

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council
 (BVRAC)
 Annual Report
 Report Form
 September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019

An annual report is to be submitted to DSHS, Office of EMS/Trauma Systems no later than October 15, 2019. The annual report will cover the past fiscal year (September 1, 2018 thru August 31, 2019), as stipulated in the Tobacco RAC Contract. Additional information may also be entered or submitted as an attachment to this report.

RAC	Brazos Valley Reginal Advisory Council	
Report Period	FROM: 9.1.18	TO: 8.31.19

1. On a separate form (Attachment A) provide current information for RAC Officers and Executive Committee/Board as of September 1st.
2. Needs Assessments (*Provide a narrative paragraph describing how needs were identified. Give details outlining the decision-making strategy the RAC used to meet identified needs and identify patterns of regional resource distribution. For example, what kind of equipment was allocated to whom, and for what purpose? What were the number topics and attendees of education/training events? How were they evaluated? Using a table like the one shown below may assist in this process.*)

The Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (BVRAC) identifies and assesses regional needs through three functional methods; The Board of Directors, Committees, and the General Membership. Those needs are prioritized to meet BVRAC's goals then approved in accordance with the BVRAC by-laws. Education and training continue to be the primary goal which enables a greater use of funds and makes the greatest impact in support of the region. These dedicated funds cover agency/organizational members to attend conferences, provide specialty skills training, and attend meetings for collaboration at jurisdictional, regional, and state levels. The RAC partially and fully funds educational opportunities for members to maximize the limited available funding. Those trained personnel are then able to easily share the best practices and lessons learned with the RAC membership and staff in their facilities along with utilizing the new information to achieve better patient outcomes. Injury Prevention and Stroke programs are also considered paramount in priority in order to provide safety information to the public for reducing the frequency of accidental injuries and increase stroke awareness response times. BVRAC is unique in that all committees share identified needs in an approach to initiate joint efforts to solutions, build common goals, and obtain valued input from different subject matter expert perspectives.

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Identified Need	Targeted Beneficiary (EMS/Hospital)	How Were These Needs Met?
Education/Training	EMS/Hospital	Stroke Symposium (May 16, 2019)-Hosted annually, this symposium promotes stroke education throughout the continuum of care. Over 220 registered for the event.
Education/Training	EMS/Hospital	GETAC Meetings-These meetings are designed to promote, develop, and maintain a comprehensive EMS/Trauma System Plan. (1 person in attendance representing BVRAC)
Education/Training	EMS/Hospital	SCRN Review 16 hour Course (instructor services to conduct course)
Education/Training	EMS	Texas EMS Conference for two personnel in Fort Worth, TX
Equipment/Training	EMS/Hospital/ISDs	Continuation Project: Basic Hemorrhage Control Training Kits X2 (“Stop the Bleed”) including tourniquets, roll gauze, trauma shears, gloves-Hospital joint partnerships teach the school districts on Bleed Control to students, faculty, and teachers. (part of the B-Con initiative) Over 155 personnel received training during 7 certified RAC events with just two primary instructors alone.
Supplies/Training	EMS/Hospital/ISD	Continuation Project: Basic Hemorrhage Control kits (269) were purchase to support the Stop The Bleed initiative. These kits are issued to designated personnel once B-Con training has been completed.
Education/Training	EMS	Eagles Conference-A member attended the Eagles Conference. EMS directors share information on a variety of topics and issues relevant to the EMS field.
Education/Training	Staff	Partial funding for (1) staff to attend the Preparedness Symposium Oct 24-26, 2018
Equipment/Training	EMS/Hospitals	Continuation Project: Rescue Pumps-BVRAC purchased 9 Rescue Pumps to support Pre-Hospital initiative. ZOLL provided a Rescue Pod and Therapy System

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		overview to show how to increase the survival rate at receiving hospitals. Funding was combined with LPG funding to complete the project
Education/Training	EMS	Pinnacle EMS Conference- Conference presents educational information about leadership, critical care techniques, updates and clinical procedures for optimal patient care.
Education/Training	Hospital/Private Sector	Continuation Project: BVRAC partners with Agrilife in providing training and infant car seats to families without the proper equipment. Sixteen cars seats were purchased.
Education/Training	EMS/Hospitals	BVRAC purchased a Newborn Anne by Laerdal to continue training with EMS provides on infant care.

3. Administrative/Operational & Clinical:

- a. How has the RAC identified all healthcare organizations in the region that might be involved in trauma, injury prevention, emergency healthcare, rehabilitation, and disaster management? What efforts did the RAC make to **maximize inclusion** of its constituents into the RAC to continue to develop an integrated trauma system?

