



**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council  
General Assembly Meeting  
June 6, 2024**

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# AGENDA

## Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council

### General Assembly

1:00 JUNE 6, 2024

In Person and Virtual

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of General Assembly's April 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- IV. Financial Report**
- V. Executive Director Report**
- VI. Discussion and/or Action Items**
  - A. Discussion of nominations for BVRAC Chair and Secretary
  - B. Discussion of and possible action regarding EMS RAC Budget.
  - C. Discussion and possible action regarding remaining Amendment 1 funds and Policy Letter.
  - D. Discussion of RAC Symposium
  - E. Discussion of RAC Performance Criteria and Self-Assessment.
- VII. Committee Updates**
  - A. Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee (Bryan Ruemke)
  - B. Education (Adam Gallagher)
  - C. Pre-Hospital (Kevin Deramus)
  - D. Hospital Care and Management/ Acute Care (Lori Porter)
  - E. Stroke (Amy Plotts)
  - F. System QI/Physician's Advisory
  - G. Injury Prevention (Brandi Mendoza)
  - H. Perinatal (Dr. Brading)
- VIII. Open Forum**
- IX. Important Dates**
  - A. General Assembly Meeting August 1, 2024
- X. Adjourn**

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**Minutes**  
**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**  
**General Assembly Meeting – In Person and Zoom Call**  
 APRIL 4, 2024 1:00 P.M.  
 CENTER FOR REGIONAL SERVICES BUILDING  
 3991 E. 29<sup>TH</sup> ST. BRYAN TX 77802

**Members Present (Attendance Taken by Agency)**

| <b><u>Agency/Organization</u></b>                 | <b><u>Absent or Present</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>HOSPITALS</b>                                  |                                 |
| Baylor Scott & White - Brenham                    | Present                         |
| Baylor Scott & White – College Station            | Present                         |
| CAPROCK Emergency                                 | Present                         |
| CHI St. Joseph Health - Burleson                  | Present                         |
| CHI St. Joseph – College Station                  | Present                         |
| CHI St. Joseph Health - Grimes                    | Present                         |
| CHI St. Joseph Health – Madison                   | Present                         |
| CHI St. Joseph Health – Regional                  | Present                         |
| Encompass Health                                  | Present                         |
| The Physicians Centre                             | Absent                          |
| Promises Brazos Valley                            | Absent                          |
| SignatureCare                                     | Absent                          |
| <b>EMS AGENCIES</b>                               |                                 |
| Bryan Fire Department                             | Present                         |
| CHI St. Joseph EMS                                | Present                         |
| College Station Fire Department                   | Present                         |
| Hilltop Lakes VFD                                 | Present                         |
| Jewett EMS                                        | Present                         |
| Prudence EMS                                      | Absent                          |
| Robertson County EMS                              | Present                         |
| St. Joseph Air Med 12                             | Present                         |
| Texas A&M University EMS                          | Present                         |
| Washington County EMS                             | Present                         |
| <b>FRO's/COLLEGES/OTHER INSTITUTIONS</b>          |                                 |
| Blinn College                                     | Present                         |
| Brazos County ESD 2                               | Absent                          |
| Brazos County Health District                     | Present                         |
| Bryan ISD                                         | Absent                          |
| Washington County OEM                             | Present                         |
| <b>Emergency Management / EMCs</b>                |                                 |
| Herman Iles, CATRAC                               | Present                         |
| Michelle Meade, Brazos County OEM                 | Present                         |
| <b>GUESTS</b>                                     |                                 |
| Dr. Matt Bludorn, CHI College Station             | Present                         |
| Connie Bryant, HCA-GCD                            | Present                         |
| Dr. Mystan Gurkin, Baylor Scott & White – Brenham | Present                         |
| J. Travis, Hilltop Lakes VFD                      | Present                         |
| Beverly Welch, CHI St Joseph                      | Present                         |

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| <b>OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF</b> |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Lori Porter                         | Present |
| John Heritage                       | Present |
| Rebecca Hill                        | Present |

