

Meeting Minutes
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
August 19, 2015 9:00am

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Council Members

Attendance	Name	Position (representing)
X	Vance Riley, LP	Fire Chief, Chair
	Nora Castañeda-Rivas	Public Member
X	Mike Click, RN	Rural Trauma Facility
	James (Mike) DeLoach	County EMS Provider
X	Linda W. Dickerson	Public Member
X	Robert D Greenberg, M.D.	Emergency Physician
	Jodie Harbert III, LP	EMS Educator
	Ryan Matthews, LP	Private EMS Provider
X	Jeffrey Beeson, D.O.	EMS Medical Director
	Karen Pickard, RN, LP	EMS Volunteer
X	Shirley Scholz, RN	EMS Air Medical Service
	James D. Williams, Lt.	Fire Department
X	Brian Eastridge, M.D.	Urban Trauma Facility
X	Alan H. Tyroch, M.D.	Trauma Surgeon
X	Robert Vezzetti, M.D.	Pediatrician

Department of State Health Services Staff

Attendance	Name	Position
X	Kathryn C. Perkins, RN	Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services
X	Renee Clack, LNFA	Director, Health Care Quality Section
X	Jane G. Guerrero, RN	Director, Office of EMS and Trauma Systems Coordination
X	Joseph Schmider	State EMS Director, Office of EMS and Trauma Systems
X	Colin Crocker	State Trauma Director, Office of EMS and Trauma Systems

Reading of the Vision and Mission Statement

GETAC Chair Chief Riley read the vision and mission statement.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas. A quorum of the members was present.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were available for approval.

Chair Report and Discussion

Chief Riley announced September is committee application time for all GETAC committees. Current members should check their term expiration dates (posted on the DSHS GETAC committee web page) and if they expire 1/1/2016 and if they are interested in remaining on the committee, they should apply accordingly. Chief Riley announced that his appointment term to GETAC ends 1/1/2016 and that he does not plan to seek reappointment to the Council.

Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regulatory Services

Kathryn C. Perkins, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services was unable to attend so Joseph Schmitter reported for her. Joe encouraged everyone to sign up for Govdelivery.com to get the latest updated and meeting notices. Important dates to remember are:

September 14, 2015 – Meeting on Trauma Rules

September 21 or 23- Meeting on Rack Rules

September 22, 2015 – Meeting on Neonatal Rules

September 28, 2015- Meeting on Stroke Rules

For the doctors the medical online course has been extended for one more year so it will be up until August 1, 2016 and it will still be free after that it will cost about \$400.00 to take that course. Texas has been selected to host the Nation Rural EMS conference in the spring on 2016.

State EMS/Trauma System Report, Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination

No report was given

Assistant Commissioner Report, Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section

John Villanacci reported on management changes and staffing levels to the EMS/Trauma Registries; the status of the 2016 The TxDOT grant and planned use of the funds; and stakeholder education and training related to injury scoring, data collection and use. On July 8th 2015, the Registry was NEMSIS 3.3.4. Certified and is now available.

Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regional and Local Health Services

No report was given

Standing Committee / Task Force Reports

Air Medical Committee

Shirley Scholz presented this report. Review and discussion included the pediatric inner facility guide lines; and the Trauma System rules; recommendations on those rules will be forthcoming.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Cardiac Care Committee

Dr. Smalling reported on the national STEMI care data from the ACTION registry and the RACs reported outcomes data to DSHS; Phase II of the STEMI Accelerator project of the American Heart Association.; and the importance of developing a RAC centered approach to STEMI outcomes reporting to the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council of DSHS and the GETAC Cardiac Care Committee.

Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee

Eric Epley gave an update on Ebola preparedness and other high consequence diseases. The committee ask for GETAC to Support Infectious Disease Response Units as recognized components of the Emergency Medical Task Force system.

