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## **AGENDA**

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

Thursday, August 17, 2023

1:00 PM– 2:30 PM

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

*This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Microsoft Teams.*

**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).

Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair  
Gerad Troutman, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Council Liaisons  
Jorie Klein, RN, Joseph Schmider, DSHS

1. Call to Order/Roll – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
2. Roll Call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements – Christopher Winckler, MD, 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.

4. Reading of the GETAC EMS Medical Directors Committee Statement of Purpose – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

**GETAC EMS Medical Directors Committee Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's EMS Medical Directors Committee is to promote a robust, responsive, flexible emergency healthcare system that is based on evidence, quality, and safety by board certified EMS physicians with appropriate authority, compensation, and oversight of all actions of the emergency healthcare system.

5. Review and approval of June 8, 2023, meeting minutes – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
6. GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. 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:

8. GETAC Committee Application Period for 2024 Appointments
9. EMS Personnel and Providers Appeal Hearing Timeline – Joseph Schmider
10. EMS Handoff/Time-Out Tool discussion & recommendation – Committee Members
11. Update on the GETAC Strategic Plan – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
12. Discussion, review, and approval of potential single sentence statements in EMS documentation
  - a) Need for additional statements – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
13. Update on the Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX-CARES) – Micah Panczyk/Jeff Jarvis, MD
14. Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) State Partnership update – Sam Vance, LP
15. Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Update – Gerad Troutman, MD
16. Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) Self-Assessment Discussion and Recommendations
17. Texas System Performance Improvement Plan and Recommendations for EMS Outcome Measures
18. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve EMS medical direction in Texas – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
19. General Public Comment – *Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion.*
20. Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report – Committee Members

21. Announcements – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
22. Review and list agenda items for next meeting – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
23. Next meeting date – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
24. Adjournment – Christopher Winckler, MD, 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 comment to DSHS by emailing [deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 PM, August 10, 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 limited to two pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS no later than 5:00 PM, August 10, 2023, and include the name of the person who will be commenting.

**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.**

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