



**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council  
General Assembly Meeting  
June 12, 2025**

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**General Assembly Meeting Sign In**



# AGENDA

## Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council

### General Assembly

1:00 JUNE 12, 2025

In Person and Virtual

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Presentation:** Katy Villareal / BSW and Stephanie Wilson / St. Joseph – Hypertension in Pregnancy
- IV. Approval of General Assembly's April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- V. Financial Report**
- VI. Executive Director Report**
- VII. Discussion and/or Action Items**
  - A. Consider for Approval a Budget Amendment to the Amendment 2 Budget
  - B. Consider for Approval Authorizing the Executive Director to Utilize in excess of \$10,000.00 from both the RAC Systems Development and Amendment 2 Budget to Close out Funds.
  - C. Consider for Approval the RAC Self-Assessment & Scoring Criteria
  - D. Consider for Approval the FY 2026 BVRAC Budgets – System Development, EMS RAC, EMS County, and Unrestricted Budgets Only
  - E. Consider for Approval the Nominations for Chair & Vice-Chair of Trauma/Special Populations Committee
  - F. Discussion of Nominations for BVRAC Secretary and Vice Chair
  - G. Discussion of RAC Symposium
- VIII. Committee Updates**
  - A. Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee (Bryan Ruemke)
  - B. Education (Adam Gallagher)
  - C. Pre-Hospital (Kevin Deramus)
  - D. Trauma / Special Populations
  - 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 August 7, 2025
- XI. Adjourn**

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**Minutes**  
**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**  
**General Assembly Meeting – In Person and Zoom Call**  
 APRIL 10, 2025 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                         |
| St. Joseph Health – Burleson                                    | Present                         |
| St. Joseph – College Station                                    | Present                         |
| St. Joseph Health – Grimes                                      | Present                         |
| St. Joseph Health – Madison                                     | Absent                          |
| St. Joseph Health – Regional                                    | Present                         |
| Encompass Health  | Present                         |
| The Physicians Centre   | Present                         |
| Promises Brazos Valley  | Absent                          |
| SignatureCare   | Absent                          |
| <b>EMS AGENCIES</b>   |                                 |
| Bryan Fire Department   | Present                         |
| St. Joseph EMS  | Present                         |
| College Station Fire Department                                 | Present                         |
| Hilltop Lakes VFD   | Present                         |
| Jewett EMS  | Present                         |
| Prudence EMS  | Present                         |
| Robertson County EMS  | Absent                          |
| St. Joseph Air Med 12   | Present                         |
| Texas A&M University EMS  | Present                         |
| Washington County EMS   | Absent                          |
| <b>FRO's/COLLEGES/OTHER INSTITUTIONS</b>                        |                                 |
| Blinn College   | Present                         |
| Brazos County ESD 2   | Absent                          |
| Brazos County Health District                                   | Present                         |
| TEEX EMS Program  | Absent                          |
| Washington County OEM   | Present                         |
| <b>Emergency Management / EMCs</b>                              |                                 |
| Dione Bumpous, Grimes County                                    | Present                         |
| Herman Iles, CATRAC   | Present                         |
| Jeanelle Johnson, City of Bryan                                 | Present                         |
| <b>GUESTS</b>   |                                 |
| Dr. Matthew Bludorn, St. Joseph College Station                 | Present                         |
| Dr. Mystan Gurkin, Baylor Scott & White – Brenham               | Present                         |
| Dr. Timothy Neff, St. Joseph Grimes                             | Present                         |
| Dr. Nick Nunnally, Trauma Medical Director, St. Joseph Regional | Present                         |

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| OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Dr. Katie Brading            | Present |
| John Heritage                | Present |
| Rebecca Hill                 | Absent  |

- 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 a case study with the members present.
- IV. **Presentation: Shelby Reed & Amy Plotts** – Ms. Reed and Ms. Plotts shared information on STEMI Metrics for STEMI Receiving Centers. Measures tracked include: first medical contact to balloon, transfer to balloon, door in door out (DIDO) transferring facility and transport time. Data on these measures for facilities in the region were shared and discussed. Local facilities participate in Get with the Guidelines and have certain metrics they must meet to be recognized. There are metrics for EMS as well and they challenged the local agencies to pursue recognition. College Station Fire Department has been recognized in the past.
- V. **Approval of General Assembly’s February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Members present reviewed the minutes sent out in the packet and displayed at the meeting. Mr. Giles motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Plotts seconded; motion carried.
- VI. **Financial Report:** Mr. Heritage directed the members’ attention to page 7 of the packet for the financial report. Updates include:
  - There is 70% remaining in RAC Systems Development. This is the budget to support the projects developed by RAC committees. Several committees have discussed how to spend their allotment and are making plans to have the funds expended. Committees should have their funds expended by May 31<sup>st</sup> to allow time to spend any remaining funds.
  - The EMS RAC budget is 100% allocated to management and 60% of those funds have been used so far, which is where the budget amount should be 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. A few requests have been submitted in the last few weeks with one submitted today. The RAC will decide how to spend any funds that are not requested by the deadline.
  - There is 73% of the EMS County Budget remaining. EMS agencies should submit requests soon to ensure funds are utilized fully.
  - The text below the table for the Unrestricted budget reflects expenses including paying for the taxes/audit fees and insurance. There is \$68,410.90 remaining in the unrestricted budget.

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Mr. Giles made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Ms. Heredia seconded; motion carried.

