



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
QUARTERLY MEETING**

**April 17, 2023**



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Vice Chairman Pre-Hospital Services James Campbell  
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CFRN, EMT-P  
Treasurer Lon Squyres  
Officer-at-Large Brent Kaziny, MD MA  
Chief Executive Officer Lori Upton

## SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (Trauma Service Area Q)

*Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties*

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**LOCATION** – SETRAC Conference Center - 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER (6:30 P.M.) and ROLL CALL** David Persse, M.D./  
Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P
- 2) **WELCOME** David Persse, M.D.
- 3) **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** Tom Flanagan
  - a. Board member and officer term expirations
  - b. Board nomination for Fort Bend County (unexpired term)
- 4) **OFFICER REPORTS**
  - A. Chairman David Persse, M.D.
  - B. Vice Chair Hospital Services Tom Flanagan, BSN, MA, LP
  - C. Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services James Campbell
  - D. Secretary Walter Morrow, RN, CFRN, EMT-P
  - E. Member At Large Brent Kaziny, M.D.
  - F. Treasurer Lon Squyres
    - a. Financial Reports
- 5) **EXECUTIVE REPORT** – Chief Executive Officer Lori Upton, RN, BSN, MS
  - a. Preparedness and Response Report Lisa Spivey/Chris Collier
  - b. Emergency Healthcare Systems (EHS) Report Suzanne Curran/Clayton Ehrlich
- 6) **REMAINING ACTION ITEMS/BOARD CONSIDERATION** David Persse, M.D.
  - A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of Reports (Financial, Leadership, Preparedness and Response, and EHS)
  - C. Resolutions/Other Action Items
    - a. Election for the Fort Bend County representative position on the SETRAC Board of Directors.
    - b. Approval of revised SETRAC Bylaws
      - i. Renaming of At-Large positions to reflect approved changes in January 2023.
    - c. Approval of elected leaders for Pre-Hospital (EMS) Committee
    - d. Approval to discontinue updating COVID Data Report on SETRAC website on May 11<sup>th</sup> due to the end of the COVID Public Health Emergency.
- 7) **GENERAL/OPEN DISCUSSION** David Persse, M.D.
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT** David Persse, M.D.



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### Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. David Persse, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The meeting was held in-person at the SETRAC Conference Center. Walter Morrow called roll and a quorum was established.

#### 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Persse welcomed the board members and the stakeholders in attendance. No special guests were in attendance for this meeting.

#### 3. OFFICER REPORTS

##### A. Chairman

Dr. Persse reported that Lori Upton was offered and accepted the SETRAC CEO position. Ms. Upton previously served as the Interim CEO.

Dr. Persse also reported that the viral season has passed; however, the region remains ready to respond should the numbers rise again and continues its focus on heart attacks, strokes, trauma, perinatal, and pediatric illnesses.

##### B. Vice Chair Hospital Services

Tom Flanagan shared that the wrist band requirement discussed at the October meeting has been delayed to June 2024.

Mr. Flanagan provided an update on the Pulsara topic that was discussed during the October meeting. In order for the region to use Pulsara as a communication platform, all hospitals and EMS agencies in the SETRAC region will need to agree to use the application. A meeting will be held with hospital system representatives and additional information will be presented at the April meeting. Mr. Flanagan reiterated that the region would continue to use EM Track for MCI events (not the Pulsara MCI component) and that SETRAC is not a rule-making entity.

##### C. Vice Chair Pre-Hospital Services

James Campbell reported that EMS continues to discuss the Texas wristband initiative.

#### **D. Secretary**

Mr. Morrow had no items to report.

#### **E. Officer-at-Large Report**

Dr. Brent Kaziny had no items to report.

#### **F. Treasurer Report**

Lon Squyres provided an overview of the printed financial reports that were given to the board. Mr. Squyres stated that SETRAC is in a good financial position and that grants are currently being spent out according to plan.

Two of the investment accounts were moved into a longer-term account and is accruing a higher interest rate. SETRAC currently has a net revenue of \$32,308 for the fiscal year.

### **4. EXECUTIVE REPORT**

A written report was provided by Ms. Upton to the board. Highlights include:

- A business plan was presented and approved by the board which includes:
  - Creation of 3 new positions:
    - Director of Business Operations
    - EMS Coordinator – Clayton Ehrlich, who currently serves as the TSA-Q Coordinator, has accepted the position and will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Clinical Director for Trauma/Pediatrics – Suzanne Curran has accepted the position and will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The Chief Financial Officer position and TSA-Q Coordinator position will be eliminated.
- An annual report was created and distributed to the board members. Carrie Cox (Regional Training and Exercise Coordinator) worked with Ms. Upton to produce the report and will work with Jeremiah Williamson (Director of Information Technology) to have the annual report accessible electronically.
- SETRAC received \$255,000 in donations during the Giving Tuesday campaign held in November.
- The first round of funds from the grant for EMS education (Senate Bill 8) has been received. The program has over 200 inquiries and around 35 active applications in this region.
- Separate initial meetings were held with mental health officials and law enforcement to address possible solutions to the number of mental health patients that are brought to acute care hospital emergency departments. Future meetings will include acute care facilities and a meeting with STRAC to learn more about their Mental Health EDO program.
- RAC leadership met with the Interim Commissioner of Health and Human Services, Dr. Jennifer Shuford, regarding the value of RACs. Dr. Shuford shared her respect for RACs and support for appropriate funding. TETAF is working with legislators and the state health department on RAC funding.
- SETRAC has confirmed that the age for pediatric patients according to the GETAC Trauma Committee is less than 15 years of age. The SETRAC trauma plan and future reporting will need to adjust pediatric information accordingly.
- Trauma Rules will be adjusted to reflect that only trauma patients will need to have Texas wristbands. The EMS Rules will be adjusted accordingly when the rules come up for review after the Trauma Rules go into effect.

