

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)																
EMS Sub-Committee																
ATTENDANCE																
February 12, 2014																
Name	JUL 2010	AUG 2010	NOV 2010	FEB 2011	MAY 2011	AUG 2011	NOV 2011	FEB 2012	MAY 2012	OCT 2012	NOV 2012	FEB 2013	MAY 2013	AUG 2013	NOV 2013	FEB 2014
Dudley Wait	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lucille Maes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eddie Martin	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Brian Petrilla	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Lon Squyres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Justin Boyd			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tami Kayea							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Juan Adame												X	X	X	X	
Jorge Ruiz, Sr.												X	X	X		X
Christopher Alexander																X
Walter Kuykendall																X

1. Meeting called to order at 10:40.
2. Presentation of Texas Medical Association's (TMA) Hard Hats for Little Heads program that provides bike helmets to children, to be presented by Tammy Wishard, TMA Outreach Coordinator.

This is a program to give away helmets at events. TMA matches the number of helmets ordered. So if 50 are purchased, 50 are given free. There are fliers at the table out front that has all the information.

3. Review proposed revisions to Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Section 157.11 regarding changes mandated by House Bill (HB) 3556 and Senate Bill (SB) 8 of the 83rd Legislative Session, 2013.

Per Joe Schmider, it will be published on Texas Registry on February 15.

4. Recommendations to DSHS, as required by Senate Bill 8 of the 83rd Texas Legislative Session, 2013, regarding the laws and policies related to the licensure of nonemergency EMS transportation providers that would reduce the incidence and opportunities of fraud, waste and abuse.

The past 3 meetings had to be canceled due to ice, but phone conferences were conducted. The document is completed and should go out to legislature next week and include the report produced by the EMS Committee. This is the report created from the six meetings conducted around the State obtaining stakeholder input throughout Texas. The list of EMS providers on DSHS website has been recently updated. For the first time in years, the number of providers is below 1,000 where it had been as high as around 1,500.

5. EMS for Children (EMSC) Update

Sam Vance, Program Manager, gave a brief update on EMS reassessment. The final response rate was 71%. (326 out of 459 agencies responded) A few agencies (around 5) not originally sent the survey in the random sampling asked to participate and did send in data which gave a 72% response. At the May GETAC EMS meeting, he would like to provide a presentation of the data collected and how it compares to the survey from 2010.

6. Update on the status of DSHS EMS and Trauma Systems rules in Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157 draft revisions.

Joe Schmider: This is an ongoing internal process. Have the notes from all the previous meetings. Plan is for Schmider to do the first wave of revisions himself. It will then be put out for all the stakeholders input. This is probably going to be a 2 year process to complete.

7. Report on Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup (TSCRW)

Brian Petrilla: The TSCRW has been looking at who is not reporting. Initial thought was not reporting was a global problem. However, most of the 911 services are reporting. 30% of those not reporting are transfer only providers. Joe Schmider stated he believes that the transfer data is important because it is the current stress on the system. Plus, it is an EMS registry and needs to encompass all types of EMS services. Currently, Texas is the only state not reporting to the national registry. However, we are one of the few states that does collect hospital data.

8. Report from the workgroup examining the language in 25 TAC 157.11, Requirements for an EMS Provider License, and 25 TAC 157.13, Fixed-wing Air Ambulance Operations, regarding patient care issues when EMS ground and air providers are present.

Per Justin Boyd, group submitted some questions to Joe Schmider. It is an agenda item for the Air Medical group. Medical directors have also been a part of the workgroup. Per Schmider – the questions came before he arrived. He did get the answers back to Air Medical in November. One of the main questions was what to do with providers from other states that come in and provide bad service. The recommendation is going back to the state where it came from and also setting up a QA process. There was concern over medics flying in from out of state and then getting in the back of a ground ambulance. The other main question was could education provided in another state count in Texas. That is being looked at by attorneys. Boyd and Wait said there are concerns by ground crews about transferring a patient to an air provider they know are not licensed in Texas and then they being held responsible. Schmider stated the most important action is to take care of the patient and then contact DSHS to handle it after the incident. DSHS would then contact that state about charges for providing care in Texas without being licensed. Petrilla said he believes it is happening a lot more than people think due to there being a flight clearing house where flights are purchased and sold.

9. Update from Emergency Medical Task Forces (EMTF).

Victor Wells – Gave a presentation given during Disaster meeting this morning. EMTF is developing relationship with Air Medical; MOA being finalized. MSAT radios have been tested and are functioning well and will start getting all the regions involved in testing these radios. The MMU equipment requirements have shown dramatic improvements from May 2013 to February 2014. Have now started the same process on AMBUS equipment. Will be conducting multi-regional exercises in South Padre (March 11-16) Island and the Bataan Memorial Death March in March as well.

10. Possible agenda items from committee members for next meeting.

Wait – The process for the Local Project Grant seems to be out-of-date. For example, you want tracked stair chairs so you write your grant and request a grant for one based upon a price of \$3500. DSHS will award you \$300 based upon their allocation sheet that a stair chair costs \$700, regardless of the justification in your LPG grant write-up. This is true on a lot of items; stretchers, ambulances, etc. There are a number of options on how it could be modified to allow for the increase in equipment costs or the different levels of equipment. Schmider stated it is always good to look at processes to see if they are current. He strongly encourages getting GETAC approval and putting a workgroup together. Maes stated there are a number of safety items available but can't afford them and not covered under the LPG's.

Kayea – Cities are concerned over the new Letter of Need required in Senate Bill 8. The cities have some real liability and do not have any guidance. The State is working on helping format the letter, but they need guidance on how many ambulances a city needs.

Schmider – working with municipalities and the League of Governments on going through this process.

Boyd – The wording for reciprocity in Texas states that in order to gain Texas certification they must be licensed in the other state. Joe Schmider said he will look at it and report back in May.

Squyres – Concerned over the rising problem of psychiatric patients. Medical Director's committee has been working on this topic. May just need a report from them or work with them to expand the scope of the issue.

11. General Public Comments

Kristen Reeves (HOTRAC) requested that at least one RAC administrator or representative be on the workgroup about LPG's if it is formed. Norris, San Antonio, need to look at some of the opportunities afforded under the Affordable Care Act such as the Community Paramedic programs.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dudley Wait". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "W".

Dudley Wait, EMT-P
EMS Committee Chair