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M. by Chairman Rice.
- II. Introductions:** General Assembly conducted self-introductions.
- III. Presentation- Update on CHI Bryan from Beverly Welch** – Ms. Welch shared the anticipated changes at CHI Bryan that will move the facility from a Level II to a Level III facility. There are a few things that still must be done but the anticipated official change in level will occur May 1<sup>st</sup>. The changes that involve patient care are:
- Operating Room Availability – OR will be covered from 7:00 am - 11:00 pm. Then staff will be on call and able to respond within 30 minutes. Will need the earliest notification possible from EMS in the field.
  - Anesthesia Services – Anesthesia services will be part of the OR activation and have the same hours as OR staff.
- Staff reviewed hospital data and most trauma patients (99%) come to the ER between the hours of 7:00 am – 11:00 pm so the changes will not affect the majority of patients. These changes allow surgeons and anesthesiologists to stay with family instead of sleeping in the hospital. There will be an official notification to the RAC once this change has been formally made.
- IV. Approval of February 1, 2024 Minutes:** Members present reviewed the minutes from February 1, 2024. Mr. Giles motioned to approve the February 1, 2024 minutes. Mr. Deramus seconded; motion carried.
- V. Financial Report:** An adjustment to the EMS RAC budget was approved by the BVRAC Board this morning. The adjustment shifted the budget amounts with Education and Acute Care to address the overages. The other areas of the budget have been updated to reflect the current charges and expenditures.
- Ms. Johse made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Ms. Condrey seconded; motion carried.
- VI. Executive Directors Report** – Report covered in other areas of agenda.
- VII. Discussion and/or Action Items**
- A. Discussion and possible action regarding FTEP course** – The original plan of having a train the trainer course in the region is not an option so the next idea is to

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offer another course to agency members in the region. The last week of June is the anticipated course date. Spots will be distributed to all agencies. Ms. Johse made a motion to approve paying \$9,000 towards the FTEP course. Ms. Mendoza seconded; motion carried.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding Senate Bill 8 Allocations** – March 31<sup>st</sup> is the final date to submit name and application to utilize allocation. Funds will be available to any agency on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Discussion of RAC Performance Criteria and Self-Assessment** – Discussion needs to be continued with this. This is not due for some time but BVRAC will turn the assessment in early in the process.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

- A. Disaster/Emergency Preparedness (Bryan Ruemke):** There was a lengthy discussion on finances at the HPP meeting today. Some steps were also identified that the region and CATRAC should take moving forward in this discussion. Chairman Rice stated that a letter should be written to the CATRAC Board that lists the bullet points from the meeting. Important dates for providers in the region include:
  - 1. Chili fest – April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Solar Eclipse – April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 3. MS 150 – April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 4. MRSE Exercise – April 26<sup>th</sup>
- B. Education (Adam Gallagher):** The FTEP course will be scheduled for late June. AirMed 12 symposium is May 21<sup>st</sup> and registration is open. Stop the Bleed training will be provided to Anderson ISD. One or two more instructors would not hurt if anyone is available.
- C. Pre-Hospital (Kevin Deramus):** EMS group meets once a month outside of this meeting. The group discusses Pulsara issues and Senate Bill 8 funding as well as adjustments to the needs assessment for agencies in the region.

Chairperson Rice shared that the ESO/Pulsara integration was turned on for CHI EMS. This is very early in ESO's integration so there will be some changes and learning curves.

- D. Hospital Care and Management/ Acute Care (Lori Porter):** No Report.
- E. Stroke (Amy Plotts):** The spreadsheet for the VAN scores was displayed. There were some questions on data provided in the spreadsheet that will be taken to Ms. Plotts.
- F. System QI/Physician's Advisory (Wanda Dias):** Need a stubborn physician leader that wants to drive Systems QI. Ms. Parks said that there should be two people. There need to be quarterly meetings set up.
- G. Injury Prevention (Brandi Mendoza):** Ms. Mendoza attended a CarFit training course that would be a good service to provide to the region. If there is a Community Health Fair at BVCOG this year, that would be a good time to offer this service since the community will already be here and the parking lot can be used for the fittings. This is a service for mature adults to ensure their car is set up in the best way for safe driving.
- H. Perinatal (Dr. Brading):** No Report

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- IX. Open Forum** – The BVRAC Symposium is September 18<sup>th</sup>. A QR code was shared with the group to collect input from the group on speakers, vendors and other items related to the symposium. Please share this code with your facilities to help the committee get as much information as possible. The group asked about doing something other than t-shirts.