- VII. Executive Director's Report** – The BVRAC Annual Report was handed out to all members present. This gives everyone an idea of what has been accomplished by the groups and committees in the RAC. This report can be shared with agency leaders and representatives. The plan is to update the report each fiscal year.

The BVRAC Symposium is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at the TEEX Fire Field in College Station. There will be some hands-on training at the symposium.

The Acute Care / Hospital Management Committee has been renamed Trauma / Special Populations. Objectives and priorities will be identified for this committee and nominations will be opened for those that are interested in leading.

The RAC Travel Reimbursement amount has been increased from \$1,000 per individual to \$2,000 per individual.

- VIII. Discussion and/or Action Items** – No items for this meeting

**IX. Committee Reports**

- A. **Disaster/Emergency Preparedness (Herman Iles / Bryan Ruemke):** The DEPC group will have presentations from other organizations and subject matter experts. Please let Mr. Iles know if there is someone that you would like to speak at the meeting. The MERCI exercise is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30-4:30. Regional power outage will be the main component exercised. Please let Mr. Iles know if you want to add anything to the exercise
- B. **Education (Chairperson Parks for Adam Gallagher):** The STABLE class was in March and 11 people attended. The Perinatal Group is looking at having our own instructors here in the region.
- C. **Pre-Hospital (Kevin Deramus):** There is a Pre-Hospital meeting scheduled for next week, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.
- D. **Trauma /Special Populations (Lori Porter):** Ms. Porter will start working on vendors for the symposium.
- E. **Stroke / Cardiac (Amy Plotts/Shelby Reed):** Updates from the Stroke / Cardiac Committee:
- There is a stroke awareness campaign in May. There will be a press release as well as weekly blog posts on the website and social media posts.
  - There will be a presentation of stroke education information at the Langford Retirement Community on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Plotts or Ms. Reed if you would like to participate.

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- Rural Data Collaborative – Information provided from GETAC Committee. Baylor Scott and White has joined the Rural Data Collaborative. The goal is to have everyone contribute. It is free for critical access hospitals.
- Several workgroups reported information at the GETAC Committee as well as data on patient response with Stroke patients. RAC N was recognized at the meeting for doing a great job.

**F. System QI/Physician's Advisory (Dr. Nicholas Nunnally / Amber Heredia):**  
There will be a presentation on Pediatric Burns at the next meeting.

**G. Injury Prevention (Riley Fisher/Christina Nickerson):** Injury Prevention will be holding virtual meetings monthly to check progress on projects and discuss new activities.

**H. Perinatal (Chairperson Parks for Dr. Brading):** Chairperson Parks reported that they reviewed their metrics and discussed having two instructors for STABLE in the region. They would like to come to the June meeting and provide a presentation on hypertension.

**X. Open Forum** – Tomorrow is the second case presentation being done. All EMS Leadership was on the invite.

There is a new epidemiology person at the Brazos County Health District. There is an increase in pertussis cases in the region.

Burleson St. Joseph went through their Trauma Survey in February. Upon review of the charts, the surveyor said to look at transfers out of facility. They are taking longer and longer since the transfers are not usually from ER to ER. There is a delay with getting the room ready and doing direct admissions.

**XI. Important Dates**

A. General Assembly Meeting June 12, 2025

**XII. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 P.M.

**BVRAC Budget 01SEP24 to 31AUG25**

6/10/2025

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council

| Expense               | Category     | Budget        | Spent         | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| RAC Systems Dev       | RAC Sys Dev  | \$ 50,390.00  | \$ 22,786.59  | \$ 27,603.41   | 55%           |
| EMS RAC               | EMS RAC      | \$ 39,938.00  | \$ 22,157.86  | \$ 17,780.14   | 45%           |
| EMS RAC (Amendment 2) | EMS RAC      | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 52,663.08  | \$ 97,336.92   | 65%           |
| EMS County            | EMS County   | \$ 88,804.00  | \$ 88,804.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Unrestricted          | Unrestricted | \$ 30,827.00  | \$ 14,687.03  | \$ 16,139.97   | 52%           |
| Total Expenses        |              | \$ 359,959.00 | \$ 201,098.56 | \$ 158,860.44  | 44.13%        |

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

6/10/2025

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

| Expense             | Category | Budget       | Spent        | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Management          | EMS RAC  | \$ 17,636.50 | \$ 14,077.85 | \$ 3,558.65    | 20%           |
| Education           | EMS RAC  | \$ 15,317.58 | \$ -         | \$ 15,317.58   | 100%          |
| Injury Prevention   | EMS RAC  | \$ 7,029.00  | \$ 1,854.15  | \$ 5,174.85    | 74%           |
| Trauma/Special Pop. | EMS RAC  | \$ 611.18    | \$ -         | \$ 611.18      | 100%          |
| Stroke/Cardiac      | EMS RAC  | \$ 2,800.00  | \$ 2,800.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| 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 | \$ 22,786.59 | \$ 27,603.41   | 54.78%        |

**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)**Stroke/Cardiac Awareness Campaign - \$2,800.00 **(PAID)**Injury Prevention Life-Meter Purchase - \$1,004.15 **(PAID)**Injury Prevention Water Safety, Snake Bites, and Pneumonia Awareness Campaign - \$850.00 **(PAID)**