- SETRAC reached out to a tax firm to get a credit back on payroll taxes due to a state order regarding COVID and it was determined that SETRAC is eligible for 2020. Another meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss eligibility for the credit that carried over into 2021.
- COVID numbers are increasing in the region; however, the increase is not as significant as prior waves.
- **Preparedness and Response** – Chris Collier and Lisa Spivey provided the following update:
  - Coordinators are reengaging with stakeholders through meetings, trainings, and exercises.
  - Ms. Spivey and Mr. Collier were invited to participate in a behavioral assessment team headed by Texas Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, and local behavioral facilities with hospital and EMS partners to join at a later time. The purpose of the team will learn to identify threats early, notify location and facilities, and respond accordingly.
  - A listing of real-world incidents from 10/1/2022 to current was provided to board members.
  - The end-of-year survey was sent to stakeholders. Results of the survey will be used to assist SETRAC in determining what type of trainings to bring to the region as well as facility needs.
  - Regional boot camps are being scheduled for special population facilities as well as a full exercise to prepare for hurricane season.
  - Over 200 agencies participated in December's "Off-the-Grid" drill.
  - The annual regional functional exercise is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and SETRAC will participate in the state hurricane evacuation exercise in May.
- **Emergency Healthcare Systems** – Tonya Carter provided the following update:
  - Elections for committee leaders were held in January.
  - All committees are discussing which data metrics are not captured in their respective hospital registries that they would like to collect from EMS.
  - The main focus of the Perinatal Committee is to help hospitals fully understand the maternal rules that went into effect in January. The Breastmilk at Discharge QI workgroup awarded nine hospitals for their overall improvement in babies receiving mother's own milk at discharge. Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) trainings are continuing around the region.
  - The Cardiac Committee is developing a regional cardiac plan. A regional collaboration will take with the Stop-the-Bleed program to combine CPR and bleeding control trainings.
  - Regional wake-up strokes and rehab utilization is being studied by the Stroke Committee.
  - Recent trauma data shows an increase in the number of pediatric firearm injuries occurring by firearms. The Trauma Committee will collaborate with the Pediatric Committee to further review this data. A trauma registrar workshop will take place in the fall at SETRAC.
  - The Injury Prevention Committee continues to push Tai Chi classes to assist in the prevention of falls among the older population in the region.
  - The recent ASPR grant and collaborations with other committees is the focus of the Pediatric Committee.
  - SETRAC continues to work with national registries to obtain patient level data (without PHI) to assist committees with better information to review the regional system of care.

## **5. GUEST PRESENTATION – TETAF INITIATIVES**

Dinah Welsh, TETAF President and CEO, provided an update on the initiatives of TETAF during this legislative session which include:

- Preserving and increasing funding for Regional Healthcare Systems.

- Increasing funding for Regional Advisory Councils.
- Improving and funding statewide health data collection efforts.
- Establishing a statewide perinatal database.
- Improving efforts focused on the health care workforce shortage.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Prior Meeting Minutes

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the minutes as presented.

### B. Reports (Officer, Finance, and Executive)

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the reports as presented.

### C. Resolutions and/or Other Action Items

#### a. *Approval of revised SETRAC Bylaws*

Revisions to the bylaws, as discussed during the October meeting, were presented to the board for approval. Revisions include:

- the creation of the Medical Directors Committee
- revision to Article 3 concerning the At-Large position for "Facilities" (Sections 3.2.4 and 3.5.4)
- formatting and grammatical changes

The purpose of the creation of the Medical Director position for each service line was reviewed. There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the revisions to the bylaws.

#### b. *Approval of elected leaders for Emergency Healthcare Systems committees*

Elections were recently held for leadership of the service line committees in accordance with the SETRAC bylaws. The list of elected leaders was presented to the board for approval.

There being no further discussion or objections, the board approved the revision to the At-Large position to represent a jurisdiction instead of facilities.

## 7. GENERAL / OPEN DISCUSSION

Mark Sloan made the following announcements:

- Big City Emergency Managers will host a meeting of 16 jurisdictions this fall. Ms. Upton has been invited to speak to the directors about RACs and their involvement as a coordinating body for mass casualty incidents at an event Big City Emergency Managers.
- Five new subcommittees have been created as part of TEMAC's response committee. RAC representation will be needed.
- The next major events taking place in the region are the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the NCAA Men's Final Four basketball tournament.
- Extremely high winds are expected on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Most impacts will be south of I-10 and eastern Texas. Emergency transport personnel should use caution in case of flooding and tornadic activity.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Persse adjourned the general board meeting at 7:50 pm.

*SETRAC Board - Secretary:* \_\_\_\_\_

## SETRAC - March 31, 2022 YTD Expenditure Report (FY23)

(See Grant Summaries on Page 3 & 4 for Categorical breakdown of the grants)

Grant	YTD Expenditures	Approved Budget	Variance	% Remaining	Month of Fiscal Year
*1 ASPR 23 - TSA Q	\$ 1,352,861	\$ 2,183,912	\$ 831,051	38.1%	9/12
*2 ASPR 23 - TSA R	\$ 299,299	\$ 469,004	\$ 169,705	36.2%	9/12
*3 ASPR 23 - TSA H	\$ 117,829	\$ 164,668	\$ 46,839	28.4%	9/12
*4 ASPR 23 - EMTF 6	\$ 92,361	\$ 131,736	\$ 39,375	29.9%	9/12
*5 ASPR 23 - EMTF 6 (State funds)	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -	0.0%	9/12
*6 RAC/EMS 2023	\$ 265,708	\$ 493,106	\$ 227,398	46.1%	7/12
*7 RAC Systems Development 2023	\$ 152,895	\$ 219,637	\$ 66,742	30.4%	7/12
*8 County Pass Thru 2023	\$ -	\$ 412,655	\$ 412,655	100.0%	7/12
*9 HFD Base Station	\$ 848,818	\$ 1,843,106	\$ 994,288	53.9%	6/12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,254,771</b>	<b>\$ 6,042,824</b>	<b>\$ 2,788,053</b>	<b>46.1%</b>	

- \*1-4 ASPR Contracts for FY23 are expending in accordance with budget.
- \*5 ASPR EMTF 6 (State funds) are expending in accordance with budget.
- \*6 FY 23 RAC EMS funds are expending in accordance with budget.
- \*7 FY23 RAC Development funds are expending in accordance with budget.
- \*8 FY 23 County Pass Thru funds for eligible EMS agencies has no expenditures for FY23 as of 3/31/23.
- \*9 Houston Fire Department Base Station - Reimbursement for actual payroll expenses incurred. Net Revenue is listed on Page 2.