Mr. Leland shared a few important/big events happening on the A&M campus:

- April 20<sup>th</sup> 100,000 people on campus for the Spring Game, March the Brazos, and every sport is having a game that weekend.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Soccer Game at Kyle Field. Expecting some international visitors but most will be from the Texas triangle – expect roadways, hotels, and restaurants to be packed. Need to check with PSAPs to see if international numbers are supported. Automatic number identifier may not work.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – George Strait concert at Kyle Field
- During the week between the soccer game and concert, the George Bush Library will host several big events to honor what would have been George Bush's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

HCA Conroe is in pursuit of comprehensive stroke, and it is going very well.

Ms. Guerra stated that most have heard that Hilltop Lakes VFD Director passed away. If you send anything to his email, it will not be seen. A new email is being created and will share it soon with the group. If there is anything coming out that Hilltop needs to do, please let Ms. Guerra know.

Air Med 12 symposium on May 21<sup>st</sup>! Crawfish boil at the end. Be sure to dress comfortably!

**X. Important Dates**

- A. General Assembly Meeting June 6, 2024

- XI. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

**BVRAC Budget 01SEP23 to 31AUG24**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council

| Expense               | Category     | Budget               | Actual               | Difference (\$)      | Difference (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| RAC Systems Dev       | RAC Sys Dev  | \$ 50,390.00         | \$ 43,963.74         | \$ 6,426.26          | 13%            |
| EMS RAC               | EMS RAC      | \$ 36,566.00         | \$ 23,649.35         | \$ 12,916.65         | 35%            |
| EMS RAC (Amendment 1) | EMS RAC      | \$ 150,000.00        | \$ 87,791.44         | \$ 62,208.56         | 41%            |
| EMS County            | EMS County   | \$ 86,652.00         | \$ 86,652.00         | \$ -                 | 0%             |
| EMS County-SB 8       | EMS County   | \$ 373,687.11        | \$ 326,874.38        | \$ 46,812.73         | 13%            |
| Unrestricted          | Unrestricted | \$ 32,176.75         | \$ 20,160.60         | \$ 12,016.15         | 37%            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |              | <b>\$ 729,471.86</b> | <b>\$ 589,091.51</b> | <b>\$ 140,380.35</b> | <b>19.24%</b>  |

**BVRAC RAC System Development Budget 01SEP23 to 31AUG24**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (RAC Sys Dev \$50,390.00)

| Expense               | Category    | Budget              | Actual              | Difference (\$)    | Difference (%) |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Management            | RAC Sys Dev | \$ 50,390.00        | \$ 43,963.74        | \$ 6,426.26        | 13%            |
| Injury Prevention     | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               | -              |
| Acute Care/Hosp. Mgt. | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               | -              |
| Stroke/Cardiac        | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               | -              |
| Perinatal             | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               | -              |
| Other                 | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -               | -              |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |             | <b>\$ 50,390.00</b> | <b>\$ 43,963.74</b> | <b>\$ 6,426.26</b> | <b>12.75%</b>  |

**BVRAC EMS RAC Budget 01SEP23 to 31AUG24**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (EMS RAC \$36,566.00)

| Expense               | Category | Budget              | Actual              | Difference (\$)     | Difference (%) |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Management            | EMS RAC  | \$ 3,750.00         | \$ 2,928.78         | \$ 821.22           | 22%            |
| Education             | EMS RAC  | \$ 15,317.58        | \$ 15,317.58        | \$ -                | 0%             |
| Injury Prevention     | EMS RAC  | \$ 10,029.00        | \$ -                | \$ 10,029.00        | 100%           |
| Acute Care/Hosp. Mgt. | EMS RAC  | \$ 2,473.68         | \$ 2,473.68         | \$ -                | 0%             |
| Stroke/Cardiac        | EMS RAC  | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ -                | \$ 1,000.00         | 100%           |
| Perinatal             | EMS RAC  | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 1,152.86         | \$ 847.14           | 42%            |
| GETAC/TETAF           | EMS RAC  | \$ 1,679.74         | \$ 1,679.74         | \$ 0.00             | 0%             |
| Staff Travel          | EMS RAC  | \$ 316.00           | \$ 96.71            | \$ 219.29           | 69%            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |          | <b>\$ 36,566.00</b> | <b>\$ 23,649.35</b> | <b>\$ 12,916.65</b> | <b>35.32%</b>  |

