

# **Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council General Assembly Meeting**

**April 10, 2025** 

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# **General Assembly Meeting Sign In**



## **AGENDA**

# Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council General Assembly

1:00 FEBRUARY 6, 2025 In Person and Virtual

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. **Presentation:** Amber Heredia Hypothermia and Temperature
- IV. Approval of General Assembly's February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- V. Financial Report
- VI. Executive Director Report
- VII. Discussion and/or Action Items
- VIII. Committee Updates
  - A. Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee (Bryan Ruemke)
  - B. Education (Adam Gallagher)
  - C. Pre-Hospital (Kevin Deramus)
  - D. Trauma / Special Populations (Lori Porter)
  - E. Stroke / Cardiac (Amy Plotts/Shelby Reed)
  - F. System QI/Physician's Advisory (Dr. Nicholas Nunnally/Amber Heredia)
  - G. Injury Prevention (Riley Fisher/Christina Nickson)
  - H. Perinatal (Dr. Katie Brading)
  - IX. Open Forum
  - X. Important Dates
    - A. General Assembly Meeting June 12, 2025 ← Please note different date
  - XI. Adjourn

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# Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council General Assembly Meeting – In Person and Zoom Call DECEMBER 5, 2024 1:00 P.M.

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

Agency/Organization	Absent or
	<u>Present</u>
HOSPITALS	
Baylor Scott &White – Brenham	Present
Baylor Scott & White – College Station	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	Present
Promises Brazos Valley	Absent
SignatureCare	Absent
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EMS AGENCIES	P
Bryan Fire Department	Present
CHI St. Joseph EMS	Present
College Station Fire Department	Present
Hilltop Lakes VFD	Present
Jewett EMS	Present
Prudence EMS	Present
Robertson County EMS	Present
St. Joseph Air Med 12	Present
Texas A&M University EMS	Present
Washington County EMS	Present
FRO's/COLLEGES/OTHER INSTITUTIONS	
Blinn College	Absent
Brazos County ESD 2	Absent
Brazos County Health District	Present
Bryan ISD	Absent
Washington County OEM	Present
E M JEMO	
Emergency Management / EMCs	
Herman Iles, CATRAC	Present
GUESTS	
Dr. Matthew Bludorn, St. Joseph College Station	Present
Connie Bryant, HCA-GCD	Present
Dr. Mystan Gurkin, Baylor Scott & White – Brenham	Present
Crystal Connor, Baylor Scott & White College Station	Present
Katie Nabors, HCA AirLife	Present
Dr. Timothy Neff, St. Joseph Grimes	Present
Dr. Nick Nunnally, Trauma Medical Director, St. Joseph Regional	Present

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Dr. Trevor Tumlinson, Baylor Scott & White CS					
OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF					
Dr. Katie Brading	Present				
John Heritage	Present				
Rebecca Hill	Present				
David Lilly	Present				

- **I.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairperson Parks.
- **II. Introductions:** General Assembly conducted self-introductions.
- III. Presentation: Amber Heredia Ms. Heredia shared that there will be a presentation in March regarding blood administration for prehospital and hospital personnel to discuss warming patients and other efforts.
- IV. Presentation: Amber Reed and Michelle Ockleberry with Baylor Scott & White Ms. Reed and Ms. Ockleberry shared information on Baylor Scott & White's Hospital Care at Home program. A waiver allows approved facilities to admit inpatient level of care in the patient's home. This requires special consent by the patient and hospital and just over 250 patients have gone through the program with Baylor Scott & White in Temple, McKinney and College Station to date. Criteria for inclusion in program are 18 years of age or older, lives within 30 miles of facility, adequate support available at home, and low suspicion of deterioration in addition to other variables.
- V. Approval of General Assembly's December 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Members present reviewed the minutes sent out in the packet and displayed at the meeting. Ms. Mendoza motioned to approve the December 4, 2024 minutes. Mr. Gallagher seconded; motion carried.
- **VI. Financial Report:** Mr. Heritage directed the members' attention to page 8 of the packet for the financial report. Updates include:
  - The RAC is three months into the new fiscal year. There is 75% remaining in RAC Systems Development. The committee chairs have been encouraged to start thinking about projects and purchases to utilize the amount budgeted for each committee. Committees should have their funds expended by May 31st to allow time to spend any remaining funds.
  - The EMS RAC budget is 100% allocated to management and 71% of those funds have been used so far. Ideally, these funds should be closer to 50% expended by this time in the year.
  - Amendment 2 funds are available for hospitals and EMS agencies and should be spent by the end of May. Each facility and agency are asked to do their own purchases. There was an incorrect number put into the chart for St. Joseph Madison in previous versions of this chart. The chart included in the packet is correct and was only off by a couple of dollars. The state shared that RACs should expect to continue receiving Amendment funds until the state says otherwise.