## Financial Status

<b>Cash Status: March 31, 2022</b>		
Frost Bank Checking	\$ 211,740.28	-This account is the main operational account.
PNC Bank Checking	\$ 134,590.44	-This account is our primary depository account for grant funds.
PayPal Account	\$ 132,311.31	-This account supports receivables for Symposium, other events
Investment Account #1	\$ 450,060.60	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit
Investment Account #2	\$ 500,061.38	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit.
Investment Account #3	\$ 500,061.39	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit.
Investment Account #4	\$ 1,504,967.63	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit.
Investment Account #5	\$ 1,504,956.10	-Monies invested in 13 week maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit
<b>Cash Status: February 28, 2022</b>		
SETRAC Foundation Frost Checking	\$ 304,823.50	-This account supports Foundation business
SETRAC Foundation Inv. Acct.	\$ 1,007,325.80	-Monies invested in 28-day maturity, FDIC insured certificates of deposit
Maestro Svcs. Frost Checking Acct.	\$ 86,540.46	-This account supports Maestro Svcs operations
SB8 Chase Checking Acct.	\$ 1,349,171.20	-This account supports SB8 Funding operations

### SETRAC Operating Fund FY23 YTD September- March

Revenue (non-grant)	FY 23	Revenue (non-traditional)	FY 23
General Revenue	\$ 12,082	General Revenue	\$ -
FY 2022 Dues	\$ 16,150		
Deployment Revenue	\$ -		
STB Kits	\$ 9,787		
TXTF-1 Response Income	\$ 23,594		
HFD Base Station	<u>\$ 134,055</u>		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 195,667</b>		
<b>Expenses (non-grant)</b>			
Contract Services	\$ 100,221		
Business Expenses	\$ 6		
Equipment	\$ -		
Operational Supplies	\$ 1,138		
Other	\$ 81,075		
Personnel	\$ 39,479		
Base Staion Expenses	\$ 4,798		
Travel	<u>\$ 13,499</u>		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 240,216</b>		
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (44,549)</b>		

## Financial Summary - Categorical Budget Detail

	YTD	Budget	Variance
<b>ASPR 23 - TSA Q</b>			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 9,386	\$ 17,146	\$ 7,760
Other	\$ 427,977	\$ 706,940	\$ 278,963
Personnel	\$ 783,381	\$ 1,211,435	\$ 428,054
Travel	\$ 8,460	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,540
Indirect Costs	\$ 123,657	\$ 218,391	\$ 94,734
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,352,861</b>	<b>\$ 2,183,912</b>	<b>\$ 831,051</b>

<b>ASPR 23 - TSA R</b>			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 1,169	\$ 2,374	\$ 1,205
Other	\$ 41,917	\$ 83,447	\$ 41,530
Personnel	\$ 221,029	\$ 329,852	\$ 108,823
Travel	\$ 608	\$ 6,431	\$ 5,823
Indirect Costs	\$ 34,577	\$ 46,900	\$ 12,323
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 299,299</b>	<b>\$ 469,004</b>	<b>\$ 169,705</b>

<b>ASPR 23 - TSA H</b>			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ 260	\$ 822	\$ 562
Other	\$ 4,163	\$ 4,413	\$ 250
Personnel	\$ 97,154	\$ 142,367	\$ 45,213
Travel	\$ 308	\$ 601	\$ 293
Indirect Costs	\$ 15,944	\$ 16,466	\$ 522
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 117,829</b>	<b>\$ 164,669</b>	<b>\$ 46,840</b>

<b>ASPR 23 - EMTF 6</b>			
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operational Supplies	\$ -	\$ 573	\$ 573
Other	\$ 13,428	\$ 19,474	\$ 6,046
Personnel	\$ 65,589	\$ 92,085	\$ 26,496
Travel	\$ 2,380	\$ 6,431	\$ 4,051
Indirect Costs	\$ 10,964	\$ 13,173	\$ 2,209
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 92,361</b>	<b>\$ 131,736</b>	<b>\$ 39,375</b>

<b>ASPR 23 - EMTF 6 (State General Revenue)</b>			
Other	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## Financial Summary - Categorical Budget Detail

	YTD	Budget	Variance
<b>RAC/EMS FY 23</b>			
Operational Supplies	\$ 3,219	\$ 515	\$ (2,704)
Other	\$ 73,931	\$ 55,688	\$ (18,243)
Personnel	\$ 158,419	\$ 380,120	\$ 221,701
Indirect Costs	\$ 26,407	\$ 49,311	\$ 22,904
Travel	\$ 3,731	\$ 7,472	\$ 3,741
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 265,708</b>	<b>\$ 493,106</b>	<b>\$ 227,398</b>
<b>RAC Development Funds FY23</b>			
Operational Supplies	\$ 700	\$ 756	\$ 56
Other	\$ 35,004	\$ 55,701	\$ 20,697
Personnel	\$ 97,629	\$ 128,800	\$ 31,171
Indirect Costs	\$ 17,204	\$ 27,411	\$ 10,207
Travel	\$ 2,359	\$ 6,969	\$ 4,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 152,895</b>	<b>\$ 219,637</b>	<b>\$ 66,742</b>
<b>County Funds FY23</b>			
Contract Services		\$ 412,655	\$ 412,655
<b>HFD Base Station</b>			
Personnel	\$ 848,818	\$ 1,843,106	\$ 994,288

## Unrestricted Assets Growth

	GenFY15	Gen FY16	Gen FY17	Gen FY18	Gen FY19	Gen FY20	Gen FY 21	Gen FY 22	Gen FY 23	TOTAL
<b>Revenue (Unrestricted)</b>	114,868.11	122,415.57	112,130.48	458,767.59	357,970.13	828,743.55	495,286.00	787,368.00	195,667.30	3,831,176.15
<b>Expense (Grant Offsets)</b>	110,196.24	88,944.99	190,844.81	334,373.01	469,327.17	569,818.67	176,453.00	806,477.00	240,216.00	3,228,694.40
<b>Unrestricted Net Asset</b>	4,671.87	33,470.58	(78,714.33)	124,394.58	(111,357.04)	258,924.88	318,833.00	(19,109.00)	(44,548.70)	602,481.75
<b>Symposium 2022</b>										31,726.75
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>										<b>634,208.50</b>

**Notes:**

# **PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE REPORT**

## **HPP Update April 2023**

### **Lisa Spivey – Director of Preparedness**

TSA Q – West Corridor – Kat Samuel

TSA H – Gary Litton

TSA R – Jeremy Way

Special Populations – Fidel Calvillo

Training & Exercise – John Wingate & Carrie Cox

### **Chris Collier – Director of Response**

EMTF 6 Coordinator – Mikal Orr

Regional Logistics and Inventory Coordinator – Kyle Erickson

Mobile Assets Coordinator – Philip Cutler

### **Overview:**

Our Preparedness/Response and the Training Exercise team have continued with increasing their trainings and meetings to in-person. Overall, the Coordinators are focusing on Coalition Development by:

- Working with the corridor chairs and facility EMCs to determine regional and corridor specific preparedness needs
- Engaging all partners to increase corridor meeting participation, as well as radio checks
- Offering to hospital staff on site EMResource, EMTrack and WebEOC training
- Continuing to network with hospitals, EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and City/County EMCs to build strong partnerships.
- Working with the Behavioral Threat Assessment team, which includes Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Texas DPS, FBI and local behavioral health facilities.
- The Behavioral Health workgroup have scheduled their last round-table discussion with Harris County Law Enforcement and EMS, this meeting is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the SETRAC Conference Center.
- Responded to the January 24<sup>TH</sup> Deer Park Tornadoes and CMOC was activated with staff on-site to assist in the evacuation of the nursing home.
- Working with DSHS to provide a presentation on SNS and Closed PODS
- Participated in the planning workgroup for the 2023 SETRAC Trauma Workshop
- Attended the Community Cybersecurity and Preparedness for Cyber incidents training.
- Attended the GETAC meetings.
- Conducted an MCI TTX on February 7 for Nacogdoches County All Hazards group, 46 participants in attendance.

