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## **AGENDA**

### **Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Meeting Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:00 AM- 10:30 AM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom  
6505 N Interstate 35  
Austin, TX 78752

*This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Zoom.*

**Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at**  
[www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).

Eric Epley, NREMT-P, Chair

Mike Clements, Brian Eastridge, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Council Liaisons  
Jorie Klein, RN, Joseph Schmider, DSHS

Call to Order/Roll Call – Eric Epley, NREMT-P, Chair

Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements – Eric Epley, Chair

#### **GETAC Vision:**

***A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System***

#### **GETAC Mission:**

***To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System***

Review and approval of March 7, 2023, meeting minutes – Eric Epley, Chair

GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair

EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

## **Discussion and possible action on the following items:**

1. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Updates – Sara Jensen
2. 2023 Texas Hurricane Updates/ Predictions – John Honore, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
3. Title 42 Discussion & Updates – Eric Epley, Chair
4. Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Wristband Project & Pulsara Updates – Eric Epley, Chair
5. TDEM Supply Chain Resiliency Discussion – Eric Epley, Chair, & Nim Kidd, TDEM Chief
6. Texas System Performance Improvement Plan and recommended emergency response outcome measures
7. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve disaster preparedness and response in Texas – Eric Epley, Chair

General Public Comment – *Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion.*

Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report – Committee Members

Announcements – Eric Epley, Chair

Review and list agenda items for next meeting – Eric Epley, Chair

Next meeting date – Eric Epley, Chair

Adjournment – Eric Epley, Chair

**Public Comment:** The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing [Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 PM, June 2, 2023. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible pdf format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff and for public distribution. Handouts are

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