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- Hilltop Lakes just submitted a request for reimbursement for EMS County Funds.
   College Station Fire Department requested and received reimbursement through these funds.
- Senate Bill 8 started out with about \$373,000. Two other RACs sent us funds that increased this budget to \$395,325.07. All funds have been expended. In all, 75 scholarships were provided. Most have been employed by EMS Agencies in the region.
- The text below the table for the Unrestricted budget reflects expenses since September 1, 2024 which include expenses for the December lunch.
- The BVRAC Symposium will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> out at the TEEX Fire Field.

Mr. Deramus made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Mr. Gallagher seconded; motion carried.

VII. Executive Director's Report – The state sent out 2023 Trauma Data to all RACs. This data is provided in the packet starting on page 20 of the packet. This data was sent out a few weeks ago but it has been updated with some additional information. Submissions for 2024 data close today.

The state is doing a Quarterly Hospital Reporting Drill on February 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be reaching out to hospitals and requesting information. This information is provided on page 17 of the packet. CATRAC will be the regional lead for this effort. CATRAC will get an EMResource notification to run the report and they will send out the request.

### VIII. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider for approval providing funding to St. Joseph EMS for TCCC Class in March – Funds are being requested out of the Amendment 2 Education funds. Mr. Rice shared that Ms. Kramer will be sent to the courses. It is the Tactical Combat Critical Care course. Chairperson Parks asked that she come and give an educational piece to the assembly on the training. Ms. Johse made a motion to provide funding to St. Joseph EMS for the TCCC Class in March. Ms. Kendrick seconded; motion carried.

### **IX.** Committee Reports

A. **Disaster/Emergency Preparedness (Bryan Ruemke):** Participating agency agreements are due, please turn those in. Inventory Audits for 2025 are starting soon. Mr. Iles will be sending a list to each agency/facility. There are three categories on the list: item in use, disposition pending and disposition complete. The MERCI exercise is coming up so if you want to be involved in that. Exercise is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will include 23 counties and 4 regions. The scenario may not be applicable for this region, but the actual event can be changed. If a participant has their own requirements that need to be met for grants or other accrediting groups, please reach out to Mr. Iles asap so they are included.

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- B. Education (Chairperson Parks for Adam Gallagher): There will be a STABLE date in March. FCCS is also coming soon. There were 35-39 people that participated in the NRP course.
- C. **Pre-Hospital (Jason Giles for Kevin Deramus):** Next Pre-Hospital meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items will include: Temperature Management of Trauma and EMS TimeOut. Workgroups in GETAC include Violence Against EMS, Use of Red Lights and Sirens (Should be a survey for this coming out), and EMS Recruitment.. The Whole Blood Task Force is looking at the smaller EMS Agencies not be able to purchase blood. Dr. Ratcliff pushed back against this.

Ms. Guerra asked if the EMS Timeout is being done consistently and if the wristbands are staying on patients throughout the process. Mr. Rice said hospitals are doing transfers with the wristbands through Pulsara so the information travels with the patient. If a hospital accidentally closes a case, the hospital can reopen a case up to 24 hours after it has been closed. Ms. Heredia shared that 67% of the EMS patients had wristbands on them. Mr. Rice said that it seems really low. The process will need to be cleaned up if the wristband is not being put on the patient. With the hospitals use of wristbands rapidly increasing, the group needs to come up with a plan on how the wristbands will be purchased for the region. If the patient comes in POV, the nurse has to put a wristband on them. Wristbands are not expensive, a box of 500 is less than \$50. Chairperson Parks asked everyone to bring back how many patients are transferred out of your facility each year and who arrived POV.

The region discussed wristbands for a long time before the implementation. The EMS Timeouts are not quite going as planned. Chairperson asked everyone to bring back a sampling or input on how Timeouts are doing in their facility. Ms. Mendoza stated that someone from EMS pushing for it to happen would really help.