**BVRAC EMS/RAC Budget 01SEP24 to 31AUG25**

6/10/2025

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

| Expense             | Category    | Budget       | Spent        | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Management          | RAC Sys Dev | \$ 39,773.00 | \$ 21,992.86 | \$ 17,780.14   | 45%           |
| Injury Prevention   | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -           |               |
| Trauma/Special Pop. | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -           |               |
| Stroke/Cardiac      | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -           |               |
| Perinatal           | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -           |               |
| Other               | RAC Sys Dev | \$ 165.00    | \$ 165.00    | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Total Expenses      |             | \$ 39,938.00 | \$ 22,157.86 | \$ 17,780.14   | 44.52%        |

**Notes:**\$165.00 - BVRAC Annual Reporting Printing Services (**PAID**)

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

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

| Expense                              | Category    | Budget        | Spent        | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Management                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 6,292.82  | \$ 3,707.18    | 37%           |
| 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  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| 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   | \$ 4,918.09  | \$ 11.91       | 0%            |
| Jewett EMS                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,930.00   | \$ 4,623.90  | \$ 306.10      | 6%            |
| Robertson County EMS                 | Amendment 2 | \$ 13,425.00  | \$ 13,425.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Texas A&M University EMS             | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,074.00   | \$ 4,074.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| 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%          |
| St. Joseph Madisonville              | Amendment 2 | \$ 5,771.00   | \$ -         | \$ 5,771.00    | 100%          |
| St Joseph College Station            | Amendment 2 | \$ 5,772.00   | \$ -         | \$ 5,772.00    | 100%          |
| 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 | \$ 52,663.08 | \$ 97,336.92   | 64.89%        |

**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 **(PAID)**

Hilltop lakes Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$2,679.71 **(PAID)**

Jewett EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$1,755.90 **(PAID)**

Jewett EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$2,868.00 **(PAID)**

Robco EMS Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$1,102.13 **(PAID)**

Hilltop lakes Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$2,238.38 **(PAID)**

Bryan Fire Department Amendment 2 Reimbursement - \$4,075.00 **(PAID)**

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

| Expense                | Category   | Budget       | Spent        | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bryan Fire Dept EMS    | EMS County | \$ 4,617.00  | \$ 4,617.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| CSFD EMS               | EMS County | \$ 4,616.00  | \$ 4,616.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| ST Joseph EMS Brazos   | EMS County | \$ 4,616.00  | \$ 4,616.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| ST Joseph EMS Burleson | EMS County | \$ 10,179.00 | \$ 10,179.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| ST Joseph EMS Grimes   | EMS County | \$ 12,298.00 | \$ 12,298.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| ST Joseph EMS Leon     | EMS County | \$ 5,444.00  | \$ 5,444.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| ST Joseph EMS Madison  | EMS County | \$ 7,222.00  | \$ 7,222.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Hilltop Lake VFD EMS   | EMS County | \$ 5,444.00  | \$ 5,444.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Jewett EMS             | EMS County | \$ 5,444.00  | \$ 5,444.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| RCEMS                  | EMS County | \$ 13,617.00 | \$ 13,617.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| TAMU EMS               | EMS County | \$ 4,616.00  | \$ 4,616.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| WCEMS                  | EMS County | \$ 10,691.00 | \$ 10,691.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Total Expenses         |            | \$ 88,804.00 | \$ 88,804.00 | \$ -           | 0.00%         |

**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 (**PAID**)St. Joseph EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$39,759.00 (**PAID**)Bryan Fire Department - Reimbursement Request for \$4,671 (**PAID**)Jewett EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$5,444 (**PAID**)TAMU EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$4,616 (**PAID**)WCEMS EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$9,446.90 (**PAID**)WCEMS EMS - Reimbursement Request for \$1,224.10 (**PAID**)

**BVRAC Unrestricted Budget**

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**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**

| <b>Expense</b>                   | <b>Category</b> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Spent</b> | <b>Remaining (\$)</b> | <b>Remaining (%)</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 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  | \$ -                  | 0%                   |
| Total Expenses                   |                 | \$ 30,827.00  | \$ 14,687.03 | \$ 16,139.97          | 52.36%               |

**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 **(PAID)**

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

| Expense                              | Category    | Budget        | Spent        | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Management                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 6,292.82  | \$ 3,707.18    | 37%           |
| 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  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| 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   | \$ 4,918.09  | \$ 11.91       | 0%            |
| Jewett EMS                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,930.00   | \$ 4,623.90  | \$ 306.10      | 6%            |
| Robertson County EMS                 | Amendment 2 | \$ 13,425.00  | \$ 13,425.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Texas A&M University EMS             | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,074.00   | \$ 4,074.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| 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%          |
| St. Joseph Madisonville              | Amendment 2 | \$ 5,771.00   | \$ -         | \$ 5,771.00    | 100%          |
| St Joseph College Station            | Amendment 2 | \$ 5,772.00   | \$ -         | \$ 5,772.00    | 100%          |
| 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 | \$ 52,663.08 | \$ 97,336.92   | 64.89%        |