**BVRAC EMS RAC - Amendment 1 Funds Budget 01SEP22 to 31DEC24**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (EMS RAC Amendment 1 \$150,000)

| Expense                   | Category    | Budget               | Actual              | Difference (\$)     | Difference (%) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Education / Training      | Amendment 1 | \$ 15,000.00         | \$ 1,600.76         | \$ 13,399.24        | 89%            |
| Bryan Fire Dept EMS       | Amendment 1 | \$ 4,006.14          | \$ -                | \$ 4,006.14         | 100%           |
| CHI St Joseph EMS         | Amendment 1 | \$ 39,154.03         | \$ 38,070.00        | \$ 1,084.03         | 3%             |
| College Station FD EMS    | Amendment 1 | \$ 4,006.14          | \$ 2,874.55         | \$ 1,131.59         | 28%            |
| Hilltop Lakes VFD EMS     | Amendment 1 | \$ 5,286.26          | \$ 2,710.14         | \$ 2,576.12         | 49%            |
| Jewett EMS                | Amendment 1 | \$ 5,286.26          | \$ -                | \$ 5,286.26         | 100%           |
| Robertson County EMS      | Amendment 1 | \$ 12,963.06         | \$ 12,963.04        | \$ 0.02             | 0%             |
| Texas A&M University EMS  | Amendment 1 | \$ 4,006.14          | \$ 3,686.95         | \$ 319.19           | 8%             |
| Washington County EMS     | Amendment 1 | \$ 10,291.97         | \$ 10,048.00        | \$ 243.97           | 2%             |
| Baylor Scott & Whitew Bre | Amendment 1 | \$ 6,250.00          | \$ 6,250.00         | \$ -                | 0%             |
| Baylor Scott & White CS   | Amendment 1 | \$ 12,500.00         | \$ 3,338.00         | \$ 9,162.00         | 73%            |
| CapRock                   | Amendment 1 | \$ 6,250.00          | \$ 6,250.00         | \$ -                | 0%             |
| CHI St Joseph CS          | Amendment 1 | \$ 6,250.00          | \$ -                | \$ 6,250.00         | 100%           |
| CHI St. Joseph Regional   | Amendment 1 | \$ 18,750.00         |                     | \$ 18,750.00        | 100%           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>     |             | <b>\$ 150,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 87,791.44</b> | <b>\$ 62,208.56</b> | <b>41.47%</b>  |



**BVRAC RAC EMS COUNTY 01SEP23 to 31AUG24**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (\$86,652.00)

| Expense                    | Category   | Budget              | Actual              | Difference (\$) | Difference (%) |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bryan Fire Dept EMS        | EMS County | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| CSFD EMS                   | EMS County | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| CHI ST Joseph EMS Brazos   | EMS County | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| CHI ST Joseph EMS Burleson | EMS County | \$ 10,382.00        | \$ 10,382.00        | \$ -            | 0%             |
| CHI ST Joseph EMS Grimes   | EMS County | \$ 12,693.00        | \$ 12,693.00        | \$ -            | 0%             |
| CHI ST Joseph EMS Leon     | EMS County | \$ 5,389.00         | \$ 5,389.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| CHI ST Joseph EMS Madison  | EMS County | \$ 7,367.00         | \$ 7,367.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| Hilltop Lake VFD EMS       | EMS County | \$ 5,389.00         | \$ 5,389.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| Jewett EMS                 | EMS County | \$ 5,389.00         | \$ 5,389.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| RCEMS                      | EMS County | \$ 13,215.00        | \$ 13,215.00        | \$ -            | 0%             |
| TAMU EMS                   | EMS County | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ 4,084.00         | \$ -            | 0%             |
| WCEMS                      | EMS County | \$ 10,492.00        | \$ 10,492.00        | \$ -            | 0%             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      |            | <b>\$ 86,652.00</b> | <b>\$ 86,652.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>   |

