

Minutes

Committee: Pre Hospital: Chair Brian Wilkinson

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Date: 5/22/2025

Time: 11:00-12:00

Present: Jim Speier CFFL, Chad Solomon CFFL, Brian Wilkinson CEMS, Billy Perez Fairfield EMS, Dawn Johnston CFFL, Hayden Ray UTEMS, Aaron Wells RAC G, Carrie Elder Allegiance MH, Brad Baucom-AEL 127, Todd Loper UTEMS, Alicia Whetsell Jacksonville FD/EMS, Travis Gibson, Donnie Reynolds CEMS, Michael Lawyer UT Air 1, Tiffany Taylor M.D., Shea Allen UTET, Mike McDonough-TJC, Michael Montandon, Noelle K., Jamie Moore CHRISTUS Health TMF, Kevin Markham, Steven Jones UT Air 1, Tracy Lee-Timpson EMS, Annette Scott AEL 127, Jimmy Lawrence Longview FR/EMS

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting. – Motion: A. Whetsell, Second: Billy Perez Approved
2. Whole Blood Conversation
 - a. Discussion on further action at this time – Brian stated he has had several comments that we are not ready for blood at this time.
 - b. Jim Speier agrees we are not ready at this time, but we still need to carry on the conversation, and look at ways to accomplish the delivery of blood to those in need. We need to have a sit down meeting with all of the potential decision makers, Medical Directors, Trauma, Blood Banks, EMS, Administrators, and see if there is any conceivable, justifiable way to make this project work.
 - c. Billy Perez – do a poll and see the level of interest – poll the past run number and see how many times blood would have benefited our patients. Pull in the RAC to help engage the hospital players and obtain agreements with the programs, hospitals, and others supporting this project.

3. ALERRT Training dates

June 17th-18th 2025 AAIR

August 11th-15th 2025 AAIR Train-the-trainer

August 19th-20th 2025 AAIR

Alicia Whetsell asked about having the training outside of the Tyler/ Longview Area like in the south region. That is a question for Drew Allison Longview PD. It seems doable but Drew will be able to answer

that question.

4. Nomination for Pre-Hospital Committee Co-Chair – Jimmy Lawrence
Jimmy was the only nomination for co-chair. Motion to approve A. Whetsell, Second: Billy Perez. Motion carries. Jimmy Lawrence is the new PHC Co-Chair.
5. Trauma News
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/texas-ems-trauma-news>
6. Open Discussion
Loretta Kuhn actually started the open discussion at the first of the meeting. Information put forth: wrist band project news. In the new Trauma Rules on September 1st, 2025 all hospitals must place wristband numbers/information within the medical record. This is an item that will be checked during your designation or re-designation process, and tied to funding. Thus we need to train the hospitals as to why, and where to record this information. Also note we as a PHC/AMC set a date for applying wristbands to patients no later than July 1st 2025. This wristband rule is not currently in place in the DSHS EMS rules as of this time, but it is coming soon. RAC office has plenty of bands for each organization. Side note: on the Tuesday before GETAC the Whole Blood Task Force will have a luncheon where many of our questions may be answered. People were encouraged to attend and learn.

Happy EMS Week

7. Adjourn: Motion Jim, second A. Smith, Carried

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Submitted: Jim Speier

