

# RAC G Piney Woods Meeting Minutes

Trauma Systems

February 21, 2024

Call to order: 1000

A meeting of Trauma Systems was held virtually and in-person at the UT Health Pavilion on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Sign in Sheet is attached with submissions of minutes.

January committee minutes approved by Brittany Ray and Noelle Kennon.

Purpose of Meeting: Inform on any known information surrounding the latest development with the DSHS Proposed Trauma Rules. Present the regional quote from ImageTrend. Determine SMART goals for questions 9 & 13 within the RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool. Update the committee members on the latest news with the Uncompensated Care Applications.

## 1. DSHS Proposed Rules

- a. Committee member were presented with the latest developments of the DSHS proposed rules for trauma. The public comment period has closed and will now enter revision. A decision on next steps for the rules should come out around May. If the rules need further revision, then the review process will start over. If the rules are presented as complete, then they will be in effect in September 2024. The committee members had no further comments and/or questions on the topic.

## 2. Trauma Registry Vendor – ImageTrend RAC Proposal

- a. Committee members were presented with the quote from ImageTrend for a regional trauma registry. It was shared with the members that the other two registry vendors (who were presented to committee members prior to the 2023 holidays) would be working towards supplying additional quotes for options they have for similar registry functions. RAC staff requested that all software proposals and any recommendations from the Trauma Systems committee surrounding registry desires be presented to the RAC leadership directly.

## 3. RAC Self-Assessment Scoring Tool

- a. Question #9
  - i. Committee members reviewed the contents of question #9 on the self-assessment scoring tool and the results of the Microsoft Form polling. Ashley Hanson questioned RAC staff on the progress of the performance improvement (PI) project as the question pertains to items being integrated with the PI process. RAC staff did not have an update to provide to the committee. Laura Garlow and Ashley Hanson discussed the option of being the conduit for providing any updated information to the committee members. Brittany Ray questioned the RAC staff of if any updates on rules and/or standards could be presented on the RAC website. The RAC staff felt that was possible. Laura Garlow and Ashley Hanson informed members that they would formulate the wording for the action plan with these aspects in mind, and provide to members for review and approval. (3/5/24) Committee members viewed proposed action plan and were in agreement.
- b. Question #13
  - i. Ashley Hanson pointed out the lack of specialty physician leaders within the RAC. RAC staff informed the committee that there are physicians who do a fair amount of work in

the background. Ashley Hanson questioned RAC staff if we had a physician for each specialty listed in the question, and general member consensus was that we did not. Ashley Hanson proposed to the committee that the members on the committee could actively engage with their physician lead to garner their interest in attending RAC functions. Jennifer Marshall commented that she has frequent conversations about regional resources with her Trauma Medical Director. Laura Garlow stated that perhaps the issue is awareness with our physicians and what the RAC is capable of, and even noting conversations in minutes would be beneficial. The RAC staff was questioned on the ability to track physician involvement through minutes, and further conversations will need to be had over the availability of that function. The committee members agreed that they would be happy to engage their respectful physicians appropriately on engagement with the RAC. Once again, Laura Garlow and Ashley Hanson informed the members that they would design the wording on the action plan, and provide to the member for review and approval. (3/5/24) Committee members viewed proposed action plan and were in agreement.

#### 4. Uncompensated Care Application

- a. Committee members were informed that the DSHS Uncompensated Trauma Care application is now open and due May 1, 2024. Aspects of the application were discussed and no comments and/or questions were posed.

#### 5. Open Discussion

- a. Committee members were informed that UTHET – Tyler is currently unable to submit data for the region to the EMSTR (state registry) system. Judy Whitfield as the state is aware of the situation and said she would be in contact the Sheryl Coffey on a resolution for this issue. Ashley Hanson informed the committee that the intent to keep the status quo of submission (UTHET – Tyler submitting for majority of the region) is still the plan, however if the state is not able to set up appropriate access with the new system then education will be provided to the necessary staff on submitting data to the state registry.

Action Items: Obtain registry vendor software quotes and develop Trauma System committee recommendation of regional registry to provide to RAC leadership. Develop action plans for questions 9 & 13 of the Self-Assessment Scoring Tool to be approved by committee members.

Announcements: Next virtual and in-person meeting will be held at UT Health Pavilion on March 20, 2024.

Adjournment: 1100

Secretary must sign Minutes

MUST SHOW DATE OF MINUTES

Secretary

Date