- D. Hospital Care and Management/ Acute Care /Special Populations (Lori Porter): Ms. Porter is transitioning out of the Committee Chair position. She will stay on until a suitable replacement is found.
- E. Stroke / Cardiac (Amy Plotts/Shelby Reed): The committee met in January and there is another meeting scheduled for next Tuesday. The committee would appreciate more participation from pre-hospital agencies in the region. VAN data was discussed at the last meeting and will continue for the next meeting. The committee also discussed spending the \$1,000 allocated to the committee since this is heart month and May is stroke month. A community walk was discussed and the group decided that it would be too much to do in the amount of time available. Ms. Reed was approached regarding an education need at the Langford Retirement Community regarding stroke and heart health education for their residents. The committee will be discussing making this a RAC event and putting swag bags together. The committee will also discuss the stroke transport guidelines that were reviewed two years ago. The copy available on the website is the red-lined version so that needs to be updated.

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The receiving facilities are looking at partnering with STEMI transferring facilities regarding policies and procedures. Delays in treatment affect the scores that the receiving facilities receive. Need to identify who to work with at these facilities. Will also participate with the Cardiac Committee at GETAC to see what is going on there.

Chairperson Parks asked Ms. Plotts and Ms. Reed to provide an education piece at one of the General Assembly meetings on what they are looking for in cardiac response.

- F. System QI/Physician's Advisory (Dr. Nicholas Nunnally / Amber Heredia): The 2024 Systems QI data was included in the meeting packet and displayed. An email was sent out with the QI tracking sheet. Please review and let Ms. Heredia know if this is the information that needs to be tracked or if other information needs to be added.
- **G.** Injury Prevention (Brandi Mendoza for Riley Fisher): There are a couple of CarFit Courses in the works. Ms. Fisher hopes to get a course set up where the RAC can do the training and events ourselves but realized that there are only a few technicians trained in the region. She has received several requests for Stop the Bleed Courses.
- H. **Perinatal (Chairperson Parks for Dr. Brading):** Chairperson Parks reported that they reviewed their metrics and discussed how surveyors are getting more picky on what they are looking at. They are working together to help each other get through the process.
- X. Open Forum Ms. Bryant shared that HCA Conroe received their letter for comprehensive stoke and all is well. North Cypress is in pursuit of comprehensive stroke at this time. Women's Hospital of Texas is part of the Tiny Baby Collaborative. If someone is in an emergent situation or physician referral, you can send them there. They are having amazing success with 21-week-old babies either by keeping them inside the mom longer or outside the womb. There are two ways to access this program: referral / transfer from ER or physician referral. Ms. Bryant is retiring and this is her last meeting. The new contacts will be Brian Gallier.

Centerville AirMed 12 Base is now open. The next AirMed 12 Symposium is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at the Brazos Center. There will be educational breakout sessions. Ms. Plotts and her team have been doing a cardiac case review/education opportunity that is open to EMS and offered once a quarter on zoom.

# **XI.** Important Dates

A. General Assembly Meeting April 10, 2025

**XII. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

# BVRAC Budget 01SEP24 to 31AUG25

**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council** 

Expense	Category	Budget		Spent		Rema	ining (\$)	Remaining (%)
RAC Systems Dev	RAC Sys Dev	\$	50,390.00	\$	14,990.13	\$	35,399.87	70%
EMS RAC	EMS RAC	\$	39,938.00	\$	15,798.90	\$	24,139.10	60%
EMS RAC (Amendment 2)	EMS RAC	\$	150,000.00	\$	33,250.80	\$	116,749.20	78%
EMS County	EMS County	\$	88,804.00	\$	23,677.00	\$	65,127.00	73%
Unrestricted	Unrestricted	\$	30,827.00	\$	12,645.03	\$	18,181.97	59%
Total Expenses		\$	359,959.00	\$	100,361.86	\$	259,597.14	72.12%

# **BVRAC Systems Development Budget 01SEP24 to 31AUG25**

4/7/2025

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (SYS DEV \$50,390.00)

Expense	Category	Budget		Spent		Rem	naining (\$)	Remaining (%)
Management	EMS RAC	\$	17,636.50	\$	10,935.54	\$	6,700.96	38%
Education	EMS RAC	\$	15,317.58	\$	-	\$	15,317.58	100%
Injury Prevention	EMS RAC	\$	7,029.00	\$	-	\$	7,029.00	100%
Acute Care/Hosp. Mgt.	EMS RAC	\$	611.18	\$	-	\$	611.18	100%
Stroke/Cardiac	EMS RAC	\$	2,800.00	\$	-	\$	2,800.00	100%
Perinatal	EMS RAC	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00	100%
GETAC/TETAF	EMS RAC	\$	1,679.74	\$	1,117.35	\$	562.39	33%
Staff Travel	EMS RAC	\$	316.00	\$	-	\$	316.00	100%
STB Kits	RMS RAC	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,937.24	\$	62.76	2%
Total Expenses		\$	50,390.00	\$	14,990.13	\$	35,399.87	70.25%

