

Northeast Texas Regional Advisory Council  
(TSA-F NETRAC)  
EMS/RSD 2021-2022 Annual Report

*An Annual Report is to be submitted to DSHS, Office of EMS/Trauma Systems no later than **October 15, 2022**. The annual report will cover the past fiscal year (September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022). Additional information may also be entered or submitted as an attachment to this report.*

<b>RAC</b>	Northeast Texas Regional Advisory Council
<b>Report Period</b>	FROM: 9/1/21 TO: 8/31/22

1. On Attachment A provide current information for RAC Officers and Executive Committee/Board as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Needs Assessments *(Provide a narrative paragraph describing how needs were identified. Give details outlining the decision-making strategy the RAC used to meet identified needs and identify patterns of regional resource distribution. For example, what kind of equipment was allocated to whom, and for what purpose? What were the number topics and attendees of education/training events? How were they evaluated? Using a table like the one shown below may assist in this process.)*

Identified Need	Targeted Beneficiary (EMS/Hospital)	How Were These Needs Met?
Education/Training	Both	Provided an Injury/Prevention Education budget where EMS and/or Hospitals can sponsor or send participants to various courses that would improve educational needs as it pertains to the caring for of our regional trauma and acute care patients. The following are a list of trainings/educational courses that were offered during FY 21-22: Stop the Bleed, EMS Conference, TNCC, BEFAST Program, Perinatal, GETAC.
Equipment	Hospital	Communication alternatives.
Other		

3. Administrative/Operational & Clinical:
  - a. How has the RAC identified all healthcare organizations in the region that might be involved in trauma, injury prevention, emergency healthcare, rehabilitation, and disaster management? What efforts did the RAC make to **maximize inclusion** of its constituents into the RAC to continue to develop an integrated trauma system? NETRAC region hosted over 20 Stop the Bleed classes to health care facilities. Churches, schools and agencies, to explain both Disaster Preparedness and Trauma/Acute grant requirements, as well as explaining how the RAC can be of serve to these agencies as participation in the RAC will help them to meet exercise, JCHAO standards and requirements as well as help them prepare for any and all hazards, as well as aid in the care of Trauma and Acute Care patients. The following items are discussed: grant requirements, plan the Annual Calendar, SOG, By-Laws, Needs Assessment, Monthly/ Quarterly/Annual Reports and due

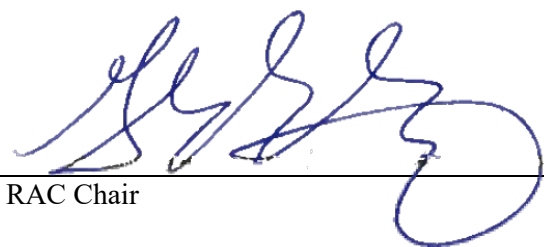
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dates, needed trainings, various committees and requirements, Annual Conference and Exercises, Injury Prevention activities, Acute Care information, Education Information.

