

# Meeting Minutes

## RAC-G: Public Education & Injury Prevention Committee

**4/16/25 @ 10:00 AM**

### **Call to order**

A meeting of RAC-G Public Education & Injury Prevention Committee was held via Teams link on 4/16/2025  
Sign in Sheet attached identifying members in attendance and those not in attendance.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from previous meeting approved as presented. Motion by Brandi Pero, second by Ashley Hanson. All in attendance in favor of approval as written.

**Purpose of Meeting:** Provide collaboration opportunity for entities impacting public education and injury prevention as well as those who provide care of injured patients within RAC-G.

### **1. Topic of Discussion**

Top 5 MOI data dive update discussed - data from all facilities in regional registry has been obtained, we are still waiting on CTMFT data to be able to have a full dataset. Heather will check with Tammy on status. If adjustments are needed or assistance in building reports is needed, Brittany & Ashley are both willing to help train new staff at CTMFT.

3/14 Fall course evaluation reviewed - see attached.

Funding availability discussed - we've been notified by RAC staff that a potential of up to \$12,000 is available for use by injury prevention if we can find a reputable program we want to fund as a committee. The temp display we were notified had been purchased last year was not completed. Julie has been working on that with Loretta and the company - that purchase is \$2400. We have plenty of nightlights available for anyone who needs them for fall prevention-just reach out to Julie or I and we will help you complete the request form and then help complete the evaluation after the event. We also discussed purchasing whistles last year that could be used for fall prevention, water safety, bicycling, and really anywhere someone would need a way to call for assistance without a phone. Discussion on using this towards life jackets as well, but concern was brought that water injuries are not anywhere near one of our top mechanisms of injury or mortality. Committee members voiced request that there be a focus on using this funding to focus more on car seat safety. We have an opportunity to purchase the WHALE kits from TX ENA which has been highlighted by GETAC as well. CPST training was discussed as a top priority to get more folks trained and open ourselves up to the ability to do car seat safety events in the future. The training is only \$95, but it is a 4 day training and the closest ones are in Amarillo and Lufkin. Brittany will reach out to see if we can get a course in town and will connect with Loretta to see about funding travel to another course if there isn't an ability to get a course in the RAC. Committee members would like to pursue funding in the following priority: #1 CPST courses for members, #2 whistles, #3 gippy socks for fall prevention, also discussion on fire blankets and tourniquets potentially

## 2. New Business

Discussion on Stop the Bleed in the region - EMS has historically handled most of the regional courses, but several hospitals are also teaching. Loretta mentioned ensuring those numbers make it back to the RAC for reporting as well. Stop the Bleed has fallen under the pre-hospital committee previously, but potential to move that under this committee in the future. Brittany would like to see a formalized request form that public entities could be referred to and then this committee could work to help fulfill requests as needed. Brittany asked that a reminder be provided at GA regarding current notification process for courses being taught in the region as many are reporting to ACS as required, but are not aware of the RAC reporting process. Loretta reports that since 2020 over 11,000 participants have been taught in the region and reported through the RAC. Brittany reports teaching at UT and reporting through ACS, but not being aware of a RAC request to report over the past 2 years. Jennifer reports Camp county EMS also hosts large courses and Loretta states those have not been reported through the RAC either. Jim & Roy have been primary contact for any requests that come into the RAC historically. RAC staff were not aware that any physician, nurse, medic, athletic trainer can be credentialed by ACS to teach these courses and may not actually be affiliated with the RAC.

DSHS has updated their website for injury prevention and they have a calendar as well as multiple data points and easy access information for social media posts.

## 3. Old Business

Additional Fall Prevention courses: Athens previously willing to host, but Lauren is not available on meeting today - will try for summer or fall course when we can reconnect with Lauren.

CarFit course update - We have reached out to Heather Singleton via email, text, and call and have not heard back. Anyone who has additional TXDOT contacts, please reach out and see if there is someone else we should be contacting.

Drowning Prevention education update - Kevin is in another meeting currently, but if we want to ask for life jackets with this money we absolutely can do that, but we need to have a plan on how we will distribute those and where prior to August. Discussion on need to ensure RAC meetings do not overlap as multiple members are in a Pulsara meeting currently for the upcoming disaster drill.


## 4. Action Items

CTMF - 5 year report to combine with rest of regional injury prevention data

## 5. Announcements:

Next meeting: May 21, 2025 @ 10am

Adjournment:



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Secretary: Brittany Ray

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Date