



East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Trauma Advisory Council

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**General Assembly Minutes
March 10, 2026**

0830 – 0900 Sign in

0900 – 0915 Introductions were made

0915 – 1030 Break out committees

1030 Bound tree Medical – Craig Gray and Jonathan Scott present an inservice on Trauma gel and the new abdominal and aortic junctional tourniquet

1100 Adjourn to lunch

1130 General Assembly minutes from December has a motion to approve from Dustin Lowe with a second from Desiree Fairley with no opposition – motion carried minutes approved

1140 Finance Report – Max Nguyen treasurer discussed Finance report with Budget vs Actual statements provided. The Actual Revenue vs Budget for FY 26 Membership Dues of \$12,550 does not reflect dues received prior to 8/31/25. The total received prior to the start of FY26 was \$10,050 bringing the total Revenue for membership dues to \$22,600. On prehospital provider has not paid dues as of this date.

Grant expenses were reviewed. Grant expenses YTD total \$183,600.72 out of total budget of \$493,626 leaving \$310,025.28 to be spent prior to the end of FY26. Much of the remaining grants to be spent are related to the FY26 EMS County Grant. Expenses have been slow to be returned.

Motion to accept by Julie Lindsey and Second Stephanie Phillips. No opposition motion passes.

Executive report – Alyson Smith

- During the RAC chair meeting in February, the focus of the meeting was the prehospital whole blood program.



- With the RAC assessment scores being submitted to the state, there is the potential at any time that DSHS could come to our meetings and observe general assembly as well as the breakout sessions. There was a lot of discussion regarding membership and participation at the RAC chair meeting.

RAC Update- Alyson Smith

- **RAC Self-Assessment OFI's** - With our RAC self-assessment, the PI committee was an opportunity for improvement. There is a draft plan for the RAC Regional PI committee. A six-member team with a physician chair and one alternate member has been selected. No board member will be a part of committee. Regional PI committee members have been selected since 11/13/2025. A draft of the plan has been in place and will require review by the committee. There will be an orientation for the PI committee in mid to late March. Possible changes may be made at that time to the plan based on the orientation and findings of the committee. The plan, forms and a sample case will be discussed. The orientation will be led by Kathy Rodgers and Diana Mapp. The proposed date for implementation of the Regional PI committee is 8/31/2026
- **ESO** – most are familiar with ESO. The RAC will need a BAA with each facility / entity. Emails have been sent to discuss your registry information. More information is forthcoming. Final bid was approved 9/9/25. Contract signed with ESO 1022/25. Training for RAC staff began 1/26/26. Roll out to stakeholders to begin submission is projected for EMS 7/1/26 and hospital 11/20/26. First review of regional data slated for the GA meeting 6/26
- **Wristbands** – wristbands have been given out on several occasions. Precision dynamics corporation is the organization to purchase the wrist bands. Keep in mind, the RAC office has the bands. You must contact the office to arrange pick-up.
- **Profession development forms and tuition reimbursement** – Some minor revisions were made to the form this fiscal year. The process to



request tuition reimbursement was reviewed. Steps to request reimbursement are as follows:

- Register and pay for the course
- Submit the request prior to the date of the class and prior to the board meeting prior to the class.
- Submission must include receipt of payment and proof of registration
- Board will review and notify the participant if approved
- Will need CEU certificate upon completion of course
- Each individual can get maximum of \$ 1000.00 per year.

Please review the Professional development form yourself and follow the directions if there are any questions, please feel free to contact the RAC office.

- **RAC participation** – REMEMBER you MUST use the QR codes provided for sign in to your committee and the general assembly. It is your responsibility to ensure you are meeting membership participation. The Participation Compliance is uploaded on the RAC website under Member Information.

For participation fulfillment, you must attend 75% of general assembly and committee membership. One meeting may be virtual per year. If there are any requirements for participation, above the general participation requirements, those must be followed as well. If there are any questions feel free to call RAC office.

- **Upcoming board nominations-** The following board officers that are up for election are:
 - EMS #2: Held by Chris Sermarini – no nominations
 - Hospital #2: VACANT at this time (3 nominees submitted)
 - At Large #2: Held by Deanna Bray- no nominations
 - Maternal #1 – Held by Kimberly Stewart with no other nominations

Elections will be in June – the member or alternate are the only participants that can vote



- **Injury prevention** – Stop the Bleed appears to be the most popular course taught for IP in our RAC. If there are other courses that could be sponsored by the RAC, let us know – the RAC will consider purchasing equipment.
- **Upcoming educational opportunities** are on the website
- **Committee Reports**
 - EMS –
 - Guest speaker from “Project Hope” focusing on overdose mitigation, treatment and recovery.
 - Discussed the trauma prehospital triage guidelines was reviewed with minor changes. The committee approved the revisions.
 - Air medical guidelines need to be reviewed by Alyson
 - Kelly Sears provided an update on the regional whole blood program. Contracts from DSHS have been received at the SETRAC office. SETRAC will be administering funds for RAC-R.
 - FIFA Preparations were reviewed with goals for prepositioning and response from HAZMAT crews and medical crews.
 - Discussed process for submitting information for ESO to RAC for BAA.
 - Discussed possibly spending money for MCI carts to be placed in several locations
 - Trauma deferred due to state meetings. Trauma to have committee meeting in next two weeks
 - Acute care committee –
 - Committee goal – one committee event, Acute care system plan, need chest pain designation levels in RAC R
 - FIFA tournament reminder, Monthly DSHS meetings, GETAC meetings 3/11, AHA/ASA New AIS Guidelines for January 2026 what to adopt, Juen meeting will discuss what has been adopted by hospitals
 - ICS 2026 Review Data Q 4 2026.
 - Sepsis doing well – benchmark improvement



- Chest pain and stroke meeting goals
- Action plan – chest pain system plan – designation levels
end of March will have follow up at next meeting
- Sepsis mortality rate: definition by all
- FIFA data discussed to be sent to board
- Perinatal: Discussed TCHMB OB and Neonatal committee updates
 - PAC meeting updates
 - Upcoming DSHS meetings
 - Everly's law training
 - SB 31
 - Maternal project – sepsis
 - Neonatal project – Lasso tx
 - Baptist to submit data to Kim and Amy for scorecards
 - No current contact for Med Center Maternal – Kim to reach out
 - Question is colling cots can be purchased through the RAC
– Kim to inquire about pricing and present to board if cots are an option
- **Corridor reports**
 - Corridor update next meeting
 - Regional exercise 5/8/26
 - Next EAST corridor meeting 3/13
 - South 3/20
 - Participation in regional corridor meetings was encouraged
- **SETRAC**
 - SEMOC training 3/17

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1153. Motion to adjourn made by Dustin Lowe and seconded by Julie Thompson. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rodgers, RN
Vice Chair, RAC - R