



East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Trauma Advisory Council

***P.O. Box 518
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General Assembly Minutes 6/9/2026

Sign-in

- Call to order at 0907

Welcome/Introductions

Break-out Committee meetings

- Committee Break Outs
- Communication Boards handed out to all facilities and agencies present.
- Coach Ned from UT Health from Texas Icon – gave a short presentation on their opioid addition resources in our surrounding counties.

Approve minutes from previous meeting

- Motion to approve GA meeting minutes from Kathy Rodgers and seconded by Julie Allum. No Further discussion and minutes approved as written.

Finance Report

- Finance report given by Max Nyguen. Membership dues show \$23,000 as a budget but we actually have collected \$13,000 in this fiscal year because it was collected in a different fiscal year.
- EMS/RAC Grant and Systems Development Grant presented.
- Professional Development we have used \$48,829 of the \$75,000
- Regional Projects – we are over budget by 13,000
- EMS County Grant has a little under \$30,000 left – some to be sent back to DSHS
- Expenditures presented.
- No questions
- Motion to approve the finances by Justin Cudd, seconded by Deanna Bray. No further discussion and finances approved.



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Executive Report / Board Elections

- Air Medical Training – Landing Zone training is asked about during trauma surveys. If you are doing training outside of the air medical LZ training approved by DSHS, it needs to go to the Air Medical Committee for approval.
- RAC Participation letters for Redesignation: For RAC – R we will be sending upon request showing the past three years of participation.
- EBOLA – To get into the US a lot of people are flying into Mexico and then crossing the boarder – especially for FIFA.
- OFIs from the RAC self-assessment.
- ESO data repository discussed and an update on progress given.
 - o EMS will start in July and Trauma September
 - o BAA will be looked at by attorneys and then sent out to the GA for signatures
- Created a regional PI committee and updated our regional PI plan. Draft of those went out to the committee on 6/2. Education of PI committee is going to be given at this GA meeting later in the agenda.
- EMS wristbands – we will as a RAC help with armbands as much as we can. Resources for buying additional wristbands given.
 - o This will be in the rules in September is the understanding from DSHS
- RAC participation is shown on the website under member information. 75% participation is required and one of those can be virtually. You may designate someone to be in your place for committee meetings. The only time it has to be the appointed people (main or alternate) is when voting is occurring.
- Educational opportunities provided throughout the region
- ABLIS is being provided by UTMB on July 23rd and October 1st
- Injury Prevention project – Life Meter – shows how hot it is in the car. We will be distributing these out to the EMS agencies and hospitals to provide to the general public during community events. Ideas on how to distribute presented such as health fairs or during discharge instructions for newborns/pediatric patients or placed in triage in the EDs.



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- STB Courses – Reminder that if you are teaching/hosting – please fill out the QR code that has been provided.
 - o Total participants is about 1209 FY25 was over 3300. Noted that some schools have their own trainer now and don't need as many community resources to teach.
 - o 1000 STB kits to be given out to hospitals to hand out during STB classes
 - o Regional EMS project – we put together bleeding control/MCI kits.
- FY27 Membership Applications – Application is due August 31st and dues are to be paid by November 13th. Changes in the application were discussed.
 - o Removed needs assessment
 - o Have one Attestation for the regional plan
 - o EIN is required
 - o Provide top 3 EM hazards in your county
 - o Provide EM contact information
- Option to pay by Check or Paypal

Board Elections:

- EMS #2 – Chris Semarini (current board member) (unopposed)
- Hospital #2
 - o Desiree Fairley
 - o Jennifer Higgs
- At Large #2 – Deanna Bray (current board member) (unopposed)
- Maternal #1 – Kimberly Stewart (current board member) (unopposed)

Committee Reports

EMS – Discussed World Cup, new pediatric guidelines. 157.11 is being updated right now for September public comment. Air medical – LZ training please send in what you are doing as a hospital if it is not the DSHS approved training. Hot wash about incident that happened in our RAC.

Trauma – Dr. Jenkins spoke at GETAC regarding whole blood and talked about person to person warm whole blood. Discussed transfers as related to emergent transfers. TETAF gave an update on rural centers and that up to half them may be on the verge of closing within the next 7 years.



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Acute Care – Outreach event by the end of 2026. Looked at Data – sepsis mortality rate. Definitions are different but in 2027 CMS should have consistent reporting guidelines.

Perinatal/Maternal – Sepsis project and regional scorecard.

1135-1145 Corridor Reports

- June 11th FIFA starts
- DSHS has an infectious disease hotline if needed with physicians manning the line.
- Any WC issues need to have an event created in Pulsara
- Daily calls at 1030 from SETRAC

Introduction to the Regional PI Process

- Bring anything you feel needs to be discussed at a regional level across all subspecialties.
- HIPPA compliant
- List of performance indicators given as examples for what could be submitted but they are not all inclusive – anything can be submitted to the RAC PI committee, and they will evaluate if it needs to be at regional PI.
- Committee members were introduced – no board members are on the PI committee as we thought it would be a COI.
- The request for case review process was presented. Take through your own internal PI first and then bring it to the regional PI committee if you need closure or if it has an impact on the whole region. The link is on the RAC website. It's used through Jotform which is HIPPA compliant.
- The form and how to fill it out were presented to the GA.

Case Study with Whole Blood Administration- Pearland Fire

- GI bleed Case study by W. Godfrey with Pearland Fire and MH surgeon with hospital course.
- History of the WB program at Pearland Fire given

Pediatric Burns- Gordon Barcomb

- Gordon Barcomb gave an overview of pediatric burn care. He reported that Shriners does have ABLS classes if they want a more in-depth class on burn care.



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Final Comments / Announcements / Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Rodgers seconded by Justin Cudd – no further discussion and meeting adjourned at 1302.

***Alyson Nickum-Smith, RN, Chair
Kathy Rodgers, RN, Vice Chair***

***Julie Matson, RN, Secretary
Max Nguyen, Treasurer***