- Coordinated local and statewide Stop the Bleed trainings. To date, 880 classes have been trained and 40,050 people have been trained in the region.
- Working with our Regional Logistics and Inventory Coordinator and the hospital staff to obtain an accurate inventory at each facility. This is nearly completed.
- Continue working with our RITA partners in regards to coordination and bringing in new EMS partners.
- Our Special Populations Coordinator continues to engage long term, home health, rehab, and FSEDs into the coalition.
  - a. Developing a regional Hurricane Evacuation exercise for the Special Populations, scheduled for May 4, 2023
  - b. To date provided 30 one on one visits with stakeholders
  - c. Coordinating with SETRAC Clinical team to incorporate FSED in stroke data collection.
  - d. Planning for upcoming Boot Camps in the North (April 17<sup>th</sup>), South (May 9<sup>th</sup>), Downtown (June 14<sup>th</sup>) and East Corridors (May, 24<sup>th</sup>) .

#### **Community Events/Exercises:**

- Participated in multiple Jurisdictional planning meetings for Family Reception Centers (FRC) plans.
- CMOC was activated for the NCAA Final Four and participated in planning.
- Conducted an asset display day in Nacogdoches Memorial March 2023.

#### **Logistics and Assets:**

- RCVQ will begin refurbishment after receiving UASI Grant in the amount of \$200,000. Work will begin in a few weeks and include generator replacement, air system replacement, new paint job and re-stripping, and technological updates.
- Routine maintenance and service continues to keep assets at an operational state.
- Logistics staff continue to remain busy supporting the multiple events and incidents where resources were requested.

#### **EMTF:**

- Workgroup & Coordinator Meetings January 24-25, 2023 @ STRAC. Abbreviated component meetings in the morning and extended Ops Group meeting in the afternoon.
- Schedule for regional component meetings will be sent out via EMTF-6 ListServ
- MPV 602 will receive 1.5 upgrades – time OOS will be approximately 6-8 weeks. Refurb start date TBD.
- MPV 603 responded to a potential chemical exposure in Brazoria County – 106 patients triaged and 6 transported, via ambulance, to regional hospitals
- UTMB NICU Evacuation training – MPVs 601, 603, 604 and UTMB staff.
- MPV 603 & SETRAC conducted a full-scale exercise with CIMA in La Porte
- Border Support Mission in Dilley demobilized
- Multiple regional partners participated in the Brazosport ISD active shooter workshop – members present TFL, MIST, ASTs, and ASTLs

- Deer Park Tornado Response – multiple regional agencies (Atascocita Fire Dept., MCHD, Harris County ESD #11, Cy-Fair Fire Dept., HCEC, Ft. Bend County EMS, Acadian Ambulance, Harris County ESD 48, Humble Fire Department, Harris County ESD 5) provided 10 ambulances, MPVs 601, 603 & 604, 1 TFL, 2 ASTLs, 2 MD's.
- Multiple Severe Weather Standby's

#### EMTF State Level Training- dates TBD

- Each region will be offered at least 4 seats per class. TMORT – primarily open to those already on the TMORT/DPMU teams, MEDL, MIST (possibly 2 classes), ASMT, and TFL/MIST Update

#### Regional Training – dates TBD

- MMU – we will host at least 2 MMU training/familiarization days this year. These will be open to RN's, Paramedics, Doctors, Logistic/Support personnel.
- MURC – Cy-Fair FD & Atascocita FD
- ASMT – at least 1 training event (may be held in conjunction with the TDEM or CMOC exercises).
- AMBUS – training focus to be determined by AMBUS partners.
- IDRU – UTMB-Galveston, AMR, and other potential transport agencies.
- WLFS – at least 3 hands-on training days to practice wildland fire operations (IWI, patient packaging, communications)
- TFL/MIST – at least 2 training days (Operations & Leadership)

#### Exercises

- TDEM Full-scale Hurricane Exercise – May 16-18, 2023 (opportunities to participate for TFL, MIST, AST, ASMT, MMU/RNST).
- CMOC – Spring Radiological Functional Exercise April 12, 2023 (opportunities to participate for TFL, MIST, AST, ASMT, MMU/RNST).
- Completed 3 out of 5 tabletops for the Corridor in preparation for the upcoming Spring Radiological Region wide exercise.

**Real World Incidents:**

01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023

<b>Event Designation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Assigned Resources</b>
UASI Mobile Command Truck Rally	Regional	PR Event	1/10/2023	RCVQ
Houston Marathon	Regional	Major Event	11/14/2023 - 11/15/2023	CMOC, EOC Support, Medical Equipment Support
Deer Park Tornado	Regional	Major Incident / MCI	1/24/2023	CMOC, MPV-601, MPV-603, MPV-604, 2 AST, 2 ASTL, EOC Support, 2 MD's, 2 MIST
Baytown Chemical Exposure	Regional	MCI Hazmat	2/17/2021	MPV-601, CMOC
Liberty - Dayton Hazmat Incident	Regional	MCI Hazmat	2/25/2023	CMOC
TFS South Branch Wildfire	State	State Mission	2/27/2023 - 03/05/2023	MEDL
Severe Weather Standby	State	State Mission	3/2/2023 - 3/3/2023	MPV-603
Nacogdoches Asset Display	Regional	PR Event	3/16/2023	MMU-6103, SMU, MPV-604
NCAA Final 4	Regional	Major Event	3/31/2021 - 4/2/2023	CMOC, EOC Support, MMU-6104, MPV-602



# RHPC Board Report

April 2023

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## Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities

