands are not in yet, they are ordered.
- Texas Pre-hospital Whole Blood – There is 10 million in funding and 14 million was asked for.
  - RAC will be reaching out to confirm numbers
  - Contracts must be signed before reimbursement happens.
- RAC Website Changes were discussed
  - Committees – under trauma – there are resources, tool kits, follow-up letter templates. The RAC office will help any other committees link resources so please reach out to the office.
  - SOPs: it will show your attendance and whether you were virtual or in person.
- RAC self-assessment OFIs were presented to the GA.
  - RAC PI Plan and PI committee
  - Outcome data in the region – EMS/Trauma is data driven.
  - ESO repository for hospital and EMS
    - Expense for the RAC but we can have the data and look at it for Trauma and EMS to start. Moving forward they will be looking at stroke and cardiac first and followed by maternal.
    - No cost to EMS or hospitals- deidentified data
  - STB statistics were given
    - New QR code will be sent out
    - Ask for the exact number of students
    - New data elements are being requested per the RAC.
  - GETAC updates
    - All about whole blood, survey guidelines and implementation of the new rules and ED LOS for transferred patients.



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- Upcoming educational opportunities were discussed
  - First responder symposium

### **1255-1305                      Committee Reports**

- EMS – Whole Blood
- Trauma – Kathy Rodgers was celebrated for her Lifetime Achievement award. Stephanie Hurt was celebrated for her achievement of TCRN.
  - RAC Data
  - ED LOS for transported patients
  - Electronic Data submission
  - Wristbands and EMS time outs
- Acute Care – Acute care system plan, chest pain and sepsis need to be added. Data collection. Goals for 2026 (Pulsara utilization, community awareness).
- Perinatal
  - Quality project regarding Sepsis through Texas AIM

### **1305-1315                      Corridor Reports**

- Pulsara/Web EOC MCI training
- Pediatric Disaster Course in Baytown through TEEX

### **1315-1345                      SAIL Presentation- Preston Huff (UTMB Injury Prevention Specialist)**

- Stay Active and Independent for Life (Fall prevention program for older adults)
- Evidenced-based fall prevention program
- Please encourage people in your community to join a mobility class – either SAIL or something else.
- Preston is happy to provide more information

### **1345-1400                      Final Comments / Announcements**

### **1400                              Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Julie Matson and Kathy Rodgers seconded no further discussion. Adjourned at 1322.

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