

**TSA –B Regional Advisory Council
EMS Provider Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 4:30 pm
Virtual Meeting**

Members Present:

Castro County EMS: Paul Garza	Cogdell Memorial Hosp: Angela Savedra; David Kerr
Covenant Ambulance: Erica Bartley	Cov Children's: Laura Navarrette; Kaci Thompson
Covenant Hosp Levelland: Kim Henry	Cov Levelland EMS: Pat Vigil
Crosbyton Clinic Hosp & EMS: Sheila Womack	Denver City EMS: Valencia McLaurin
Dickens Co EMS: Debi Gardner	Earth EMS: Jimmy Brooks
Floydada EMS: Katrina Gooch	Idalou EMS: Billy Vinson
Lamb Healthcare Center: Donna Parker	Littlefield EMS: Monica McGee
Lubbock Aid Ambulance: Kelli Ehler	Lynn County Hospital & EMS: Hannah Wertzberger
Medical Arts Hosp & EMS: Ouida Gipson; Anthony Gipson	Motley Co EMS: Tina Brooks
Olton Vol Ambulance Assoc: Rusty Powers	Plains EMS: Adrian Arguijo
Plainview FD/EMS: Seth Stephens	Post-Garza Co EMS: Summer Hadderton
Scurry Co EMS: Jason Tyler	Seagrave Loop EMS: Dana Lambert
Seminole EMS: Carly French	Seminole Mem Hosp: Rebecca Vest
SPEMS: Mona Hamby	Sudan FD EMS: Dustin Provence
UMC: Amanda Bull; Amber Tucker; Nick Quigley	UMC: J. McCauley; Amanda Stabler; Kara Chambers

Welcome & Announcements

Carly French called the meeting to order at 1630. Carly and Rusty Powers discussed the co-chair responsibilities for the EMS meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Jason Tyler and seconded by Sheila Womack to accept the August 13, 2024 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

RAC Participation Update

Carly reminded the attendees to sign in for credit and emphasized the importance of meeting attendance for eligibility for county pass-through funds.

Update on Health EMS ePCR Program

Carly also highlighted the need for filling out employee certifications for new hires and clearing validation errors for electronic submissions. Billy provided an update on the deployment of Pulsara, aiming for a mid-March rollout.

Update on Pulsara

Billy Vinson provided an update on the deployment of Pulsara, aiming for a mid-March rollout. Billy discussed the setup process for the hospital's new system, emphasizing that it's cloud-based and HIPAA compliant. He also stated that the system is not compatible with Android tablets but can be used with personal phones. Carly and Amber Tucker shared their experiences with the system, highlighting the importance of avoiding single sign-on and multi-factor authentication.

2025 SPEMS Protocols

Rusty updated the committee on the new protocols, which are set to go into effect on April 1st, 2025. He discussed the addition of new drugs to the trucks. He also emphasized the increased guidance on the use of waveform capnography in end-tidal CO2 monitoring at the advanced and paramedic levels. Rusty reminded everyone that they have a month to take their protocol tests and to order new drugs if they haven't already. He also thanked the Protocol Committee for their productive meeting. Carly expressed gratitude to Rusty and Ramona Hamby for their hard work in updating the protocol changes.

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SPEMS Conference

Ramona mentioned that they are still in the process of securing speakers for the upcoming SPEMS Conference, which will be held at the National Ranching Heritage Center. Billy confirmed that they have four speakers lined up so far. Rusty hinted at a special speaker for the conference. Amber asked about the possibility of a virtual option for the conference, but Billy indicated that they are leaning towards an in-person event.

There was discussion about the possibility of sponsoring lunch and the potential for a pre-conference class for EMS directors. Carly suggested moving the leadership collaboration meeting to a pre-conference class. Ramona raised concerns about limiting the region's access to continuing education if a pre-conference class was only open to a select group. Jason suggested a HealthEMS update for new and old EMS directors, which could potentially be included in the pre-conference class. It was agreed to discuss these ideas further in June and consider offering a HealthEMS update for the entire region after the SPEMS Conference. Carly, Ramona, Rusty, and Amber discussed the upcoming conference awards. Ramona confirmed that she would send out the award nomination & t-shirt contest information to the region. Rusty emphasized the importance of providing detailed justification for award nominations. Ramona also stressed the need for more nominations to fill all categories. Carly reminded everyone to submit their T-shirt design and case review submissions. Rusty and Amber offered to assist with case review submissions, including those from UMC. Amber also offered to provide information on past cases that have gone to UMC.

Open Discussion

Carly expressed gratitude to the team for their participation in a recent survey and emphasized the importance of Senate Bill 1377 and House Bill 3000 for rural EMS funding. She explained that these bills, if passed, would provide foundational funding for rural EMS services, with eligibility based on county population. Carly also mentioned that the bills currently only cover ambulance purchases, but they hope to include EMS staffing and equipment in the future. She encouraged the team to contact their senators and representatives to support the bills and include staffing and equipment in the legislation. There was no further discussion.

Amber made the motion to adjourn; Hannah Wertzberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, adjourning at 1650.

Respectively submitted,

Ramona Hamby