- **Long Term Care Update (C102)**
  - Special Populations Exercise – Evacuation and Shelter in Place.
    - Tabletop April 20<sup>th</sup> and Full-Scale May 4<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 facilities signed up. Deer Park Tornado AAR was held with responding agencies and the nursing home staff. Areas of improvement were identified. A robust evacuation plan and exercise needs to be conducted for all facilities. Overall response from the nursing facility went exceptionally well.
  - New facilities are onboarded on a weekly basis and onsite visits are ongoing.
  - Boot camp planning is ongoing with jurisdictions. North Corridor boot camp is tentative for April.
  - Free Standing Emergency Departments (FSEDs) will be participating in the Regional Full Scale Radiological Exercise.
  - Information to FSEDs will be forthcoming to participate with our SETRAC Clinical committees (Stroke/Cardiac).
  - Onsite EMTrack training is being provided to FSEDs.
  - SETRAC continues to meet with stakeholders and getting them familiar with SETRAC and reviewing plans.
- **Training and Exercise Update (C104)**
  - SETRAC will begin its Radiological Exercise Series in the North Corridor on March 8, with all other corridors following during their regular meeting times until the last (downtown) on April 7. The Functional Exercise will follow on April 12. The SimCell team is meeting regularly and is developing the MSEL. The exercise planning team will meet at the end of March to discuss both the TTX exercises and the upcoming Functional Exercise. So far, 120 facilities and agencies have registered. Three Exercise Development Trainings are being offered to those facilities who have registered for the functional exercise. A closed CMOC training will be provided to those facilities who are on-call for the CMOC on April 11-13, to offer additional support to those who may be called on during the April 12 exercise.
  - The Hurricane Preparedness Exercise Series for Special Populations will be on April 20 (TTX) and May 4 (FE). There are 219 participants registered and SETRAC is looking to book a venue for the April 20 tabletop.
  - There are several TEEX classes on the calendar, March 7-8 and July 18-19. The July class (MGT-341) is currently at capacity and a waitlist has been created for those who wish to join. SETRAC will be sending out a reminder email closer to the training date to ensure registrants still plan to attend and will fill any open seats from the waitlist then. Discussions with TEEX about offering the course again in the late summer/early fall are in place.
  - SETRAC will be offering CMOC trainings in the coming months to bring facility and agency participation back up to pre-pandemic levels. SETRAC is currently working with the City of Houston and Harris County to establish dates which the CMOC can be used for training.
  - Danny Shine (Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center) reported on the upcoming Full-Scale Hurricane Evacuation Exercise to be held at Ellington Field on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The exercise will be run by NDMS and all NDMS hospitals should contact Mr. Shine at [danny.shine@va.gov](mailto:danny.shine@va.gov) to register for participation.
- **EMTF Update (C104)**
  - Current Activations:
    - One MEDL (Cy-Fair Fire Department) assigned to the TFS South Branch for wildfires
  - Past Activations:

- 3/2/2023 - MPV 6-03 activated for Severe Weather SMA Stand-by
- 3/3/2023 – MPV 6-01 in College Station to participate in the Disaster Day full-scale exercise
- 1/24/2023 - Activated for Tornado strike in Deer Park
- 1/23/2023 - Severe Wx Standby for 1/24/23
- 1/2/2023 - Severe Wx Standby
- Training/Meetings:
  - EMTF Training – dates TBD, each region will be offered at least 4 seats per class
    - MIST 1 – March 28-29
    - MIST 2 – April 13-14
    - MEDL – April 26-28
    - TFL/MIST Update – May 25-26
    - ASMT – June 13-14
  - Exercises –
    - TDEM Full-scale Hurricane Exercise – May 16-18, 2023 (opportunities to participate for TFL, MIST, AST, ASMT, MMU/RNST. Additional information and requests will be provided closer to the exercise date.)
    - CMOC – Spring Radiological Functional Exercise April 12, 2023 (opportunities to participate for TFL, MIST, AST, ASMT, MMU/RNST. Additional information and requests will be provided closer to the exercise.)
    - WLFS Functional Exercise – March 1-3in coordination with TFS, conducted at Reveille Peak Ranch near Burnet, Texas) – Houston Fire Department sent a WPU team. Great exercise for all of the participants.
- New/Future Business:
  - Future Meetings –
    - Workgroup Meeting March 6th, 2023 in Austin at the Norris Conference Center. Agendas and Zoom link to be sent to the ListServ
  - MPV 602 1.5 upgrades should be complete within 2 weeks
  - EMTF-6 ListServ – any members can be on the ListServ to receive general and critical information. Please sign-up at the following address <https://list.setrac.org/mailman/listinfo/emtf6> . You may also email [Mikal.Orr@setrac.org](mailto:Mikal.Orr@setrac.org) to receive the link.
  - Member information – all members need to complete/update their contact information on Board #13 “EMTF Contacts” in WebEOC. The link to the EMTF WebEOC server is <https://webeoc.txemtf.org/eoc7/controlpanel.aspx>. If you do not have an EMTF WebEOC account, please email [support@strac.org](mailto:support@strac.org) to request one. Please CC [mikal.orr@setrac.org](mailto:mikal.orr@setrac.org) so that I know you have made a request for an account. If you have any questions, please contact Mikal Orr.
- **Inventory Update (C104)**
  - SETRAC is wrapping up HPP Inventory in the South and East Corridors.
  - Any agency or facility that would like to tour the SETRAC warehouse to see the regional assets and resource capabilities, should contact Kyle Ericksen at [kyle.ericksen@setrac.org](mailto:kyle.ericksen@setrac.org) to coordinate.
  - If a training or event is being conducted and you would like SETRAC assets or resources, please fill out the Non-Emergency Asset Request Form online and SETRAC would be happy to participate.

### Sub-Committee Updates

- **RHPC Award of Excellence Committee (C101)**
  - Toni Carnie reported the Award of Excellence packets are currently being updated and will be uploaded to the SETRAC website by the end of March.

- **Symposium Planning (C101)**
  - Lori Upton reported the planning committee met on February 6<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming 2023 symposium (October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>). SETRAC is working with the previous vendors/sponsors, with Angel Staffing confirmed as our Platinum sponsor for the beach party. The same band “Bag of Donuts” has been confirmed as well. The “Call for Presentations” will be going out shortly. Please send any speaker/presentation recommendations/suggestions to Lisa Spivey at [lisa.spivey@setrac.org](mailto:lisa.spivey@setrac.org).
- **Clinical Advisory Committee (C101)**
  - Ms. Upton reported the plan has been completed and submitted. All clinical committees (stroke, cardiac, trauma, EMS, etc.) have confirmed a medical director who will serve as the Clinical Advisory Committee when reviewing and presenting plans.