- b. Summarize the need for and outcomes of specially called RAC meetings. Called Meetings - If needed special called meetings for budget development, grant changes, etc, would be called and given via direct face to face or teleconference via ZOOM. During FY 21-22 – there were called meetings to address our PPE Shortage, infectious control protocols, Stop the Bleed programs as well as new Perinatal/Maternity requirements for designation and stroke protocols. Perinatal was of specific priority.
- c. Report any projected realignments of counties in trauma service area We have made FRANKLIN County officially moving into TSA-F as the 911 EMS Provider is now Hopkins EMS. That county was assigned to G way before my time due to Champion EMS having that counties 911. That changed long ago and it really only makes since that FRANKLIN County belong to TSA-F.
- d. Describe the RAC’s role with facilities within the trauma service area prior to or during trauma center designations/re-designations that occurred within past twelve months. You may also describe the RAC’s role with facilities outside the trauma service area, if applicable. NETRAC provided guidance to all hospitals as it pertains to policies and procedures and all other needed information to aid in the success of their designation efforts, including participation letters. The RAC has provided funding for travel and training for new Trauma Coordinators, Stroke/STEMI Coordinators, to ensure that are prepared for their position and continued development of their trauma programs as well as track and provide participation letters as needed.
- e. Describe how the RAC administratively and operationally contributed to and participated in Injury Prevention initiatives within past twelve months. ***(Please provide a brief summary of all injury prevention activities describing the RAC’s level of involvement.)*** NETRAC sets aside funds for Stop the Bleed training equipment for our communities. We also have participated in the RDC for trauma data collection. We asked our Hospital/Registry/ QA Committee to pull their three top mechanism of injuries and bring a report to our Annual Strategic Planning Workshop, so that the Injury Prevention Committee could review and work on putting together our Regional Injury Prevention Programs.
- f. Describe the most significant findings of the RAC's SQL/Performance Improvement Committee within past twelve months. **What changed as a result of that/those findings?** Stroke recognition and the need for smaller non-designated facilities or primary care centers to transfer to a comprehensive stroke center sooner, reducing the exposure to radiation. Work in progress.
- g. To what degree were physicians in the trauma service area involved in the resolution of adverse patient care findings identified by the RAC's SQL/Performance Improvement Committee. We do not have one physician that serves on our committees. Our EMS Medical Director has been helpful in reviewing and giving great feedback as we work to strengthen our transport plans and our all hazards System-wide Health Care Plan for our region. Our region was fortunate and did not have any findings for our physicians to help resolve. The physicians do however participate in discussions concerning any Quality Assurance issues as well as HCID and CONOPS findings.

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- h. Describe activities the RAC was involved in that assisted or encouraged EMS and FRO participation in the RAC within past fiscal year (e.g. teleconferencing, video/conference calls, etc.). Regularly scheduled quarterly General Assembly and EMS and Aeromedical Committee meetings insure participation from our most disparate locations. Our Acute Care Committee has begun a training program for our FRO that addresses Stroke, STEMI and Stop the Bleed. Conference Calling, SurveyMonkey, Zoom and other cloud based services were bought for the region to share.
  - i. Identify problems or areas of concern identified in past twelve months adversely impacting RAC operations. Too many lessons not adhered too after COVID.
4. Is the information identified on Texas Secretary of State/Comptroller of Public Accounts (<https://ourcpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/Index.html>) website current? If not, what actions have been taken to ensure Certification of Franchise Tax Account Status (Registered Agent/Office) is current with the Texas Secretary of State/Comptroller of Pubic Accounts? Information is current
5. Summarize any issues/concerns that occurred in past twelve months that required technical assistance from the Office of EMS/Trauma System Coordination Group. We feel that the submission of deliverables via email, with no way to confirm things are received is a technical problem that we would like to address.
6. What method will the RAC utilize to ensure member organizations receive a copy of this Annual Report? The Annual Report will be emailed, placed on NETRAC website, and distributed and discussed at our 1st Quarterly Meeting in October 2022.



RAC Chair

10/06/2022

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*Complete and include with the Annual Report the following:*

*Attachment A – Officers/Board Members*

*Attachment B – Annual Bylaws Affidavit*

*Attachment C – Annual Regional Trauma System Plan Affidavit*

***Annual Participation Report***

*Attachment D – Designated Hospitals*

*Attachment E – Hospitals Seeking Designation*

*Attachment F – EMS Providers*

*Attachment G - First Responder Organizations*

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**OFFICERS / EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

**Effective 9/01/2022**

**Executive Board Positions**  
**(voting)**

<b>Physician Rep</b>	VACANT
One (1) physician representative elected for two-year terms in even years	
<b>Hospital Rep</b>	Jynnell Elder, Paris RMC <a href="mailto:secretary@netrac.org">secretary@netrac.org</a>
One (1) hospital representative elected for two-year terms in even years	
<b>EMS Rep</b>	Jarrold Nall, LifeNET EMS <a href="mailto:emsrep@netrac.org">emsrep@netrac.org</a>
One (1) EMS representative elected for two-year terms in odd years	
<b>Nursing Rep</b>	Beth Howell, CMF-Sulphur Springs <a href="mailto:nursingrep@netrac.org">nursingrep@netrac.org</a>
One (1) nurse representative elected for two-year terms in even years	
<b>Education Rep</b>	Russell Vanbibber, NTCC <a href="mailto:educationrep@netrac.org">educationrep@netrac.org</a>
One (1) education representative elected for two-year terms in odd years	
<b>Rehab Rep</b>	VACANT
One (1) rehabilitation representative elected for two-year terms in even years	
<b>At-Large Rep</b>	Jana House, Wadley RMC <a href="mailto:atlargerep@netrac.org">atlargerep@netrac.org</a>
One (1) at-large member who may be representatives of an organization or individual, elected for two year terms in odd years	
<b>Response Partner Rep</b>	Whitney Fezzell, ATCOG <a href="mailto:responserep@netrac.org">responserep@netrac.org</a>
One (1) response partner representative, elected for two year term in even years.	

