

# ***Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Committee***

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council**

**Department of State Health Services**

## **Committee Chair's report**

May, 2012

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### **Committee Discussion Items:**

1. State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), the next generation of the Texas Assistance Registry (TAR) from 211 is finalized and on Chief Kidd's desk for signature and implementation across Texas. 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.
2. 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 has seen some movement forward, Denise Rose from THA has assisted in some constructive conference calls and 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.
3. American Medical Assn and STRAC co-sponsored a National Health Security Card conference in San Antonio in April. The "patient smart card" could carry 30 or so critically important data fields such as past medical history and current medications, and could be unlocked by paramedics or ER staff to access this potentially life-saving information. The conference explored this concept, which would also help decrease fraud and abuse.
4. 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.