### **Corridor Updates (C101)**

- **Downtown Corridor –**
  - Michael Olivier reported the Downtown Corridor met in-person on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Harris County OEM. The corridor members toured the EOC and reviewed the CMOC calendar along with the roles and responsibilities of the hospitals at CMOC. There was increased participation at this meeting.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> which will be dedicated to regional tabletop exercise.
- **South Corridor –**
  - Gabe Levine reported the South Corridor is scheduled to meet on March 17<sup>th</sup> with the meeting being dedicated to the regional tabletop exercise.
  - A Fort Bend County Full-Scale Active Violence/Mass Casualty Incident Exercise is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by Katy ISD.
- **East Corridor –**
  - Lydia Worthen reported the East Corridor met on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Altus Lumberton Hospital. Misty Dantin (Texas Emergency Nurses Association) gave a presentation on workplace violence. Ms. Dantin composed a declaration for City Councils and Police Chiefs to sign to raise awareness on workplace violence and in support of the hospitals.
  - A pediatric training course was held last week to help close gaps where needed.
  - An MCI training class is being planned along with a full-scale exercise and this information will be pushed out as soon as the details are confirmed.
- **North Corridor –**
  - Stephen Bennett reported the North Corridor met on January 11<sup>th</sup> at CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Hospital Lufkin. Gary Litton led the corridor members in an MCI tabletop exercise coordinating from a nine-county perspective.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> at Tyler County Hospital with the meeting being dedicated to the regional tabletop exercise.
  - The North Corridor is also hosting an Asset Day scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at Nacogdoches Medical Center.
- **West Corridor –**
  - Gabriella Lopez reported the West Corridor met on January 27<sup>th</sup> at HCA Kingwood with some of the Special Populations group attending. The meeting was used to “get back to basics” by reviewing the SETRAC website, CMOC dates, and how to access regional plans. The corridor members discussed ways to increase EMS participation at the meetings, and they will be looking at areas of improvement based upon the end of year survey.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at Houston Methodist West.

### **Partner Updates (C101)**

- **DSHS 6/5 South**
  - Medical Countermeasures Planning Workgroup meeting:
    - In the previous meeting, which was held February 24<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery County, the partners discussed updating MOU agreements with school districts and Chempack Plans. They are looking to revamp the current Chempack plans and socializing them amongst the host sites, OEM, and public health entities within the region.
    - Working on conducting a summit and trainings this summer for the OEMs to increase their knowledge on the purpose, function, and location of the Chempack sustainment. The MCM Planning Workgroup will also begin forming sub workgroups to delegate and carry out these tasks.
    - The next meeting is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and will be held at the SETRAC office in the upstairs conference room.
  - The regional Covid AAR & MPX is completed and has been submitted to Austin for review. We are currently working on the IP now.
  - Regional Covid and Flu/ILI cases are trending down, and there have been no new MPox labs since October 2022. Regional Epis are closely monitoring Extensively Drug-resistant Shigella.
  - We are currently in the process of drafting a FAC plan and planning to exercise it for our 7 counties (may interface with regional healthcare facilities).
  - James Meaux has transitioned into the Senior Planning position and Raphael Cohen is now the MCM Coordinator.
  - The PHEPR Liaison (which will be exploring formation of MRCs in our 7) position has posted (applicants are welcome). Additionally, the Senior Training & Exercise Specialist will post soon.
  - Regional T&E Team is hosting the following TEEXs courses in 2023:
    - [MGT439 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness](#) on April 25-26, 2023
      - Class is at capacity, however, if interested, please contact Raphael Cohen at [Raphael.cohen@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Raphael.cohen@dshs.texas.gov) to be added to the waitlist
    - A [MGT319 Medical Countermeasures: Point of Dispensing \(POD\), Planning and Response](#) will be offered on May 3-4, 2023
      - Details and signup links are included here and can be found on the public facing TEEX site.
- **Public Health**
  - **Fort Bend Public Health**
    - Charles Brookett reported the opening of their new EOC on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **OEM**
  - **Harris County OEM**
    - Mark Sloan reported they activated three years ago for COVID and are still activated conducting IAPs and SitReps with our public health partners. May 11<sup>th</sup> the Federal COVID Declaration will end; however, they are still waiting on the state to determine if they will lift the statewide declaration.
    - The OEM is activated for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo until March 19<sup>th</sup> with the next activation being the NCAA Final Four beginning the end of March until April 3<sup>rd</sup> at NRG.
    - Mr. Sloan reported TDEM will be hosting a full-scale hurricane exercise May 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Most agencies in Region 2 will be participating with the primary focus being the five-days prior in the scenario. He requested SETRAC to support Harris County in this exercise to staff CMOC.
- **EMS**
  - **Wharton EMS** – Christy Gonzales reported they are conducting trainings on multiple different topics (Stop the Bleed, CPR, etc.).

- **Houston Fire Department** – Dr. Schulz reported HFD will be supporting the OEM with response to the large special events that Mr. Sloan mentioned above. They will also be supporting the Music Festival at Discovery Green.
- **Other Partners**
  - **FBI** – Joel Holmes reported has been reassigned to headquarters and they are currently looking for his replacement.

# **EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS (EHS) REPORT**

## **Clinical Committee Update - April 2023**

### **Tonya Carter – Director EHS – CVDP**

Clinical and Operations Specialist – Carrman Rivers

### **Suzanne Curran – Director EHS – Trauma/Peds**

**Emergency Department Workgroup** – The focus is on workplace violence, appropriate placement of mental health patients, and increasing positive collaboration with law enforcement. Lisa Spivey, Director of Preparedness and Chris Collier, Director of Response are spearheading this initiative.

- A meeting is being scheduled with STRAC to observe their best practice
- Focuses: funding, staffing, consistent process
  - Meeting held with regional mental health facilities
  - Meeting held with Acute EDs
  - Meeting scheduled with Law Enforcement & EMS
  - Next steps: Meeting will be scheduled to include all parties

**Stroke Committee** – The Medical Director is Dr. Sean Savitz. Dr. Chethan Venkatasubba Rao serves as Committee Chair with Christy Gonzales and Dr. Bryan Kharbanda serving as Vice Chairs. The committee met in person on 3.22.2023. The next committee meeting will be held on 5.24.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

- Wake Up Strokes
  - The committee has identified a trend of 70% of patients arriving to a designated stroke facility outside of the 4.5-hour window. Parameters for Wake-Up Strokes have been identified as Last Known Well from 4.5 hours – 24 hours
  - A dashboard has been created and currently includes age groups, arrival method, race, ethnicity, gender, payment source, prior/discharge ambulation, discharge disposition, and zip code information. This dashboard will be used to identify contributing factors in patients arriving to facilities outside of the 4.5-hour window and decrease this percentage
- Rehab Utilization
  - The committee aims to identify socio-economic indicators, to include rural vs urban, insured vs uninsured, ethnicity, etc. regarding rehab utilization
  - A dashboard has been created that currently highlights ambulation status prior to and after stroke occurred, pre-stroke MRS, MRS at discharge, discharge disposition, and rehab assessment. The committee will finalize the metrics that will add to their goal of identifying these indicators.
- Pre-Hospital Metrics for Stroke
  - Stakeholders have identified EMS metrics that would aide in achieving the committee goals. The metrics have been presented to the EMS Committee and will be taken to the pre-hospital registry workgroup to evaluate feasibility.
  - The committee leaders are aware that Stroke CEO reports will be provided to EMS Medical Directors in an effort to improve care from all aspects
- International Stroke Conference (ISC)
  - Dr. Rao aims to focus on the gaps in thrombolytics administration and thrombectomies. SETRAC is working to create a dashboard to capture eligibility versus recipient based on current and retro data obtained from the Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) registry.
  - Goal is to present on the “Evolution of Stroke Care” within our region at the 2024 ISC and highlight gaps to increase transparency and performance improvement