**Officer Positions (voting)**

<b>RAC Chair</b>	Gary Short, NTCC, <a href="mailto:netracchair@netrac.org">netracchair@netrac.org</a>
<b>Chair-Elect</b>	Brad Cecil, Paris RMC, <a href="mailto:brad.cecil@parisrhc.com">brad.cecil@parisrhc.com</a>
<b>Past-Chair</b>	Russell VanBibber, NTCC, <a href="mailto:rvanbibber@ntcc.edu">rvanbibber@ntcc.edu</a>

**Officer Positions (non-voting)**

<b>Secretary</b>	Jynnell Elder, Paris RMC, <a href="mailto:secretary@netrac.org">secretary@netrac.org</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Russell VanBibber, NTCC, <a href="mailto:treasurer@netrac.org">treasurer@netrac.org</a>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Brent Smith, Hopkins EMS, <a href="mailto:brent.smith@hchdems.com">brent.smith@hchdems.com</a>

**Administrator**

<b>Executive Director</b>	Russell Thrasher, NETRAC, <a href="mailto:netracadmin@netrac.org">netracadmin@netrac.org</a>
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**ATTACHMENT B**  
**ANNUAL BYLAWS AFFIDAVIT**

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*The RAC shall document an annual review of its bylaws. (§ Rule 157.123: Essential Criteria Defined. A.12)*

RAC NAME: Northeast Texas Regional Advisory Council\_has completed an annual review and/or revision of the RAC's Bylaws with a documented date of and ratified by member organizations on 7/9/20.

Is a current copy of the RAC's bylaws available for review on the RAC's web site?  
 YES  NO

If NO, is a copy is attached to this report?  
 YES  NO

A page summarizing revisions/additions made to the bylaws this contract reporting year is attached to this report.  
 YES  NO



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**ATTACHMENT C**  
**ANNUAL REGIONAL TRAUMA SYSTEM PLAN AFFIDAVIT**

*The RAC shall document an annual review of regional EMS/trauma system plan. (§ Rule 157.123: Essential Criteria Defined. A.12)*

RAC NAME: Northeast Texas Regional Advisory Council has completed an annual review and/or revision of the RAC's regional trauma system plan with a documented date of and ratified by approval from member organizations on 7/6/2021.

Each essential component of the Plan has a revision date of:

COMPONENT	DATE
Access to the System	04/2021
Communication	04/2021
Medical Oversight	04/2021
Pre-hospital Triage Criteria	04/2021
Diversion Policies	04/2021
Bypass Protocols	04/2021
Regional Medical Control	04/2021
Facility Triage Criteria	04/2021
Inter-hospital Transfers	04/2021
Designation of Trauma Facilities, Planning for	04/2021
Performance Improvement	04/2021
Regional Trauma Treatment Protocols	04/2021
Regional Helicopter Activation Protocols	04/2021
Injury Prevention	04/2021

Is a current copy of the RAC's regional trauma system plan available for review on the RAC's web site?

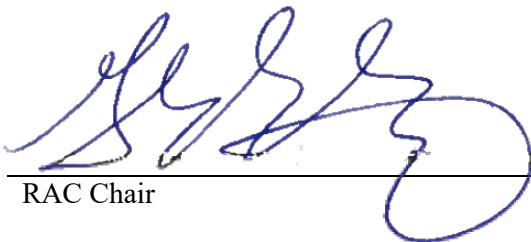
YES  NO

If NO, has one has been attached with this report?

YES  NO

A page summarizing revisions/additions made to the regional trauma system plan this contract reporting year is attached to this report.

YES  NO



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