

Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Committee

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

Department of State Health Services

Committee Chair's report

February, 2012

Committee Discussion Items:

1. DSHS EMTF MOA to contract between DSHS and the lead RAC of the EMTFs for ambulances, ambuses, and EM-TF response capabilities is in final form and expected out of contracting in the next couple weeks. A common subcontract is being developed for lead RACs to utilize to contract between lead RAC and ambulance providers and hospitals. Target is to have this in place for June 1, 2012.
2. Received a briefing about Stat of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), the next generation of the Texas Assistance Registry (TAR) from 211. The STEAR has been developed to assist all jurisdictions, not just coastal, and includes more FNSS information and improves electronic exchange of the data, improving the experience for the end-user and the emergency management team in the local jurisdictions.
3. Discussed EM-TF project:
 - a. 4 Ambuses are now in place (1 in EMTF-8, 1 in EMTF-6 and 2 in EMTF-2 regions) and by July 2012, should have 13 buses in place, with a minimum of 1 in each EMTF region.
 - b. MMU shelters are now in place in all EMTF regions. Team development continues in various levels of success. Victor has been tasked to have a week by week status snapshot to know who can respond rapidly.
 - c. RN Strike Team component continues to be problematic, as opposed to the other EMTF components. THA and Scott and White counsel are assisting in developing liability language that will help move the project forward.
 - d. EMTF governance document was discussed and will be approved at GETAC on Friday.
 - e. Will be swapping the word "plan" for SOG to avoid confusion with other teams and organizations.
4. Houston Regional Catastrophic Planning Initiative "Amb-Ops" plan briefing, excellent document that gives the regional rapid-response, No-Notice ambulance deployment, which is a component of EMTF efforts statewide. The group gave comment and felt that this document should be adopted as a model or template for all EMTF regions to consider as a guide to develop their EMTF regional mutual aid response SOG.
5. Dr. Mitch Moriber presented his committee's work on Disaster Medical Care with scarce resources. Work product was received and the group felt the best course of action now is to move this effort to TDMS and allow other regional efforts from Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Houston, along with this product, to be discussed with DSHS medical leadership.

Committee Action Items:

1. Ask that EMTF governance be placed on May 2012 agenda for final approval/acceptance.