The Brazos Valley Regional Council (BVRAC) is unique in its demographic and political boundaries which maintains a small number of providers and mirrors the boundaries of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG). This region contains six rural counties surrounding one urban county. This alignment allows for redundancy in information sharing about new healthcare organizations. New providers are approached at multiple levels for insertion into RAC through the direct contact approach with the Chair and Board, RAC staff and members, and with CATRAC as the HPP contractor. The RAC staff and Board regularly attend regional emergency preparedness, injury, prevention, HSAC, CJAC, VOAD, CERT, and other meetings to network with emergency services professionals and to encourage wider participation in the RAC. Freestanding ER's, non-designated hospitals, response entities have increased in BVRAC attendance and interest over the past reporting period.

- b. Summarize the need for and outcomes of specially called RAC meetings.

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No specially called RAC meetings during this period.

- c. Report any projected realignments of counties in trauma service area

No projected realignments of counties in TSA-N.

- d. Describe the RAC's role with facilities within the trauma service area prior to or during trauma center designations/re-designations that occurred within past twelve months. You may also describe the RAC's role with facilities outside the trauma service area, if applicable.

Change: The College Station Medical (CSMC) is now affiliated with CHI St. Joseph Health. CSMC will now be CHI St. Joseph Health College Station Hospital.

BVRAC will support facilities in designations or re-designations in addition to provide support as needed. This includes, but is not limited to attending trauma surveys, providing written documentation of attendance at RAC meetings, and supporting members with potential deficiencies through networking and other trauma resources. The newest assistance is providing support to hospitals seeking perinatal designations. BVRAC does not have a role within any trauma centers outside of the service area.

- e. Describe how the RAC administratively and operationally contributed to and participated in Injury Prevention initiatives within past twelve months. ***(Please provide a brief summary of all injury prevention activities describing the RAC's level of involvement.)***

BVRAC's Injury Prevention committee focused on two continuation projects over the reporting period. These projects consisted of the "Stop The Bleed" and partnering with Agrilife on the infant car seat program. Based on the increased volume and legislative directives, the committee purchased two additional small training kits and 269 hemorrhage control kits for implementing into the region. BVRAC trainers consist of representatives from the region's hospitals and EMS providers who jointly coordinate and conduct training to Independent School Districts (ISDs), Law Enforcement, VOADs, and or others who need the training. The next fiscal cycle, this training team have already scheduled classes with the major high schools in Brazos County. The other project consist of purchasing 16 infant car seats to assist a perinatal facility. This facility assists families in learning the proper use of car seats and ensuring new mothers have a seat to protect their newest family member form harm. This project is anticipated to continue for the near future.

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Of note, all committees collaborate in supporting each other initiatives and partner together to ensure the greatest positive effects for the region.

- f. Describe the most significant findings of the RAC's SQI/Performance Improvement Committee within past twelve months. **What changed as a result of that/those findings?**

The SQI/Performance Improvement is an all-hands participation during General Assembly meetings. Each meeting, case studies and specified info briefs are provided to develop continued strategies and increase regional awareness. Topics include Mental Health transports (inclusion and exclusion for patients), infant fall case study (procedures and communication where key areas identified for improvement), air transport protocols (improve air auto lift criteria and once committed, let flight crew determine use of transport to be air or ground) and other topics captured in each BVRAC General Assembly minutes.

- g. To what degree were physicians in the trauma service area involved in the resolution of adverse patient care findings identified by the RAC's SQI/Performance Improvement Committee.

The SQI/Performance Improvement committee is chaired by physicians who meet regularly with peers. Physicians collaborate outside of RAC meetings to identify trends and improve standards of care. Once analysis has been complete led, findings are presented to General Assembly.

- h. Describe activities the RAC was involved in that assisted or encouraged EMS and FRO participation in the RAC within past fiscal year (e.g. teleconferencing, video/conference calls, etc.).

Physical attendance is highly encouraged for each RAC member although video/conference calling and teleconferencing capabilities are available to RAC members who may be unable to physically attend a meeting. An up-to-date participation roster is included in each monthly meeting packet to keep members abreast of their attendance record. Reminders to RAC members are sent through electronic transmission twice before each meeting to encourage participation. Also, local trainings, conferences, drills, and other events are promoted or sponsored by the RAC are advertised electronically through media and by sharing information through criminal justice, homeland security, emergency management, injury prevention, etc. to encourage participation. Special events are promoted and advertised throughout the region on the RAC website. The areas which draw the most participation are the educational opportunities provided by the RAC. The RAC promotes and sponsors events

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throughout the year to encourage member participation and grow membership through word of mouth. (no change)

- i. Identify problems or areas of concern identified in past twelve months adversely impacting RAC operations.