- 2023 Stroke Bootcamp
  - A meeting is being scheduled to begin planning this event for the Fall 2023
  - The bootcamp will be held for data abstractors and stroke coordinators

**Cardiac Committee** - The Medical Director is Dr. James McCarthy. Dr. Kevin Schulz serves as Committee Chair with David Bernard and Dr. Leslie Osborn serving as Vice Chairs. This committee meets quarterly and met on 1.27.2023. The next Committee meeting will be held on 4.28.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

- A meeting was held on 3.22.2023 with the Cardiac Committee leaders to develop new committee goals, to include:
  - Increased regional data submission compliance
  - Increased meeting attendance and participation
  - Education for the community and partnering organizations
- The Regional Cardiac Plan is in development and will be presented at the next Cardiac Committee meeting for approval before requesting Board approval. A pediatric section of the regional plan will be developed in collaboration with the Pediatric Committee leaders and will be included as an addendum to the plan. Current components of the Regional Cardiac Plan include:
  - Data submission and meeting participation requirements to remain a member in good standing and maintain PCI status on EMResource and SETRAC's Cardiac webpage
  - Requirement to provide case feedback to EMS
  - Responsibilities of the Medical Director position
- NCDR Chest Pain-MI Registry: Pending signed agreements
  - Patient level data, not to include PHI, will be available once access is obtained
  - Data will be used to meet the data requirements of the RAC self-assessment tool, as well as assist in formulating data driven goals
- A hands-only CPR & STB community event is in the planning phase
  - Zip code data from the Texas CARES registry will be used for targeted education
  - Telecommunicator/911 dispatcher hands-only CPR education will be planned

**Perinatal Committee** – The Medical Director is Dr. David Weisoly. Dr. Elizabeth Eason serves as Committee Chair with Kendra Folh and Marty Delaney serving as Vice Chairs. The last meeting was held in-person at the SETRAC Conference Center on 3.8.2023. The next meeting will be held in person on 6.14.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

- The Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB)
  - This group is focusing on recognition and response to postpartum preeclampsia in the Emergency Department (PPED). Many hospitals from our region have enrolled in the project. The goal is to obtain baseline data and increase the treatment of patients by 50%
  - This group also focuses on improving newborn admission temperatures. RAC Q has strong participation in this project with 76% of our hospitals enrolled.
- Maternal Morbidity & Mortality Workgroup Focuses:
  - The new Maternal Rules and House Bill 1164 Placenta Accreta Spectrum Disorder. Every hospital must be in compliance with the bill. The toolkit and appendices were sent out to stakeholders for awareness. Open Q&A sessions are held during this workgroup's meetings to address questions related to the maternal rules
  - This group is encouraging all hospitals and clinics to look at the overall treatment of patients to see if we are identifying and diagnosing the conditions as early as possible. This can aide in positively changing the racial and ethnic disparities among Black and Hispanic patients that lead to increased mortality rate.
- Infant Morbidity & Mortality Workgroup Focuses:
  - The new Neonatal Rules will be applied to hospitals in June 2023. Open Q&A sessions are held during this workgroup's meetings to address questions related to the neonatal rules

- A list of QAPI triggers is being developed that all hospitals will be encouraged to follow as a way of quality improvement and tracking. Current practices are being reviewed to ensure regional best practices are utilized
- Perinatal Planning Workgroup Focuses:
  - Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP): Training for EMS
    - Class scheduled on 3.29.2023 at Fort Bend Fire and EMS. 17 NRP instructors throughout the region have volunteered their time to teach our EMS partners
  - This group will begin focusing on ensuring bed reporting is accurate for disaster preparedness
- Perinatal Quality Improvement Workgroup Focuses:
  - A SETRAC Perinatal Data Collection Survey was distributed via the perinatal list serve to identify barriers to the data collection process and reach out to data collectors who may need assistance. The goal is to increase timely data submissions
  - Hospital CEO reports are being developed to assist hospital staff in engaging with C-suite to identify needs.
  - Breastmilk at Discharge Project:
    - Project Aim: By January 1, 2024, 75% of all NICU babies will discharge on mother's own milk. According to the Q1-Q4 2022 data, the region is currently at 68.1%.
    - Project Aim: By January 1, 2024, 55% of all VLBW babies will discharge on mother's own milk. According to the Q1-Q4 2022 data, the region is currently at 51%.
    - SETRAC presented awards to all hospitals that had overall improvement of VLBW and/or NICU infants discharging on mother's own milk
    - Neonatal designated facilities share their best practices at each meeting
  - Antibiotic Timeliness Project:
    - The initial project goal was to achieve  $\leq 31\%$  of babies receiving antibiotics more than one hour after order or birth. The latest data reflects the region is down to 24.8%. The goal for Jan 2024 is now 20%.
    - The "Beat the Clock" initiative was adopted to decrease the percent of NICU infants receiving antibiotics in the first week of life more than 1 hour after order/birth
- Neonatal and Maternal Program Manager Collaborative:
  - This group ensures regional neonatal and maternal program managers and medical directors are abreast of the Texas Administrative Code

**Trauma Committee** – The Medical Director is Dr. Michelle McNutt. Dr. Chad Wilson serves as Committee Chair with LeAnne Young and Adam Fitzhenry serving as Vice Chairs. The committee met on 3.2.2023. The next meeting will be held on 5.4.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

- Trauma Rules
  - The new trauma rules are currently scheduled to be posted for final public comment on 7.21.2023, for 30 days. A meeting has been scheduled at SETRAC on 7.25.2023, for stakeholders to review the final revision and make public comment or obtain clarification as needed.
- Pre-Hospital Data Registry
  - The committee leaders are working to finalize trauma metrics to be provided by EMS based on feedback from our trauma stakeholders
- Trauma | Injury Prevention | Pediatrics Collaboration
  - A group has been formed between the Injury Prevention, Pediatrics, and Trauma Committee leaders to discuss the increase in pediatric firearm injuries. See Pediatric Committee update
- Trauma Education
  - A trauma registrar workshop date has been set for 5.26.2023. This workshop will be held to educate trauma registrars and program managers on coding, the "why" of data submission, TQIP basics for all levels, specifically level III facilities, injury prevention, and more. The next planning meeting is scheduled for 4.21.23



- Tourniquet Usage
  - SETRAC currently leads the state in collection of tourniquet data. Based on feedback from GETAC, the focus may shift toward bleeding control versus tourniquet usage. SETRAC will follow the updates regarding this change.
- Trauma and Law Enforcement Collaboration
  - A meeting will be scheduled between Chris Collier and law enforcement to increase their overall understanding of trauma center designations, what each designation level means, and the services that each level can provide
- Heat Map Project
  - Grace Farquhar has developed an interactive heat map allowing users to review the top mechanisms of injury by county for counties with five or more occurrences, to include falls, MVC, firearm, struck by/against, and cut/pierce.
  - The patient level data will be used to aide in positive change in specific areas within the region through community outreach and education
- Stop the Bleed Subcommittee
  - New lead, Laura Vaughn with Ben Taub, is working with Katherine Samuel and Suzanne Curran to hold STB classes. The subcommittee has divided the region into quadrants to aid in establishing instructor assignment areas.

