

TSA –B Regional Advisory Council  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 4:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:**

Castro County EMS: Paul Garza  
Cov Children's: Kay Hatton; Emilia Garcia  
Covenant Children's: Cherish Brodbeck; Kevin Worley  
Crosbyton Clinic Hosp & EMS: Sheila Womack  
Lamb Health Care: Donna Parker  
Lubbock Aid Ambulance: Kelli Ehler  
Olton Vol Ambulance Assoc: Jimmy Brooks  
Plains EMS: Adrian Arguijo  
Seagraves Loop EMS: Dana Lambert  
SPEMS: Mona Hamby  
TTUHSC: Steven Brooks; Jayne McCauley  
UMC: Whitney Mapes; Amanda Bull

Cogdell Mem Hosp: Carina Hull; Wendy Prince  
Cov Children's: Belinda Waters; Kaci Thompson  
Cov Med Ctr: Sarah Hancock  
Earth EMS: Jimmy Brooks  
Littlefield EMS: Monica McGee  
Motley County Amb Service: Rebekah Jameson  
Native Air: Steven Hobbs  
Scurry Co EMS: Jason Tyler  
Seminole EMS: Carly French  
TTUHSC: Jeannie Bennett  
UMC: Kara Chambers; Amber Tucker  
UMC EMS: Matt Troxel

**Others Present:**

Eric Molina; Aaron Leftwich

**Call to Order**

Carly French called the meeting to order at 1630 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2024**

Not available – will present minutes from the previous meeting at the next meeting.

**Financial Report**

Not available - Will be presented at the next meeting.

**Senate Bill 8 Update**

Carly reported that the final report has been submitted to DSHS. The program is being reviewed during this legislative session. There has been talk about moving the program to the work force system. The program was a very positive program for our region.

**Pulsara Implementation Update**

Amber reported that the program went into effect this morning at about 7:15. The goal is to have the program in the region within the next 30 days. Amber did say there were a few glitches with the IT department. Amber did say that when being the program there are a few do's and don'ts she would recommend. IT is essential and conversations need to happen prior to implementation with your IT dept. The program is very helpful for both the EMS and hospital personnel. It will also help with tracking patients.

**GETAC Report**

Amber reported:

1. **Trauma System:**
2. **Injury Prevention Committee:** No updates
3. **Air Medical:** Cherish reported that there were some projects that were closing. The new projects for 2025 will involve law enforcement and will be focusing on mental health issues. There is also a new project regarding pediatric restraints.
4. **Stroke committee:** No new updates
5. **Pedi Committee:** Belinda reported continuing to work with Toyota for process improvement regarding children. The WHALE program is continuing.
6. **Perinatal Committee:**

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1. DSHS Texas AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy learning collaborative was completed in 2024.
2. TCHMB obstetrics committee state initiative "Recognition and Response to Postpartum Preeclampsia in the ED" was completed in 2024, and in the process of being published and developing a toolkit for hospitals.
3. DSHS Texas AIM and TCHMB have partnered for future statewide maternal projects. Enrollment for the new bundle "Sepsis in Obstetric Care" is open through February 28, 2025. The RAC-B region is in Cohort 1 for the learning collaborative events.
4. The TCHMB Neonatal Project for 2025-2026: "Optimizing Nutrition (Breastfeeding) & Safe Sleep".
5. DSHS Texas Perinatal Academy, a collaboration of DSHS EMS and Trauma Systems and Texas AIM with monthly virtual CE events about maternal safety and quality improvement is coming. The Academy will focus on hospital frontline staff to feature state and national subject matter experts in topics such as Obstetric Hemorrhage, Severe Hypertension / Preeclampsia, Sepsis, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. The first event will be on January 22, 2025, 7-8 AM CST.
7. **Burn Committee:** All burns need to be included.
8. **Disaster Preparedness:** There will be a State-wide drill on Feb. 13, 2025. All entities will be required to log on to the EMSsystem.
9. **EMS Providers:** Amendment to Bill 1511 is going to require that EMS services have a plan in place regarding Dialysis patients being transported during a disaster situation. EMS education CEs requirements are decreasing but there will be a mental health course will be required.

**Committee Reports**

**Acute Care: Sara reported:** Sara working on the RDA program. Amber gave us a contact for UMC to participate in Acute Care committee.

**EMS Providers: Carly reported:** Protocols have been reviewed and approved. New protocols will be released on April 1, 2025. Please review there are some medication changes and monitoring of specific capnography requirements. Dr. Addington and Dr. Troutman have completed a protocol for their services regarding the IV shortage. There is documentation that will need to be retained by the service.

**Injury Prevention: Amber reported:** Reminded everyone to report all Injury Prevention activities including Stop the Bleed.

**Special Pops: Cherish reported:** The Pediatric PI indicators are completed and will be sent out as a spreadsheet. Cherish reported the Special Pops committee still needs a co-chair on the Pediatric subcommittee. Perinatal is working on new projects for 2025. New trauma rules will go into effect Sept. 2025.

**PIPS: Amber reported:** continuing to work on Morbidity and Mortality and case reviews.

**TC/ENC: Amber reported:** No business to discuss

**HPP: Jeannie reported:** No new business to discuss

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**Open Discussion**

Mona reported that Kevin Russell from the TSA-A reported that the APOLLO Cadaver lab in Amarillo is open for anyone that would like to participate. Carly said she has sent some of her staff in the past and they really enjoyed the program.

The motion was made by and Steven Brooks and was seconded by Kara Chambers to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1715.

Respectively submitted,

Jeannie Bennett, RN BSN