RAC sustainability funding is always a concern. BVRAC is one of the smallest RACs and with any decrease in funding would significantly hamper the ability for cohesion throughout the region. Having set rules and conditions bring all parties together under one roof for joint solutions. Without a RAC, regions would suffer in cost saving collaborative efforts, information sharing best practices and trainings, but more importantly, a reduction in standards of care.

4. Is the information identified on Texas Secretary of State/Comptroller of Public Accounts (<https://ourcpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/Index.html>) website current? If not, what actions have been taken to ensure Certification of Franchise Tax Account Status (Registered Agent/Office) is current with the Texas Secretary of State/Comptroller of Public Accounts?

Yes, current.

5. Summarize any issues/concerns that occurred in past twelve months that required technical assistance from the Office of EMS/Trauma System Coordination Group.

None identified.

6. What method will the RAC utilize to ensure member organizations receive a copy of this Annual Report?

The annual report is made available to members either electronically or in hard copy by request. The BVRAC Board reviews the Annual Report and highlights are discussed during General Assembly meetings and posted on the website.

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RAC Vice Chair

10.11.19
Date Submitted

Complete and attach to the Annual Report the following:

Attachment A – Officers/Board Members

Attachment B – Annual Bylaws Affidavit

Attachment C – Annual Regional Trauma System Plan Affidavit

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Attachment A
Officers/Board Members

Name	Office/Board Position	Term	Affiliation	Telephone	Email
Billy Rice	Chair	3rd	CHI St. Joseph EMS	979-774-2119	billyr@st-joseph.org
Amanda Lugar	Vice Chair	2 nd	CAPROCK	979-314-2323	alugarrn@gmail.com
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Patti Parks	Treasurer	1st	Baylor Scott & White-Brenham	979-337-5200	patti.parks@bswhealth.org
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Dr. Vincent Ohaju	Physicians/Systems QI	2 nd	CHI St. Joseph Regional	979-776-4917	vincent.ohaju@st-joseph.org
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Cory Mathews	DEPC/BVHCC	3 rd	Bryan Fire Dept.	979-209-5989	cmathews@bryantx.gov
Bryan Ruemke	EMC At Large	2 nd	Washington County OEM	979-353-7683	bruemke@wacounty.com
Dr. Daniel Dawson	Perinatal	1st	CHI St. Joseph Regional	979.595.7057	dawsond@usacs.com

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ANNUAL BYLAWS AFFIDAVIT
Attachment B

The RAC shall document an annual review of its bylaws. (§ Rule 157.123: Essential Criteria Defined. A.12)

RAC NAME: Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council has completed an annual review and/or revision of the RAC's Bylaws with a documented date of and ratified by member organizations on _____.

Is a current copy of the RAC's bylaws available for review on the RAC's web site?
 YES NO

If NO, is a copy is attached to this report?
 YES NO

A page summarizing revisions/additions made to the bylaws this contract reporting year is attached to this report.
 YES NO



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ANNUAL REGIONAL TRAUMA SYSTEM PLAN AFFIDAVIT
Attachment C

The RAC shall document an annual review of regional EMS/trauma system plan. (§ Rule 157.123: Essential Criteria Defined. A.12)

RAC NAME: Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council has completed an annual review and/or revision of the RAC's regional trauma system plan with a documented date of and ratified by approval from member organizations on August 1, 2019.

Each essential component of the plan has a revision date of:

COMPONENT	DATE
Access to the System	8.1.19
Communication	8.1.19
Medical Oversight	8.1.19
Pre-hospital Triage Criteria	8.1.19
Diversion Policies	8.1.19
Bypass Protocols	8.1.19
Regional Medical Control	8.1.19
Facility Triage Criteria	8.1.19
Inter-hospital Transfers	8.1.19
Designation of Trauma Facilities, Planning for	8.1.19
Performance Improvement	8.1.19
Regional Trauma Treatment Protocols	8.1.19
Regional Helicopter Activation Protocols	8.1.19
Injury Prevention	8.1.19

Is a current copy of the RAC's regional trauma system plan available for review on the RAC's web site?

YES NO

If NO, has one has been attached with this report?

YES NO

A page summarizing revisions/additions made to the regional trauma system plan this contract reporting year is attached to this report.

YES NO



Vice Chair

10.11.19
Date