**Pediatrics Committee** – The Medical Director is Dr. Brent Kaziny. Dr. Nichole Davis serves as Committee Chair with Andre Ruby and Eric Parmley serving as Vice Chairs. The committee met on 2.9.2023. The next meeting will be held on 4.13.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

- 2023 Committee Focuses:
  - A group has been formed between the Injury Prevention, Pediatrics, and Trauma Committee leaders to discuss the increase in pediatric firearm injuries, based on the regional pediatric trauma data, in our region from 2.9% in Q1-Q4 2021 to 4.1% in Q1-Q2 2022. Currently, the region is at 3.4% for Q1-Q3 2022.
    - Regional firearm data from the trauma registry will be review by age, injury zip code, and intent (assault, self-inflicted, undetermined, or unintentional)
    - A heat map may be developed to identify injury “hot spots”
    - EMS data is needed to drill down and develop measurable actions
- ASPR Grant Award: Pediatric Disaster Care Center of Excellence
  - The inaugural G7 planning meeting occurred on 3.2.2023. Lori Upton, CEO, attended the collaborative meeting
- Collaboration with all SETRAC Committees
  - Stop The Bleed (STB) Subcommittee representatives presented an overview of the program on 2.9.2023, to include the history and planned future of the STB program
  - Representatives from the Injury Prevention Committee will present on pediatric injury prevention efforts on 4.13.2023

**Injury Prevention Committee** – The Medical Director is Dr. Lars Thestrup. Dr. Anthony Arredondo will serve as the Committee Chair, until his term expires in May 2023, with Kristen Beckworth and Kacey Sammons serving as Vice Chairs. The committee met on 2.9.2023. The next meeting will be held on 4.13.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

- An election will be held in April for this committee
  - The physician representative term expires May 2023
  - Kristen Beckworth has volunteered to Chair committee, if uncontested
- Collaboration with Trauma & Peds Committees
  - Focus on pediatric firearm injuries based on regional trauma data

- Driver/Pedestrian Safety: Regional MVC data available
  - Distracted Driving | Impaired Driving | Seat Belts
  - Houston Tran Star: “It’s Only A White Line” Campaign
- CarFit for Seniors: Education on twelve different points on car safety to include, steering wheel tilt, car position, mirror position, etc.
- Car Seat Safety
  - Partnership with Safe Kids
- Suicide Prevention in Teens and Older Adults
  - Data driven initiative

#### **Falls Prevention Workgroup Focuses**

- Deliverables were established for the Tai Chi Fall Prevention Program. Approved by IP Committee on 2.9.2023 and are listed below:
  - Provide certification of completion within 60 days of completing instructor course
  - Provide copy of marketing item(s) used to promote one Tai Chi class in the community within 3 months of starting community class
  - Provide copy of attendance roster for one Tai Chi class within 30 days of community class completion
- Regional Fall Prevention Event during September, Fall Prevention Awareness Month
  - Include nursing, EMS, and pharmacy
- SETRAC branded fall prevention presentation for 55+ community in collaboration with participating hospital systems

#### **Firearm Safety Workgroup Focuses**

- Living firearm safety resource guide with educational materials, speakers/content experts, cable locks, etc.
  - Committee approved go live 2/9/2023 <https://forms.gle/74hoMQMYQ2cLagFy8>
  - SETRAC will manage the resources within the guide and post on the website
- Partnership with Dr. Sandra McKay for Firearm Storage Map project
  - Dr. McKay is looking for a long-term housing solution for the storage map data. SETRAC may be able to assist in housing this data.

#### **Water Safety Workgroup Focuses**

- This is an Ad Hoc workgroup that meets ahead of the summer months. May is National Water Safety Month. The workgroup aims to reduce the number of drownings by:
  - Providing water safety education to apartment complexes and HOAs
  - Collaborations with Safe States and other community organizations
  - Establishing pool watcher programs with stakeholders and community partners

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## **Pre-Hospital / EMS Committee Update - April 2023**

### **Clayton Ehrlich – EMS Coordinator**

The Medical Director is Dr. Lesley Osborn. Chief Kevin Leverage serves as the Committee Chair with Dr. Joseph Gill and Jason Gander serving as Vice Chairs. The committee met on 3.17.2023. The next meeting will be held on 5.19.2023. The main focuses of the committee include:

#### **EMS Workforce Development Initiative (Senate Bill 8)**

- SETRAC staff have created a page on the website for EMS Education. The page gives information as well as a link for potential recipients to complete some basic information prior to receiving an application to apply.
- There has been 500+ entries from individuals requesting information on applying. We have awarded 42 applications for a total of \$254,561, and currently have 11 in progress.

#### **88<sup>th</sup> Legislative EMS Update**

- The committee went over a variety of proposed legislation from both the House and Senate bills which all have the potential to affect EMS providers in some fashion if passed. There are around 60 bills in total. Updates will be pushed out to the providers as needed.

#### **EMS Wristband Initiative**

- SETRAC has not implemented the EMS Wristband Initiative and our trial usage is on pause until our hospitals have the ability to capture the band number and training has been completed. Once the hospitals are ready to start receiving bands, we will start a trial period while the EMS agencies adopt their own procedures.

#### **EMS Data**

- The EMS committee is working to hold its first EMS Data workgroup meeting to support the other clinical committees as they develop a set of data points each respective committee would like to see from EMS providers.
- The goal of the group is to see what data is commonly being collected utilizing the NEMSIS data sets to produce reports for each clinical discipline. The end goal would be to make sure we are making accurate data driven decisions on guidelines and practices.

#### **Regional Quality of Care**

- The committee has addressed a variety of topics and has encouraged members to attend other SETRAC committee meetings and encouraged those members to attend our meetings (stroke, trauma, injury prevention, cardiac, etc.).
- The committee received a presentation from HCA Houston Cypress – Level 4 Trauma designation and available services, as well as case presentation from Baylor St. Luke's / HFD on two cardiac cases.