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

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

| Expense                              | Category    | Budget        | Spent        | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Management                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 6,292.82  | \$ 3,707.18    | 37%           |
| Education/Training                   | Amendment 2 | \$ 7,000.00   | \$ -         | \$ 7,000.00    | 100%          |
| Wristbands                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 2,722.57   | \$ 2,722.57  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Bryan Fire Dept EMS                  | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,075.00   | \$ 4,075.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| St Joseph EMS                        | Amendment 2 | \$ 40,460.00  | \$ -         | \$ 40,460.00   | 100%          |
| College Station FD EMS               | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,152.43   | \$ 1,701.70  | \$ 2,450.73    | 59%           |
| Hilltop Lakes VFD EMS                | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,930.00   | \$ 4,918.09  | \$ 11.91       | 0%            |
| Jewett EMS                           | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,930.00   | \$ 4,623.90  | \$ 306.10      | 6%            |
| Robertson County EMS                 | Amendment 2 | \$ 13,425.00  | \$ 13,425.00 | \$ -           | 0%            |
| Texas A&M University EMS             | Amendment 2 | \$ 4,074.00   | \$ 4,074.00  | \$ -           | 0%            |
| 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%          |
| St. Joseph Madisonville              | Amendment 2 | \$ 5,771.00   | \$ -         | \$ 5,771.00    | 100%          |
| St Joseph College Station            | Amendment 2 | \$ 5,772.00   | \$ -         | \$ 5,772.00    | 100%          |
| 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 | \$ 52,663.08 | \$ 97,336.92   | 64.89%        |

**BVRAC Budget 01SEP25 to 31AUG26**

6/10/2025

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| Expense               | Category     | Budget        | Spent | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| RAC Systems Dev       | RAC Sys Dev  | \$ 50,390.00  | \$ -  | \$ 50,390.00   | 100%          |
| EMS RAC               | EMS RAC      | \$ 48,375.00  | \$ -  | \$ 48,375.00   | 100%          |
| EMS RAC (Amendment 2) | EMS RAC      | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ -  | \$ 150,000.00  | 100%          |
| EMS County            | EMS County   | \$ 87,675.00  | \$ -  | \$ 87,675.00   | 100%          |
| Unrestricted          | Unrestricted | \$ 27,370.00  | \$ -  | \$ 27,370.00   | 100%          |
| Total Expenses        |              | \$ 363,810.00 | \$ -  | \$ 363,810.00  | 100.00%       |

**BVRAC Systems Development Budget 01SEP25 to 31AUG26**

6/10/2025

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

| Expense             | Category | Budget       | Spent | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| Management          | EMS RAC  | \$ 15,136.50 | \$ -  | \$ 15,136.50   | 100%          |
| Education           | EMS RAC  | \$ 10,000.50 | \$ -  | \$ 10,000.50   | 100%          |
| Injury Prevention   | EMS RAC  | \$ 9,000.00  | \$ -  | \$ 9,000.00    | 100%          |
| Trauma/Special Pop. | EMS RAC  | \$ 4,600.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,600.00    | 100%          |
| Stroke/Cardiac      | EMS RAC  | \$ 4,600.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,600.00    | 100%          |
| Perinatal           | EMS RAC  | \$ 4,553.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,553.00    | 100%          |
| GETAC/TETAF         | EMS RAC  | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ -  | \$ 2,000.00    | 100%          |
| Staff Travel        | EMS RAC  | \$ 500.00    | \$ -  | \$ 500.00      | 100%          |
| Total Expenses      |          | \$ 50,390.00 | \$ -  | \$ 50,390.00   | 100.00%       |

**BVRAC EMS/RAC Budget 01SEP25 to 31AUG26**

6/10/2025

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (EMS/RAC \$48,375.00)

| Expense             | Category    | Budget       | Spent | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| Management          | RAC Sys Dev | \$ 45,375.00 | \$ -  | \$ 45,375.00   | 100%          |
| EMS Wristbands      | RAC Sys Dev | \$ 3,000.00  | \$ -  | \$ 3,000.00    | 100%          |
| Education           | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -  | \$ -           |               |
| Injury Prevention   | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -  | \$ -           |               |
| Trauma/Special Pop. | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -  | \$ -           |               |
| Stroke/Cardiac      | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -  | \$ -           |               |
| Perinatal           | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -  | \$ -           |               |
| Other               | RAC Sys Dev | \$ -         | \$ -  | \$ -           |               |
| Total Expenses      |             | \$ 48,375.00 | \$ -  | \$ 48,375.00   | 100.00%       |

**BVRAC RAC EMS COUNTY 01SEP25 to 31AUG26**

6/10/2025

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (\$87,675.00)

| Expense                | Category   | Budget       | Spent | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| Bryan Fire Dept EMS    | EMS County | \$ 4,623.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,623.00    | 100%          |
| CSFD EMS               | EMS County | \$ 4,623.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,623.00    | 100%          |
| ST Joseph EMS Brazos   | EMS County | \$ 4,623.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,623.00    | 100%          |
| ST Joseph EMS Burleson | EMS County | \$ 10,107.00 | \$ -  | \$ 10,107.00   | 100%          |
| ST Joseph EMS Grimes   | EMS County | \$ 12,234.00 | \$ -  | \$ 12,234.00   | 100%          |
| ST Joseph EMS Leon     | EMS County | \$ 5,409.00  | \$ -  | \$ 5,409.00    | 100%          |
| ST Joseph EMS Madison  | EMS County | \$ 7,154.00  | \$ -  | \$ 7,154.00    | 100%          |
| Hilltop Lake VFD EMS   | EMS County | \$ 5,409.00  | \$ -  | \$ 5,409.00    | 100%          |
| Jewett EMS             | EMS County | \$ 5,409.00  | \$ -  | \$ 5,409.00    | 100%          |
| RCEMS                  | EMS County | \$ 12,938.00 | \$ -  | \$ 12,938.00   | 100%          |
| TAMU EMS               | EMS County | \$ 4,623.00  | \$ -  | \$ 4,623.00    | 100%          |
| WCEMS                  | EMS County | \$ 10,523.00 | \$ -  | \$ 10,523.00   | 100%          |
| Total Expenses         |            | \$ 87,675.00 | \$ -  | \$ 87,675.00   | 100.00%       |

