

## **Overview**

In 2001, the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2446 to examine the requirements imposed on emergency medical service (EMS) providers in rural areas. This legislation broadly mandated the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) to produce a strategic plan for emergency medical services and trauma care systems subsequently leading to the development of the document entitled: A Strategic Plan for Texas EMS and Trauma Systems in 2002.

## **Purpose / Charge GETAC Council Chairman**

The current Texas strategic plan document is antiquated and requires significant revision with the intent that this document will subsequently be regularly reviewed and amended to reflect contemporary best practice in the context of the Texas Trauma System. The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) will accept the responsibility to revise the Texas EMS / Trauma system strategic plan. The intent of this strategic is to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that stakeholders are working toward common goals for the injured patient. This strategic plan will be completed and ready for GETAC Council vote by August 2015.

## **Timeline**

Initiated April 2014 / Projected Completion August 2015

Major steps to develop the plan include:

- Informing GETAC committees of the working list of topics and process
  - May 2014
- GETAC committees provide input on the plan development
  - August 2014 (GETAC Committee agenda)
    - Review / revise Committee specific plan elements
- Developing the plan based upon the agreed upon strategic framework
  - November 2015
    - Review / revise Committee specific plan elements
    - Develop specific due outs
- Obtaining public comment on the plan
  - February 2015 (Initial)
  - May 2015 (Final)
- Council approval
  - August 2015 (Council Approval)

## **Categories / Topics for Potential Inclusion**

Integrated delivery services

Clinical care

Rehabilitation

Special populations

Communication systems

Community outreach

Equipment resources

Geographical challenges

Legislation and regulation

Medical oversight

Performance improvement / patient safety

Preparedness

Prevention

Professional education

Research

Sustainable system funding

Funding

Reimbursement / Payment / FFS

System access

System leadership

Workforce

Health information

