



AGENDA
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Meeting
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Hyatt Regency Dallas

300 Reunion Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75207

Sunday, November 20, 2016

10:30 A.M.

Call to Order/Roll Call Dudley Wait, EMT-P, Chair

Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements Dudley Wait, Chair

GETAC Vision:

A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System for a healthy and safe Texas.

GETAC Mission:

To promote, develop, and maintain a comprehensive data driven Emergency Healthcare System that will meet the needs of all patients and will raise the standards for high quality community health care by implementing innovative techniques and accountable systems for the delivery of emergency care for the entire population.

Review and Approval of August, 2016 Meeting Minutes Dudley Wait, Chair

Discussion and possible action on the following items: Committee Members

1. Review the following objectives from the Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System and report suggested revisions, updates and strategies for implementation to GETAC for immediate review by the Council on November 21st, 2016: Dudley Wait, Chair

Clinical Care objectives

- a. Identify high priority clinical areas for dissemination of current information, standards, and opportunities for education
- b. Advocate for the designation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as an essential public service
- c. Reduce time from onset of illness/injury to definitive care
- d. Deliver the highest quality care across the continuum of the Emergency Healthcare System
- e. Utilize evidence-based / best practice metrics to assess all elements of the Emergency Healthcare System

Performance Improvement objectives

- a. Reduce the disability and mortality from time sensitive medical conditions in the state of Texas
- b. Develop comprehensive processes to enhance performance improvement of Emergency Healthcare Systems

Infrastructure: Communication Systems objectives

- a. Promote implementation of universal enhanced 9-1-1 services statewide to ensure that all emergency calls and requests are routed to the appropriate public safety answering point in order to minimize time access care
- b. Designate standard EMS dispatching protocols
- c. Develop and implement real-time patient data transfer
- d. Promote the establishment of robust fault-tolerant communication systems statewide that provides seamless communications between public safety and health care agencies in all situations

2. Update on status of revisions to the EMS and Trauma System rules in 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 157 Dudley Wait, Chair

3. Update on Federal EMS issues relating to the National EMS Advisory Council, the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS, and the National Association of State EMS Officials Dudley Wait, Chair

4. EMS for Children Update

5. Update from the DSHS Texas EMS and Trauma Registries

6. Possibility of forming a workgroup with the GETAC Medical Directors Committee and the GETAC Education Committee to examine the availability of paramedics and initial paramedic education in rural and frontier parts of Texas Dudley Wait, Chair

7. Update on the development/and or progress of a workgroup, in collaboration with the Medical Director's Committee, purposed with formulating template language for EMS Medical Director agreement Dudley Wait, Chair

8. Update on EMS Committee and Medical Directors Committee joint work group to develop a state-approved process designed to rehabilitate EMS personnel with substance abuse problems and reintegrate them into the EMS Workforce Dudley Wait, Chair

9. Update from workgroup regarding best practices and issues regarding patients carrying firearms on Ambulances Dudley Wait, Chair

10. Update from the Community Paramedic Task Force on recommendations for baseline education criteria Dudley Wait, Chair

11. Update from workgroup investigating transfer patients being moved by private vehicle Dudley Wait, Chair

General Public Comment
(Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion)

Summary for GETAC meeting report Committee Members

Announcements Dudley Wait, Chair

Review and list agenda items for next meeting Dudley Wait, Chair

Next meeting date Dudley Wait, Chair

Adjournment Dudley Wait, Chair