Notes: Purchase of 68 STB kits - \$2,937.24 (PAID)

Travel Reimbursement for attending RAC Summit - \$605.34 (PAID)

Travel Reimbursement for attending RAC Summit - \$512.01 (PAID)

# BVRAC EMS/RAC Budget 01SEP24 to 31AUG25

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (EMS/RAC \$39,938.00)

Expense	Category	Budget		Spent		Rem	aining (\$)	Remaining (%)
Management	RAC Sys Dev	\$	39,938.00	\$	15,798.90	\$	24,139.10	60%
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	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Total Expenses		\$	39,938.00	\$	15,798.90	\$	24,139.10	60.44%

## BVRAC EMS RAC - Amendment 2 Funds Budget 01SEP24 to 31AUG25

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (EMS RAC Amendement 2 \$150,000)

Expense	Category	Budget		Spent		Rer	maining (\$)	Remaining (%)
Management	Amendment 2	\$	10,000.00	\$	4,150.92	\$	5,849.08	58%
Education/Training	Amendment 2	\$	7,000.00	\$	-	\$	7,000.00	100%
Wristbands	Amendment 2	\$	2,800.00	\$	2,722.57	\$	77.43	3%
Bryan Fire Dept EMS	Amendment 2	\$	4,075.00	\$	-	\$	4,075.00	100%
CHI St Joseph EMS	Amendment 2	\$	40,460.00	\$	-	\$	40,460.00	100%
College Station FD EMS	Amendment 2	\$	4,075.00	\$	1,701.70	\$	2,373.30	58%
Hilltop Lakes VFD EMS	Amendment 2	\$	4,930.00	\$	-	\$	4,930.00	100%
Jewett EMS	Amendment 2	\$	4,930.00	\$	-	\$	4,930.00	100%
Robertson County EMS	Amendment 2	\$	13,425.00	\$	12,322.87	\$	1,102.13	8%
Texas A&M University EMS	Amendment 2	\$	4,074.00	\$	1,522.74	\$	2,551.26	63%
Washington County EMS	Amendment 2	\$	10,830.00	\$	10,830.00	\$	-	0%
Baylor Scott & White Brenham	Amendment 2	\$	5,772.00	\$	-	\$	5,772.00	100%
Baylor Scott & White College Station	Amendment 2	\$	11,542.00	\$	-	\$	11,542.00	100%
CHI St. Joseph Madisonville	Amendment 2	\$	5,771.00	\$	-	\$	5,771.00	100%
CHI St Jospeph College Station	Amendment 2	\$	5,772.00	\$	-	\$	5,772.00	100%
CHI St. Joseph Regional	Amendment 2	\$	11,542.00	\$	-	\$	11,542.00	100%
Brazos County ESD 2	Amendment 2	\$	3,002.00	\$	-	\$	3,002.00	100%
Total Expenses		\$	150,000.00	\$	33,250.80	\$	116,749.20	77.83%

Notes: Purchase of 54 boxes of wristbands - \$2,722.57 (PAID)

Robco EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$9,000.00 (PAID)

College Station Fire Department FTEP Course Registration - \$615.90 (PAID)

Washington County EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$10,830.00 (PAID)

College Station Fire Department Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$1,085.80 (PAID)

Robco EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$3,322.87 (PAID)

TAMU EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$1,522.74 (PAID)

TAMU EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$2,551.26 (In Process)

## **BVRAC RAC EMS COUNTY 01SEP24 to 31AUG25**

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (\$88,804.00)