**BVRAC Unrestricted Budget**

6/10/2025

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| Expense        | Category     | Budget       | Spent | Remaining (\$) | Remaining (%) |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| BVRAC Radios   | Unrestricted | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ -  | \$ 10,000.00   | 100%          |
| Taxes          | Unrestricted | \$ 3,328.00  | \$ -  | \$ 3,328.00    | 100%          |
| TETAF Dues     | Unrestricted | \$ 2,000.00  | \$ -  | \$ 2,000.00    | 100%          |
| RAC Symposium  | Unrestricted | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ -  | \$ 10,000.00   | 100%          |
| Insurance      | Unrestricted | \$ 2,042.00  | \$ -  | \$ 2,042.00    | 100%          |
| Total Expenses |              | \$ 27,370.00 | \$ -  | \$ 27,370.00   | 100.00%       |

## **Injury Prevention Pilot BVRAC Meeting 04/28**

### **Meeting Notes**

#### Attendees

|                     |               |              |              |                   |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Riley Fisher        | Tanner Erb    | Rebecca Hill | Patti Parks  | Courtney Saunders |
| Christina Nickerson | John Heritage | Trad Mills   | Staci Phelps | Sarah Wells       |

#### **Stop the Bleed training August 8th, 2025 at 9am for 110 Iola ISD staff members**

If anyone would like to volunteer, please reach out.

#### **CarFit Event October 18, 2025 ○ FREE CarFit Technician Training and Event Coordinator Training for this event on October 17, 2025 ○ Training Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/KpF2cyTgE6NL6bi2A>**

CarFit Event will be held in the BVCOG/Center for Regional Services parking lot–3991 E 29<sup>th</sup> St Bryan, TX. Volunteers are welcome in addition to those wanting to get the training. Let Ms. Fisher know if you are interested in participating in any way.

#### **Injury Prevention Self-Evaluation**

Ms. Fisher discussed Indicator 17 and 18 in the BVRAC Self-Assessment. BVRAC is currently at a 4 out of 5 for both indicators. To achieve a 5 on Indicator 17, an evaluation process must be in place. Ms. Fisher proposed using a QR Code and asked for input on what information is requested. Indicator 18 addresses education events like the symposium and continuing education. The RAC may investigate offering more continuing education.

#### **June Injury Prevention Month marketing campaign ideas?**

June has several awareness focuses including safety awareness. The group discussed having weekly blogs on various issues including snake bites and water safety/pneumonia. Mr. Heritage will find out how much it will cost for the Impact Group to do weekly blog posts.

#### **Injury Prevention Spending**

There is \$7,029 remaining in the Injury Prevention Committee budget. Depending on how much the marketing campaign costs, the group present discussed purchasing:

- Stop the Bleed kits
- Medical ID info for car seats – may be similar to the WHALE project
- Life Meter thermometer window cling for vehicles – shows temperature readings as reminders for children in vehicles

## **Injury Prevention Committee Meeting 05/28 Meeting Notes**

### Attendees

|                     |                       |              |                |                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Riley Fisher        | Tonyon Boyo           | Erin Gaas    | Ashley Johse   | Courtney Saunders |
| Christina Nickerson | Dr. Kristen Christian | Rebecca Hill | Brandi Mendoza |                   |

**Stop the Bleed training August 5th, 2025 Instructors** - There are five instructors so far. Please let Ms. Fisher know if you would like to help.

**500 Life-Meter Window Thermometers** - The window thermometers have been ordered. They will be distributed between RAC organizations once they are received.

**June Social Media Campaign** – Waiting on invoice for campaign from the Impact Group. Topics include snake bites, pneumonia and water safety. There will be 8 social media posts and 4 blogs added to the website. The stroke media campaign is going well and looks great on social media.

**CarFit Events in October** – There will be a training as well as an event in October. Please let Ms. Fisher know if you are interested. Recommend marketing this event since it is nationwide.

**WHALE Kits** – Any organization can order up to 5 free kits. Ms. Fisher recommends a light promotion for this program that is not very expensive. The group could reach out to police, fire, and other emergency personnel for awareness. Dr. Christian suggested partnering with agencies that do car seat fittings. Ms. Mendoza suggested partnering with the women's centers in hospitals. A logo can be added to the stickers as well.

**MOCK Budget** – Ms. Fisher shared a mock budget that included the current committee expenses. The current expenses are the Life-Meter Window Thermometers (\$1,004.15) and the June Social Media Campaign (\$850). Ms. Fisher suggested purchasing 500 WHALE kits (500 kits x \$5.08 per kit = ~\$2,540). Some additional expenses may include promotion of the WHALE project and CarFit project. The projected total is \$4,394.15. The RAC Cap is \$7,029.

**Langford Injury Prevention Session** – May look at fall prevention or injury prevention in general. Ms. Mendoza reached out to the Langford to ask if they would be interested in a Matter of Balance workshop. It is provided free by the Area Agency on Aging and is an 8-week program.

