

**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**  
**Stroke / Cardiac Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2025**

Attendance: Kristen Christian, Patti Parks, Amber Heredia, Erin Gaas, Riley Fisher, John Heritage, Shelby Reed, Amy Plotts

Called to order at 1001.

I. Stroke

- A. Stroke Awareness Campaign Update [Campaign](#): We are waiting on content to be sent for approval. Waiting on invoice. Campaign set to start the first week of May.
- B. Langford Presentation: scheduled for May 20th from 3-4pm. Shelby will set a preliminary agenda to be discussed and finalized at meeting to be scheduled later this month. We will ask for participants at General Session on Thursday.
- C. VAN (LVO) Tracking
  - 1. VAN vs. RACE: everyone was asked to take back to Medical Directors for discussion. Dr. White (SJH MD) stated the following: I looked into these and don't feel that one is substantially superior to the other. VAN is more sensitive (86% vs 63%) whereas RACE is more specific (73% to 65%). If there is a regional push or desire to change, I wouldn't take issue with it but wouldn't expect the predictive power of one to shine much brighter than the other.  
Concern stated that currently RNs are educated to the VAN score. There is not a lot of awareness of RACE on the hospital side. Education and EHR updates would likely be needed with this change. Patti stated this is a not a real concern for our RAC as our EMS providers are currently documenting stroke scores. We will keep this on the agenda for continued conversation.
  - 2. [VAN Tracking Form](#)
  - 3. [VAN Data Collection](#)

- D. Pediatric Stroke: EMS Committee did not accept the algorithm presented by the Stroke Committee so there is more discussion needed. This is a small population but the concern is who is the accepting facility for this patient population. We will keep this item on the agenda for continued conversation.
  - E. GETAC Slides
    - 1. [GETAC Slides](#)
- II. Cardiac
  - A. GETAC Presentation
    - 1. Slides discussed. Question as to what registry this data is being pulled from.
    - 2. [GETAC Slides](#)
  - B. General Session STEMI Metric Presentation: Shelby & Amy will present STEMI Receiving metrics at General Session.
- III. Open Forum
  - A. Suggestion to track Double Transfers for region. Will present at General Session.

Adjourned at 1026.