Expense	Category	Budget		Spent		Ren	naining (\$)	Remaining (%)
Bryan Fire Dept EMS	EMS County	\$	4,617.00	\$	-	\$	4,617.00	100%
CSFD EMS	EMS County	\$	4,616.00	\$	4,616.00	\$	-	0%
CHI ST Joseph EMS Brazos	EMS County	\$	4,616.00	\$	-	\$	4,616.00	100%
CHI ST Joseph EMS Burleson	EMS County	\$	10,179.00	\$	-	\$	10,179.00	100%
CHI ST Joseph EMS Grimes	EMS County	\$	12,298.00	\$	-	\$	12,298.00	100%
CHI ST Joseph EMS Leon	EMS County	\$	5,444.00	\$	-	\$	5,444.00	100%
CHI ST Joseph EMS Madison	EMS County	\$	7,222.00	\$	-	\$	7,222.00	100%
Hilltop Lake VFD EMS	EMS County	\$	5,444.00	\$	5,444.00	\$	-	0%
Jewett EMS	EMS County	\$	5,444.00	\$	-	\$	5,444.00	100%
RCEMS	EMS County	\$	13,617.00	\$	13,617.00	\$	-	0%
TAMU EMS	EMS County	\$	4,616.00	\$	-	\$	4,616.00	100%
WCEMS	EMS County	\$	10,691.00	\$	-	\$	10,691.00	100%
Total Expenses		\$	88,804.00	\$	23,677.00	\$	65,127.00	73.34%

Notes: College Station Fire Department - Reimbursement Request for \$4,616 (PAID)

Hilltop Lakes VFD EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$5,444 (PAID)

Robertson County EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$13,617 (In

Process)

## **BVRAC Unrestricted Budget**

#### **Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**

Expense	Category	Budget		Spent		Ren	naining (\$)	Remaining (%)
BVRAC Radios	Unrestricted	\$	10,000.00	\$	-	\$	10,000.00	100%
Taxes	Unrestricted	\$	3,328.00	\$	1,250.00	\$	2,078.00	62%
TETAF Dues	Unrestricted	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	0%
TAAMS Sponsorship	Unrestricted	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-	0%
RAC Symposium	Unrestricted	\$	11,740.00	\$	7,678.03	\$	4,061.97	35%
Catering for December GA Meeting	Unrestricted	\$	1,217.00	\$	1,217.00	\$	-	0%
Insurance	Unrestricted	\$	2,042.00	\$	-	\$	2,042.00	100%
Total Expenses		\$	30,827.00	\$	12,645.03	\$	18,181.97	58.98%

#### Notes:

\$1,434.93 - Brazos Center Space Rental (PAID)

\$2,484.31 - Catering for Symposium (PAID)

\$143.00 - Symposium Banner (PAID)

\$142.72 - Sams Club (Symposium Snacks and Drinks) (PAID)

\$499.00 - Tote Bags for Symposium (PAID)

\$1,860.00 - Symposium T-Shirts (PAID)

\$1,200.00 - Symposium Gift Cards (PAID)

\$500.00 - Texas Association of Air Medical Services (TAAMS)

Sponsorship (PAID)

\$1,217.00 - Catering for December GA Meeting (PAID)

\$2,000 - TETAF Dues (PAID)

\$1,250.00 - Tax & Audit fees (PAID)

\$2,042.00 - Insurance Policy Renewal (In Process)

# **Brazos Valley Council of Governments**

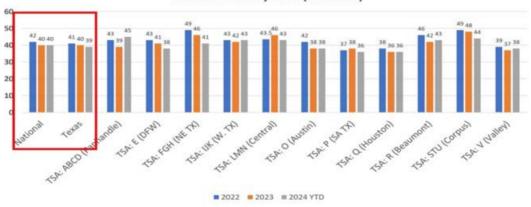
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		Current Year
Assets		
Cash		
General Oper-BBT10302	1012	62,075.68
General Operations - FFIN 19011002-2877	1112	5,744.94
Payroll ZBA - FFIN 19011002-2885	1113	(59.72)
Total Cash		67,760.90
Assets		
Prepaid Expense	1591	650.00
Total Assets		650.00
Total Assets		68,410.90
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable-Vendors	2113	1,251.67
Accounts Payable-Other	2115	(1,248.55)
Total Liabilities		3.12
Fund Balance		
Beg. Fund		
Fund Balance	3211	62,813.11
Total Beg. Fund		62,813.11
Change in Fund Balance		
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Total Fund Balance		68,407.78
Total Liability & Fund Balance		68,410.90

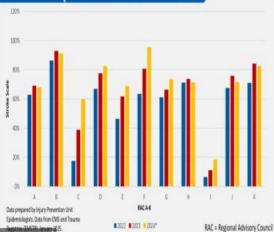
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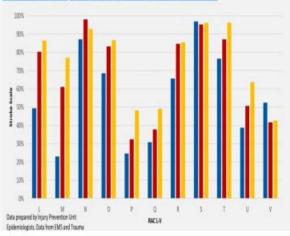
#### Median DTN by RAC (minutes)