**Fall Prevention Campaign in September** – Looking at doing something similar to last year.

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**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**  
**Perinatal Meeting**  
**April 10, 2025**  
Brazos Valley Council of Governments Building  
3991 E. 29th Street, Bryan, Texas 77802

**Members Present**

| <b><u>Position</u></b> | <b><u>Board Member</u></b> | <b><u>Agency</u></b> | <b><u>Absent/<br/>Present</u></b> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Neonatal Co-Chair      | Dr. A. Brunt               | BSWH College Station | Present                           |
| Maternity Co-Chair     | Dr. K. Brading             | CHI St. Joseph       | Present                           |
| Member                 | Ashley Duve                | BSWH Brenham         | Absent                            |
| Member                 | Stephanie Wilson           | CHI St. Joseph       | Present                           |
| Member/NPM             | Staci Phelps               | BSWH College Station | Present                           |
| Member                 | Shannon Williams           | CHI St. Joseph       | Absent                            |
| Member                 | Dr. N. Bertsch             | BSWH College Station | Present                           |
| Member                 | Kelsey DeHaven             | CHI St. Joseph       | Absent                            |
| Member                 | Stacey Stuenkel            | CHI St. Joseph       | Absent                            |
| Member                 | Becky Faist                | BSWH Brenham         | Absent                            |
| Member, MPM            | Katie Villareal            | BSWH College Station | Present                           |
| Member                 | PiPavles                   | CHI St. Joseph       | Absent                            |
| Member, NPM            | Emily Blewett              | CHI St. Joseph       | Absent                            |
| Member                 | Dr. Pappoe                 | CHI St. Joseph       | Present                           |
| Member                 | Candis Kelly               | CHI St. Joseph       | Absent                            |
| Member                 | Cathy Collier              | BSWH College Station | Absent                            |

**Staff Present**

| <b><u>Position</u></b>    | <b><u>Staff</u></b> | <b><u>Agency</u></b> | <b><u>Absent/<br/>Present</u></b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Program Manager           | John Heritage       | BVCOG                | Present                           |
|                           | Rebecca Hill        | BVCOG                | Absent                            |
| Homeland Security Planner | Sabrina Fierro      | BVCOG                | Absent                            |
| RAC Educator              | Adam Gallagher      | BVCOG                | Absent                            |

**Guest Present**

| <b><u>Position</u></b> | <b><u>Staff</u></b> | <b><u>Agency</u></b>               | <b><u>Absent/<br/>Present</u></b> |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Director of Rural Ops  | Jo Johnson          | Madison, Grimes, Burleson Counties | Absent                            |
| Melissa Kendrick       | Air Med 12          |                                    | Absent                            |
| Patti Parks            |                     |                                    | Present                           |
| Harold Watkins         | BU Fire District    |                                    | Absent                            |

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**Perinatal Meeting**  
April 10, 2025  
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**Minutes**

Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council

**Perinatal Meeting**

1200 April 10, 2025

- I. Call to Order – 1202**
- II. Introductions** – Staci Phelps welcomed everyone and asked those in attendance to update the sign-in sheet with any new members, title changes, etc.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – February meeting minutes approved by consensus: Katy Villareal and Patti Parks. Change to 2026 for BSWH Maternity Designation year. Sent out electronically.
- IV. Discussion/Action Items**
  - A. Reviewed NICU data:** Staci reviewed all hospitals' data. CHI stated they have started a breastfeeding collaboration meeting monthly on tips and tricks with the staff and they have seen an improvement in numbers. BSWH has launched their yearly lactation Injoy to the staff. They have lactation come to the MDR rounds. In July, we have built into the budget to trial DBM to certain populations in CC to aid in exclusive breastfeeding and supplementation.
  - B. NICU Surveys:**
    - i. BSWCS: Received DSHS letter for Level III Designation; exp: 5/2028.
    - ii. BSWBR: Level 1. All good
    - iii. CHI St. Joseph: Level III. They will be due 3/2027.
  - C. Maternal Data:** Katy reviewed maternal data. Both units have remained consistent with being above 80% with hypertension.
  - D. Maternity Designation:**
    - i. BSWCS: 2026: In current chart window. Survey will be in March 2026
    - ii. BSWBr: Done.
    - iii. CHI St. Joseph: Feb 2028
  - E. Texas AIM:** Meeting today for Sepsis launch and bundle with TCHMB. CHI St. Joes will do the Sepsis Plus. BSWH will do the basic. Stephanie stated with the plus you get those classes bundled with it and can see what other units are doing.

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**F. TCHMB:** NICU: Safe Sleep. Recruiting for summer. BSWH still deciding on action. Please see attached PowerPoint presentation from TCHMB regarding the OB Meeting Updates. Dr. McKinney did a lecture on pregnancy and HIV.

**G Outreach Activities:** Symposium will be October 10, 2025 at Teaks Center. This year they will have modules and some skill stations. Patti stated that we could participate in that and bring some skills to let them practice. We will present another case study again between the two hospitals. That had great feedback.

- Stable class was a big success for everyone. They were asking for me. Stephanie stated that her STABLE instructor is moving more towards Cypress area, and her availability will be limited. Staci stated she has 1 expired instructor, but the class is very expensive. We had our instructor because of a grant given to the hospital that hosted the class. Patti stated that we have about \$2000, plus \$600 in the budget that could be used towards that class to get two instructors that could serve the region. Staci stated for CHI St. Joes and BSWH to have an instructor in mind and we will discuss at next meeting. Staci stated that we would also need to help with the books at the station house for STABLE as well.
- NRP has been helpful. There is a new edition coming out, so we would need to update books at the station houses.