**BVRAC EMS County - SB 8 Budget 01SEP22 to 31DEC24**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (EMS County - SB 8 \$373,687.11)

| Expense                  | Category   | Budget               | Actual               | Difference (\$)     | Difference (%) |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Management (Admin)       | EMS County | \$ 60,000.00         | \$ 29,264.03         | \$ 30,735.97        | 51%            |
| Incentives               | EMS County | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                |                |
| Bryan Fire Dept EMS      | EMS County | \$ 37,858.79         | \$ 34,000.00         | \$ 3,858.79         | 10%            |
| CHI St Joseph EMS        | EMS County | \$ 108,167.97        | \$ 111,469.50        | \$ (3,301.53)       | -3%            |
| College Station FD EMS   | EMS County | \$ 43,267.19         | \$ 61,153.96         | \$ (17,886.77)      | -41%           |
| Hilltop Lakes VFD EMS    | EMS County | \$ 5,408.40          | \$ 3,292.07          | \$ 2,116.33         | 39%            |
| Jewett EMS               | EMS County | \$ 21,633.59         | \$ 12,236.50         | \$ 9,397.09         | 43%            |
| Robertson County EMS     | EMS County | \$ 37,858.79         | \$ 37,858.79         | \$ (0.00)           | 0%             |
| Texas A&M University EMS | EMS County | \$ 16,225.20         | \$ 10,835.50         | \$ 5,389.70         | 33%            |
| Washington County EMS    | EMS County | \$ 37,858.79         | \$ 18,764.03         | \$ 19,094.76        | 50%            |
| Med Trans                | EMS County | \$ 5,408.40          | \$ 8,000.00          | \$ (2,591.60)       | -48%           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    |            | <b>\$ 373,687.11</b> | <b>\$ 326,874.38</b> | <b>\$ 46,812.73</b> | <b>12.53%</b>  |

**BVRAC Unrestricted Budget**

6/6/2024

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council

| Expense               | Category     | Budget              | Actual              | Difference (\$)     | Difference (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| BVRAC Radios          | Unrestricted | \$ 10,000.00        | \$ 7,083.20         | \$ 2,916.80         | 29%            |
| Taxes                 | Unrestricted | \$ 3,328.00         | \$ -                | \$ 3,328.00         | 100%           |
| TETAF Dues            | Unrestricted | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ -                | 0%             |
| Stroke/Acute Care     | Unrestricted | \$ 12,000.00        | \$ 8,749.94         | \$ 3,250.06         | 27%            |
| Insurance             | Unrestricted | \$ 2,042.00         | \$ 2,042.00         | \$ -                | 0%             |
| Training & Meeting    | Unrestricted | \$ 750.00           | \$ 285.46           | \$ 464.54           | 62%            |
| Outreach              | Unrestricted | \$ 2,056.75         | \$ -                | \$ 2,056.75         | 100%           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |              | <b>\$ 32,176.75</b> | <b>\$ 20,160.60</b> | <b>\$ 12,016.15</b> | <b>37.34%</b>  |



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Bryan, TX 77805

### Expenditure Deadline for Amendment 1 Funds

To All Hospitals and EMS Agencies in TSA-N:

Subject: Deadline for Expenditure of Amendment 1 Funds

All hospitals and EMS agencies within TSA-N are hereby notified that they have until July 1, 2024, to expend all remaining allocations of Amendment 1 Funds. The purpose of this deadline is to ensure the comprehensive utilization of these funds within our region, thereby maximizing their impact on our healthcare infrastructure and services.

It is imperative that all Amendment 1 Funds allocated to your respective institutions be utilized fully by the specified deadline. Failure to expend these funds may result in their return to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), which would hinder our ability to address critical healthcare needs within TSA-N.