# Stroke Scale Performed by RAC\* A-K for Suspected Stroke Patients



# Stroke Scale Performed by RAC L-V for Suspected Stroke Patients



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# Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting Notes – February 17, 2025

### **EMS Agency / FRO Attendees**

Kevin Deramus, Washington County EMS Adam Gallagher, Robertson County EMS Sheri Guerra, Hilltop Lakes VFD Melissa Kendrick, AirMed 12 Chris Lamb, Bryan FD Billy Rice, St. Joseph EMS Josh Varner, College Station FD

### **Hospital Attendees**

Riley Fisher, St. Joseph Regional Amber Heredia, St. Joseph Regional Brandi Mendoza, Baylor Scott & White CS Brooke Moore, St. Joseph Regional Christina Nickerson, St. Joseph Madison Shelby Reed, Baylor Scott & White College Station

# **Medical Directors / Physicians**

Dr. Aaron Buzzard

BVRAC Staff Rebecca Hill

**Temperatures – Pre-Hospital to Hospital –** Ms. Mendoza reported that temperatures are being taken more consistently. Ms. Heredia pointed out that four cold patients' temps were warmed by the time they were brought in. Mr. Deramus asked hospitals to provide data on temperatures and timing at the next Pre-Hospital meeting. Mr. Gallagher mentioned a blanket that they are using to warm patients. Ms. Kendrick advised that there should be something between the patient (especially pediatric patients) and the blanket because it gets very hot. The link for the blanket is: <a href="https://www.boundtree.com/patient-handling/blankets/ready-heat-ii-blankets/p/group005318">https://www.boundtree.com/patient-handling/blankets/ready-heat-ii-blankets/p/group005318</a>. There is some interest in pursuing the purchase of blankets as a regional project. Agencies should consider if they would be interested in using these.

MIST / TimeOut Process – The process is not working well in the region. It works from the air perspective but not the ground. The group needs to set who calls it. Hospitals are doing re-education of nurses as needed. The question was asked "If a Stroke or STEMI patient is not stopping at the ER, where does the TimeOut happen?" The group agreed that it should happen in the CT/CathLab before they are moved.

Funding - No update.

**Update Wishlist / Needs Assessment –** Mr. Deramus received a couple of updates to the wish list. If any agency has a need, please be sure to reach out.

**Whole Blood Task Force** – Mr. Gallagher is going to the capitol to talk to legislatures about whole blood for Third Tuesday on the Hill.

**Regional Stroke Committee Update** – The stroke committee asked for input on using the VAN Score or RACE on the form. Dr. Buzzard recommended staying on VAN because that is what is taught in schools and used. Others shared that at the national level, many are looking at changing to RACE due to it being more accurate.

**Pulsara** – Hospitals are getting alerted when incidents are created and they may not need to be. The fear is that nurses/hospitals may get "alarm fatigue". For some agencies, if two trucks are sent on a call, the event is designated as an incident and hospitals get a notification. College Station Fire sends two ambulances to any structure fire or automobile accident. May need to look at adding some wording that identifies if it is a multicasualty, multi-fatality, or other type of event. A major event/incident will be different for each community. The group will need to get input from hospitals on when they want to be notified. Some things to consider for next time are:

- Kinds and number of patients that would cause the hospital to need/want to prepare for and receive the patient(s).
- Definition on what an incident is.
- What would overwhelm a hospital?

# Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council 2025 Member Agency Participation

	February	April	June	August	October	December	Attendance 2024
	j	•	Hospitals				•
Baylor Scott & White Brenham	Х						
Baylor Scott & White College Station	Х						
CHI St. Joseph Burleson	Х						
CHI St. Joseph College Station	Х						
CHI St. Joseph Grimes	Х						
CHI St. Joseph Madison	Х						
CHI St. Joseph Regional Bryan	Х						
Encompass Health	Х						
The Physicians Centre	Χ						
Promises Brazos Valley	?						
Signature Care	,						
		E	MS Agencies				
Bryan Fire Department	Х						
CHI St. Joseph EMS	Χ						
College Station Fire Department	Χ						
Hilltop Lakes VFD	Χ						
Jewett	Χ						
Prudence EMS	Χ						
Robertson County EMS	Χ						
St. Joseph AirMed 12	Χ						
Texas A&M University EMS	X						
Washington County EMS	Χ						
		FRO's/	Other Institution	S			
Brazos County ESD 2	?				_		
**Brazos County Health Department	X						
Bryan ISD	?						
Washington County OEM	Х						
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X = Attended Meeting.

? = Absent

\*\* = Non Voting Agencies