



# MINUTES

## EMS Operations Committee

Date | time 5/22/2017 9:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Cody Winniford

### In Attendance

(CC) = via conference call

Jeff Booker, BFD	Justin Bright, Air Evac 66 (CC)	Cassie Campbell, McLane Children's
Kayla Cehad, McLane Children's	Glenn Gallenstein, HHFD (CC)	Elizabeth Hicks, Acadian
Jeffrey Mincy, CMEMS	Taylor Ratcliff, S&W (CC)	Fred Reed, CRDAMC EMS
James Chambers, KFD	Phil Ward, PHI/Moffatt VFD	Cody Winniford, S&W EMS
Charles Young, Holland/LR/Bartlett (CC)	Gary Young, CCFD (CC)	

**Guests:** None

**CTRAC Staff:** Jennifer Henager

### Call to Order and Introductions

Cody Winniford called the meeting to order at 09:02 am and began introductions.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 2017 minutes as presented made by Gary Young, seconded by Glenn Gallenstein.  
Motion carried.

### Update from State Meetings

The Education Committee is working with the Medical Directors Committee on lack of paramedic training in rural areas. There was a lot of discussion about creating a hybrid training program with classroom time online and the skills time in person. The EMS assistance bill is going to the Senate today. The Cardiac Committee is looking at some public education options to encourage the public to call 911 instead of self-presenting to an Emergency Department.

### Old Business

- A. EMS Delays (Supervisor calls?): Jennifer reported that the request made to the Hospital Care/Performance Improvement Committee was denied. If there are issues with delays in the region, please contact Dr. Taylor Ratcliff. Jeff Mincy will send Jennifer an opinion paper from CMS regarding EMS wait times.
- B. EMS/County Grant: Jennifer reminded all agencies that reimbursement requests are due no later than July 14<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer recently emailed all agencies with amounts outstanding.
- C. Triage System Workgroup Update: The test went well. The main EMS related issues were regarding short reports to hospital (hospitals not prepared to receive short reports) and not providing patient critical information (i.e. CPR in progress). A lessons learned document will be provided after Jennifer and Joy Worsdale go through the triage tags and EMTrack for any gaps. The next test will begin at 7am on August 1<sup>st</sup> running 24 hours.

- D. Education Workgroup Update: The workgroup is looking to identify a couple of individuals for peer review of objectives. Jennifer will request the receipt of all objectives by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer is also pursuing receipt of some donations to cover any expenses so attendees can participate at no cost.
- E. Pre-Designated LZs Update: Jennifer will collect all data from Phil Ward & Justin Bright for master list and identify any gaps of information.
- F. Car Seat Request from McLane Children's: Cassie Campbell and Kayla Cehand requested that if a child is transported from any location (scene, home, etc.) to please bring the car seat or to request the parent to start making arrangements to have it delivered to the hospital. Even if the child is involved in a motor vehicle crash, bring seat anyway and the certified car seat technician can determine safety for reuse. Currently, a Skype system between McLane's and Memorial is being set up to make it easier for a child to be transported to McLane and parent to go to Memorial requiring separating. The group discussed the potential for destination drop off rules for dropping off patients at 2 different locations. Dr. Taylor Ratcliff requested McLane's develop a PowerPoint to review the new skype system so it can be sent to providers.

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## New Business

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- A. Participation Requirements: Jennifer reported that all agency participation requirements are outlined in CTRAC's Bylaws. Please contact her if there are any questions.
- B. Funding: Between the EMS/County Regional Project funding and the Local Projects funding the group would like to investigate the cost of an advanced airway mannequin. Jeff Mincy will look into pricing for both high and low fidelity mannequins. In the interim, please contact Jeff to borrow one.

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## Special Populations

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Elizabeth reported that the bill regarding law enforcement's ability to hand off a patient to EMS is not going to make it out of legislation. Cody reported that S&W is working on a Community Paramedic program for congestive heart failure. 89% of referred patients are outside of the current coverage area. The staff are not traveling in an ambulance but instead by car. The cost savings need to show the viability of the program before S&W can partner with 911. S&W and Coryell EMS provide feedback on pilot programs.

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## Aero Medical

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Jennifer shared that the GETAC Air Medical Committee is looking at putting together a list of suggested PI elements to gather at the RAC level. There is a PI Stakeholder meeting on Wednesday at noon to discuss what CTRAC wants to look at as a whole.

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## EMTF

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EMTF-7 is planning to move into the S&W West Campus warehouse in July.

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## Upcoming training and events

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- Flier for EMS Evaluation Conference in Conroe provided
- FPC/CFRN Course June 30 – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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## Other Announcements, General Discussion, etc.

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- Legislative update – Jeff Mincy reported that all EMS bills are being heard in the next couple of days. HB1407 regarding an EMS assistance program is being heard today. The gun bill with government mandate to allow government employees to carry but allow agency to place stipulations may pass the senate and go

to Governor. The replacement of the Driver Responsibility Program funding is HB2068. The Ghostbuster bill passed. This bill is not intended for training ambulance. The Interstate compact has been signed which will allow for agencies to cross state lines and operate under home state license. Texting and driving bill passed and going to the Governor. SB2 regarding balanced billing has passed. Ground EMS was excluded from the bill. The fuel tax relief died due to lack of action.

- Fred Reed thanked all that participating in the Fort Hood full scale exercise. The next exercise will be in May 2018 with the potential scenario being multiple IEDs in the region (on and off post).

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## Next Meeting

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7/24/2017 9:00 AM, CTCOG Conference Room A1

Meeting adjourned without incident.