

Meeting Minutes for the  
Cardiac Care Committee of the  
Governor's EMS Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Omni Forth Worth  
Saturday, November 23, 2013 1:00 p.m.

The Cardiac Care Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm and members present included the Chair - Richard W. Smalling, MD, Karen Pickard RN, Catherine Bissell RN, Dr. Craig Cooley, Todd Haugen, Josie Fillingham

Members excused: Dr. David Persse, Dr. Robert Wozniak, Christine Yuhas, Loni Denne

Josie Fillingham was recognized for her service to Cardiac Care Committee as she has completed her term of service.

Catherine Bissell reviewed the progress in adding documents to the STEMI care website on the SETRAC server. This website is linked to the GETAC server allowing interested citizens to obtain useful information regarding establishment and maintenance of STEMI treatment centers as well as interesting recent publications in STEMI care from the medical literature. Dr. Cooley and other members of the Web Committee are evaluating additional documents which could be added to the website from the recent STEMI literature.

Dr. Robert Wozniak provided slides from his assessment of the STEMI Texas Meeting held recently in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Wozniak's slide set was presented by Dr. Smalling and focused on a number of important points including paragraph 1. Several papers have been published with a large series of patients noting that although the door to balloon time had decreased significantly over the course of the past 5 years in the United States, this was not correlated with a reduced mortality. In fact, the mortality for STEMI patients remains at 10% across the country. The majority of the deaths, however, were in the first 160 minutes from onset of symptoms, primarily in the pre-hospital phase. There was considerable discussion of the merits of cooling out of hospital arrest patients as well as optimizing decisions regarding the optimal candidates for cooling. Additional discussion regarding the potential means of decreasing the incidence of activation of STEMI teams without intervention (false activation) in STEMI treatment centers was raised.

Public comments centered on the potential means of establishing a Texas wide STEMI database with capture of pre-hospital data not currently captured in ACTION or the NCDR databases. Additional discussion regarding in sharing the release of the ACTION database data to hospital systems was considered. The potential for initiating a data repository locally with subsequent release to ACTION was also raised and current efforts regarding data activity were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30p with the next meeting being scheduled Feb. 14 at 4pm in Austin. Specific agenda items for the February 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting include:

Discussion of the potential database committee members as well as potential areas of progress with establishing STEMI database in collaboration with the DSHS Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke. Additionally, we would anticipate a report from Loni Denne regarding the current results from the ACTION registry as well as a report from Dr. Wozniak on the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) STEMI survey results.