In the event that any funds remain unspent by July 1, 2024, the Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (BVRAC) will intervene to ensure their utilization towards a "Regional Project." This project will be determined based on the identified needs by BVRAC's General Assembly and approved by the BVRAC Board of Directors during the July Board of Directors Meeting. The aim is to allocate these resources efficiently and effectively, aligning with the priorities and objectives outlined by our healthcare community.

We urge all hospitals and EMS agencies to expedite the expenditure of their remaining Amendment 1 Funds to ensure compliance with this policy and to maximize the benefit to our region's healthcare system.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this policy to myself or Rebecca Hill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Heritage".

John Heritage  
Executive Director, BVRAC

# Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting Notes

## May 24, 2024

### EMS Agency Attendees

DJ Capener  
Wes Collins  
Kevin Deramus  
Sam Frusti  
Adam Gallagher  
Jason Giles  
Sherrie Guerra

Melissa Kendrick  
Eric Leland  
David Lozano  
Michael Middleton  
Stan Stephenson  
Steven Von Gonten  
Harold Watkins

### BVRAC Staff

John Heritage

### **Senate Bill 8 Update**

Adam Gallagher will send an updated chart of Senate Bill 8 requests. Mr. Heritage will get the final amount that will be moved over from the administration line item.

### **ESO / Pulsara Integration**

Eric Leland shared that demographic, vitals and any attachments come over. The armband does not. It is helpful with large events and when using multiple units to respond. Cost is under \$350/year for smaller agencies – the cost may be tied to how many calls you have a year so larger agencies may have a larger cost.

### **Mass Incidents in Pulsara**

The agencies are good at setting up events like football games and other preplanned events. The group needs to work on setting up these during the immediate events (like the DPS event). Washington County practiced this at a staff meeting and where they stumbled was adding in state resources. Mr. Leland suggested adding them as an agency. The board members discussed stopping the communication drills with radios and using Pulsara instead. Robertson County will work with non-clinical staff to set up incidents in Pulsara. Washington County agreed that they were looking at other staff for this purpose. May want to develop a non-clinical training of sorts for the region. Need to start doing it for all incidents so everyone can get used to doing it.

### **Training with ER Staff – Handing Off Patients**

Need to do a proper handing off and closing of patients for transfers/hand offs. ER staff need to be on the same page for doing this. Need to reach out to the Hospital Care and Management Committee to help get a training set up.

### **Open Forum**

- All EMS County funds have been requested.
- BVRAC Symposium – looking at rescheduling to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The original date conflicted with an EMS event that will pull many potential attendees away.
- FTEP Course – Will be held here in the BVCOG Board Room June 26-28. There are 32 spots available for the course. Spots will be divided between the agencies and after a week the remaining spots will be open to all agencies.
- The group would like to see a list of what services are available at each hospital in the region. It helps crews to know where to send patients. Mr. Deramus will send his form out to the chiefs for additions/subtractions and bring it back to the group.
- Ms. Guerra introduced the new Hilltop Lakes VFD EMS Director Sam Frusti.

**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council  
2024 Member Agency Participation**

|                                      | February | April | June | August | October | December | Attendance 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Hospitals</b>                     |          |       |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Baylor Scott & White Brenham         | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Baylor Scott & White College Station | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CAPROCK                              | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Burleson              | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph College Station       | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Grimes                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Madison               | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Regional Bryan        | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Encompass Health                     | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| The Physicians Centre                | ?        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Promises Brazos Valley               | ?        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Signature Care                       | ?        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| <b>EMS Agencies</b>                  |          |       |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Bryan Fire Department                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph EMS                   | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| College Station Fire Department      | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Hilltop Lakes VFD                    | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Jewett                               | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Prudence EMS                         | ?        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Robertson County EMS                 | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| St. Joseph AirMed 12                 | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Texas A&M University EMS             | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Washington County EMS                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| <b>FRO's/Other Institutions</b>      |          |       |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Brazos County ESD 2                  | X        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| **Brazos County Health Department    | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Bryan ISD                            | ?        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Washington County OEM                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| <b>Colleges</b>                      |          |       |      |        |         |          |                 |
| **Blinn College                      | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |

X = Attended Meeting.

? = Absent

\*\* = Non Voting Agencies