**H. Other:** Patti stated that next general assembly in June, they like to have monthly education, and asked if someone could present a hypertension case study/lecture. Katy Villareal volunteered to present one that she has from her skills fair with ED. Stephanie stated she has a slide deck she can share as well. That will be at June's general assembly meeting.

**V. Next meeting June 12, 2025: Please note this is a date change again. One week from the originally scheduled meeting.**

**VI. Adjourned at 1240**

## Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting Notes – April 16, 2025

### EMS Agency / FRO Attendees

DJ Capener, Bryan FD  
Kevin Deramus, Washington County EMS  
Adam Gallagher, Robertson County EMS  
Jason Giles, College Station FD  
Sheri Guerra, Hilltop Lakes VFD

Melissa Kendrick, AirMed 12  
Erin Kramer, St. Joseph EMS  
Eric Leland, TAMU EMS  
David Lozano, TAMU EMS  
Josh Varner, College Station FD

### Hospital Attendees

Kristen Christian, St. Joseph Regional  
Amber Heredia, Baylor Scott & White CS  
Brandi Mendoza, Baylor Scott & White CS  
Brooke Moore, St. Joseph Regional  
Christina Nickerson, St. Joseph Madison

Patti Parks, Baylor Scott & White Brenham  
Lori Porter, St. Joseph CS  
Shelby Reed, Baylor Scott & White CS  
Courtney Saunders, St. Joseph CS

### Medical Directors / Physicians

Dr. Aaron Buzzard

### BVRAC Staff

Rebecca Hill  
John Heritage

### Other Attendees

Herman Iles, CATRAC

**Communications Drill** – Mr. Iles shared some updates on the monthly communications drill. The drill has an EMResource notification and there are steps on Pulsara for hospitals. The EMS agencies are asked to create an incident and add some test patients. They should add “07-RMOC-MCI/EVAC MGMT, TX” as an entity in the incident. Twice a year the drill will be done at night to test the night shift. Please let Mr. Iles know if there is any change that can be made to the drill to make it more realistic or valuable. The calendar invite that is sent out has spreadsheet with instructions as well as a spreadsheet with patient name and info.

**Temperatures – Pre-Hospital to Hospital** – Mr. Deramus asked for an update on where the region is with this and how it is going. Ms. Heredia reported that the few spot checks that she did show that warming measures are being done with the level one trauma patients as well as some burn victims. Ms. Mendoza noted that about 50% of trauma victims being brought into BSW CS have zero temperatures documented.

**MIST / TimeOut Process** – The process is working well for the critical patients but not for the standard, routine patients. The trauma rules state that it must be done with every trauma patient. This must be driven from the pre-hospital standpoint for it to work. Dr. Christian agreed and asked that the EMS teams drive it and ask if it is time to do the EMS timeout. Ms. Parks asked Mr. Deramus to reach out to the San Antonio RAC to see how they do it and if there is something different they did to get it implemented. Mr. Deramus will also send out a memo to the EMS Directors on this.

**Funding** – Ms. Parks reported that contracts for EMS County FY26 are being put together and should be out by May. Anyone who received Senate Bill 8 funds that need to pay it back should reach out to make arrangements asap. The state does not intend to suspend any licenses but will be looking into how to get funds back. The state is expecting to receive an increase of \$16 million in state funds.

Also, 4 out of 8 EMS agencies have submitted requests for Amendment 2 funds.

**Update Wishlist / Needs Assessment** – If any agency has a need, please be sure to send information to Mr. Deramus.

**Whole Blood Task Force** – Mr. Gallagher is doing a presentation in June at GETAC. The plan is to also do a presentation in May at the Homeland Security Meeting. The next thing is to look at formalizing whole blood

## **Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting Notes – August 8, 2024**

task force in the region. May look at doing a workshop for providers that are interested. The current thought is for hospitals to be the centers and take blood banks out of the process due to regulations.

**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** – For St. Joseph facilities, if St. Joseph EMS brings a patient to your facility and the patient is transferred out by helicopter or St. Joseph EMS, the patient must be transferred to them. This is a little different than if Bryan Fire brings a patient in and then St. Joseph EMS transfers them somewhere else. When the original transport entity is also the transferring entity, the patient must be transferred.

Dr. Christian reported that they are getting some duplicate patients coming in. One example is the ground crew sets the patient up in Pulsara and calls the helicopter. The air crew sets the patient up in Pulsara with a different incident. This is probably a handoff issue between ground and air.

Dr. Christian gave kudos to the group for improvement in information coming in on initial Pulsara report, especially in relation to blood thinners with patients that fall.

**Open Forum** – DataSense closes on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

BVRAC Symposium will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> at TEEX. There will be skills stations over the lunch hour. The hope is to have a little more hands on at this symposium. Ms. Porter asked for information on any vendors that may be interested. Dr. Buzzard will follow up with Patti on presenting at the symposium. Mr. Deramus also suggested Dr. Hollcomb who lives in Burton.

