

TSA –B Regional Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:00pm
Covenant Children’s Hospital – Arnett Room

Members Present:

Amherst EMS: Mickey Brantley
Castro County EMS: Dana Cobb
Cochran Memorial Hosp: Larry Turney
Covenant Hosp Plainview: M. Rodriguez; D. Howell
Crosbyton Clinic Hosp EMS: Shelia Womack
Dickens Co Amb: Debi Gardner
Floydada EMS: Katrina Gooch
Idalou EMS: Russ Perkins
Lamb Healthcare Ctr: Stacie Styron
Lockney VFD EMS: Katrina Gooch
Lynn County Hosp: Mandy Graves
Mangold Memorial: Billie Hendrix
Olton Vol Ambulance Assoc: M. Brantley; R. Powers
Plains EMS: Roy Wilkins
Ralls Vol Ambulance Ser: Summer Rayvon
Scurry Co EMS: Jason Tyler
Seminole EMS: Carly French
Seminole Vol EMT Assoc: Bryan Taylor
Shallowater Fire Department: Gary Vaughn
SPEMS: Mona Hamby; Will Pointer
TSA-B: Will Pointer; Jim Waters
UMC: Amanda Stabler; Bruce Mitchell
UMC EMS: Jeff Hill; Alan Harrison

Bailey Co EMS: Joyce McGehee; Kevin Baize
Cochran County EMS: Larry Turney
Cov. Children’s: B. Waters; K. Thompson; L. Navarrette
Cov Med Ctr: Tammy Jones; Susi Mitchell
Crosbyton Clinic Hosp: Shelia Womack
Earth EMS: Jimmy Brooks
Grace Medical Center: J. J. Murray; Marisa Barrera
King County EMS: Priscilla Harvey; Debi Gardner
Littlefield EMS: Monica McGee
Lubbock Aid Amb: Kelli Ehler; Chad Ehler
Lynn County Hosp EMS: John Baker
Motley Co Amb: Tina Brooks; Tony Rose
Paducah Ambulance Ser: Priscilla Harvey
Plains Mem Hosp: Dana Cobb
Ransom Canyon FD/EMS: Jim Waters; Belinda Waters
Seagraves Loop EMS: Carly French
Seminole Memorial Hosp: Jessica Franco; Bryan Taylor
Shallowater EMS: Gary Vaughn
South Plains College: Rusty Powers
Sudan Fire/EMS: Monica McGee
TSA-B: Will Pointer; Jim Waters
UMC: Yoli Sanchez; Shana Vinson
Yoakum Co Hosp: Dacia Lowrey

Call to Order

Kevin Baize called the meeting to order at 1700 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting was presented. The motion was made by Bryan Taylor and seconded by Carly French to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Financial Report

Jim Waters presented the financial report. The motion was made by Bryan Taylor and seconded by Gary Vaughn to accept the financial report as written.

Spending Plan for FY19 Local Projects Grant

There was much discussion regarding the Local Projects Grant funds. There was a recommendation to use the funds to help finance the HealthEMS run reporting program. There was another suggestion to purchase scoop stretchers. The motion was made by Bryan to use the funds for HealthEMS. Rusty Powers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review HealthEMS ePCR Implementation Plan

Jim Waters stated that EMS services need to do the survey sent to them by Stryker. The set-up of each service needs to be completed so the training can begin.

Hospital’s can utilize the XchangeER to receive the run reports. This is a free service to the hospitals. There will be training set up for the hospitals to learn how to access the records. Hospitals will be able to see the record in real time. Hospital training will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.

The plan is a 3-day conference of training. Details will follow. Bring own computer or tablets for training.

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Discussion of Regional Diversion Policy

Jim discussed the problem with diverting EMS services. Diversion is a hospital problem, not an EMS problem. Jim stated that the ambulances do not need to be driving in circles with patients aboard searching for a hospital that will take the patient. Jim noted that this has happened numerous times. There was considerable discussion pertaining to this situation. Tammy requested that Jim let the hospitals know if their staff turned down or diverted EMS. Jim announced that there is an Ad Hock committee established to address the diversion issues. He stated who the members of the committee are. There is a meeting scheduled for April 23, 2019.

GETAC Report

There are surveys that will be sent out. Jim encouraged everyone that received them to fill them out.

Committee Reports

Acute Care: Has not met in a few months.

EMS Providers: No new business.

Injury Prevention: No new business.

Special Pops: Meeting prior to this one, no further business to discuss at this time. See meeting minutes.

Health Care Coalition – HPP: In San Antonio for preparedness meetings.

PIPS: No new business, meeting to follow this meeting.

TC/ENC: No new business.

Open Discussion

Kevin presented a flyer on medic skills testing.

Jim reminded everyone to send in their receipts for reimbursement.

The motion was made by Gary seconded by Debi Gardner to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1732.

Respectively submitted,

Ramona Hamby
Minutes recorded by Billie Hendrix
Report written by Ramona Hamby

TO: TSA-B/SPEMS Region EMS Agencies and Hospitals:

Due to recent EMS diversion issues, the TSA-B Regional Advisory Council voted to work on short-term and long-term resolutions. It has been found these issues are starting to affect patient care and potentially cause negative patient outcomes. The two resolutions were:

- Hospitals will no longer be able to divert 911 responses due to ED overcrowding.
- An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to address methods to relieve patient overload in Lubbock hospitals.

No Diversion Policy:

Effective immediately, our region's EMS services will honor patient requests to facility of their choice or transport patients to the appropriate facility for their specific needs. If EMS is told to divert, they will only follow this order if it is in the patient's best interest (divert a burn patient to UMC, a pediatric patient to a children's hospital, major trauma to a designated trauma center).

Hospitals will only be allowed to divert EMS in the case of an internal disaster (fire, flood, active shooter, etc).

Facilities who do not have all services may divert based on lack of ability to meet the patient's needs (STEMI, acute stroke or major trauma).

This does not apply to EMS services providing interhospital transfers.

Ad Hoc Committee:

A committee is being formed with representatives from large and small hospitals and large and small EMS services to work together to look at options to address ED overcrowding and better utilization of hospital services.

Please contact the SPEMS/RAC Office if you have any questions.