Next General Assembly meeting is on June 12, the second Thursday of June.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the AirMed 12 Symposium

## Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting Summary

10:30 a.m. – May 20, 2025

### EMS Agency / FRO Attendees

Kevin Deramus, Washington County EMS  
Adam Gallagher, Robertson County EMS  
Jason Giles, College Station FD  
Sheri Guerra, Hilltop Lakes VFD  
William Houston, St. Joseph EMS  
Melissa Kendrick, AirMed 12  
Chris Lamb, Bryan FD  
David Lozano, TAMU EMS  
Billy Rica, St. Joseph EMS  
Josh Varner, College Station FD

Ashley Johse, St. Joseph College Station  
Brandi Mendoza, Baylor Scott & White CS  
Patti Parks, Baylor Scott & White Brenham  
Shelby Reed, Baylor Scott & White CS  
Courtney Saunders, St. Joseph CS

### Medical Directors / Physicians

Dr. Aaron Buzzard  
Dr. Matthew Curnutte, Baylor Scott & White

### Other Attendees

Bryan Ruemke, Washington Co OEM

### Hospital Attendees

Alissa Akers,  
Erin Gaas, Burleson St. Joseph  
Amber Heredia, Baylor Scott & White CS

### BVRAC Staff

Rebecca Hill  
John Heritage

#### **I. Discuss providing EMS CQI filters for review**

- Need to consider data points from GETAC: whole blood, red lights & sirens, etc.  
Action : Anyone interested in participating in a workgroup to consider EMS CQI filters should reach out to Kevin Deramus [kderamus@washingtoncountytexas.gov](mailto:kderamus@washingtoncountytexas.gov)

#### **II. Definition of MCI Events / Creating Events in Pulsara for Hospital Awareness**

- Need to define MCI and how/when to notify hospitals
- State definition of MCI – It overwhelms local resources
- Defining this will be difficult and education will be needed. Concern was also shared when multiple hospitals are involved and one is passed to take a patient to another hospital. This will need to be discussed as well.  
Action : Billy and Noah will review data from previous incidents and seek lessons learned, etc. They will bring any findings to the next committee meeting.

#### **III. MIST / Time Out Process**

- Most feel that it has gotten worse in the last month from both sides
- Reasons offered include: no one in the room, how quickly notification is received, time of day, severity and staffing.
- May need to start the report with the nurses – doctors can come in when able. But doctors do like to get the information first hand.
- Need to be consistent. May need to look at acuity levels to see if a doctor needs to be present. Is there a person that always needs to be present?  
Action: Everyone review 10 people and bring back three issues to the next meeting.  
Action: Mr. Deramus will work with doctors to define when they should be present.

#### **IV. Whole Blood Task Force**

- Whole Blood Conference is coming up.
- Expecting \$10 million bill to pass in state for statewide implementation

## Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting Summary

10:30 a.m. – May 20, 2025

Action: Need to consider setting up a regional taskforce/group. We need a lead hospital

**V. Pulsara** – There are some new things in the works.

**VI. Open Forum**

- Seeking information on how pediatric patients arrive in facilities. Just need a one day count.
- GETAC Committee is looking at use of red lights and sirens. This is either a clinical decision or an operational decision. This will include all first responders.

**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council**  
**Stroke / Cardiac Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2025**

Attendance: Lori Porter, Patti Parks, Josh Varner, Riley Fisher, Amber Heredia, Dr. Curnutte, Courtney Salazar, Brooke Moore, John Heritage, Shelby Reed, Amy Plotts

I. Stroke

A. Stroke Awareness Campaign Update

[Campaign](#): Shared social media posts on FB page. Everyone encouraged to like & share. Request to set up Instagram account as well.

B. Langford Presentation Updates: scheduled for May 20th from 3-4p.

Waiting to see who wants to participate; May 10th deadline shared at last General Session. Shelby, Brooke & Riley are currently planning on presenting; would like an EMS representative to attend as well.

Presentation to include signs & symptoms, risk factors, etc.

C. VAN (LVO) Tracking:

1. VAN vs. RACE: no discussion

2. [VAN Tracking Form](#)

3. [VAN Data Collection](#): Amy will request updated information from all facilities in region.

D. Pediatric Stroke: discussed reality that we are likely not changing any care guidelines in our RAC, we just need to know who the Pediatric Stroke centers are.

E. [DSHS PI Worksheet](#): discussed PI project to include current thrombolytic treatment within 60 minute and 45 minute goals as well as

F. Double Transfers: Shelby & Amy will meet to determine how to track and share data at the next general session. Recent case sent to system QI for review and case presentation.

II. Cardiac: no discussion.

III. Open Forum

- A. Symposium: Lori completing flyer to send to vendors. Amy will share presentation/vendor contact with Lori (Abiomed - Cardiogenic Shock)
- B. Suggestion to make pocket cards for EMS regarding facility capabilities. John stated this is also part of the RAC review.

**Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council  
2025 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     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Burleson              | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph College Station       | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Grimes                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Madison               | X        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| CHI St. Joseph Regional Bryan        | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Encompass Health                     | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| The Physicians Centre                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| 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                         | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Robertson County EMS                 | X        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| St. Joseph AirMed 12                 | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Texas A&M University EMS             | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Washington County EMS                | X        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| <b>FRO's/Other Institutions</b>      |          |       |      |        |         |          |                 |
| **Brazos County Health Department    | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| Washington County OEM                | X        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| <b>Colleges</b>                      |          |       |      |        |         |          |                 |
| **Blinn College                      | ?        | X     |      |        |         |          |                 |
| **TEEX EMS Program                   | ?        | ?     |      |        |         |          |                 |

*X = Attended Meeting.*

*? = Absent*

**\*\* = Non Voting Agencies**