Education Committee

Jodie Harbert reported on progress in developing a curriculum for Community Health Paramedic. Committee voted to have to have mandatory stroke and STEMI education added to CE topics. There will be an EMS coordinator update in Lubbock on Aug 21st and another Sept 30th in Hurst Texas.
No action was required for this agenda item.

EMS Committee

Dudley Wait reported on the continuing review of the TAC 157 dates and locations are as follows: Sept 11, 18, 25,30th. October 8, and 30th. November 6th and 13th in Tyler, Odessa, El Paso, Lerado and San Antonio, respectively.
No action was required for this agenda item.

Injury Prevention Committee

Shelly Stevens-Stidham reported on discussion regarding evaluation of Hospital-Based Injury Prevention and the importance of knowledge and science behind the layers of IP. Announcements: JPS Trauma Conference Oct 16, 2015.
No action was required for this agenda item.

Medical Directors Committee

Dr. Beeson, reported on the transport and care of patients with behavioral disorders and Pediatric Transfer and Transport Guidelines and have recommendations ready for the committee at the next council meeting; the gaps between the Texas Medical Board rules, Title 22, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 197, and DSHS EMS rules, 25 TAC, Chapter 157.
No action was required for this agenda item.

Pediatric Committee

Sam Vance reported the committee has had a resignation that will be replaced in November. EMS for Children State Partnership update: 81% participation in reassessment results. Next week is EMS week, Wednesday is EMS for Children day.
No action was required for this agenda item.

Stroke Committee

Dr. Neal Rutledge reported on TCCVDS and RAC update by Darrel Pyle. Meeting with the education committee resulted in suggesting developing a video program that medical directors can use for stroke education.
No action was required for this agenda item.

Trauma Systems Committee

Dr. Eastridge reported the ongoing improvements to the Texas EMS and Trauma Registries including NEMSIS 3.3.4. software. Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) continues to evolve, Levels 1 and Levels 2 are already apart of the TQIP program; ultimate goal to involve the Level 3s and protection of statewide performance improvement process.

No action was required for this agenda item.

GETAC Liaison Summaries

Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)

The TETAF report was presented by Diana Welsh. The council chair thanked TETAF for the video streaming of the meetings. TETAF has been focused on legislative funding. There has been a lot of discussion in this session about RAC funding, and the Tobacco contracts are being delayed. Diana Welsh was able to meet with Kathy Perkins who ensured that she would not let a RAC temporarily shut down. There are extraordinary funds that can be used to prevent a RAC from temporary shutting down.

EMS for Children State Partnership update

No update given

Discussion, public comment, and possible action on the following items

1. Report from the Education Committee workgroups regarding stroke-specific continuing education requirements for EMS personnel certification and recertification.

No action was taken on this issue.

2. Update from state EMS director on Interstate CompAct (Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct) legislation

Joe Schmider, reported the legislation did pass approving The Replica of the EMS Compact. The real work will start in about a year or a year and half.

No action was taken on this issue.

3. Support Infectious Disease Response Units as recognized components of the Emergency Medical Task Force system

This was discussed during the Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee report. Please see motions

4. Information sharing for high-consequence infectious disease

No action was taken on this issue.

5. Position statement on the transport and care of patients with behavioral disorders

No update given, tabled until November meeting.

6. Freestanding emergency departments and other facilities providing emergency care and the potential categorization or designation of such entities

Dr. Greenberg advocated waiting to convene the task force in November allowing the Disaster Planning and EMS committees to contribute. There will be another meeting in November.

No action was taken on this issue.

7. How to improve the sharing of a medical facility's patient outcome data with EMS providers

No action was taken on this issue.

8. Report on Pediatric Transfer and Transport Guidelines (Charles Macias, MD, MPH)

No action was taken on this issue..

9. Child abuse and child fatality quality improvement issue (Charles Macias, MD, MPH)

Will be discussed at the next GETAC meeting

10. Gaps between the Medical Practice Act, Texas Medical Board (TMB) Rule 197 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 157 (David Persse, MD, and the Medical Directors Committee)

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11. Review and update of The Strategic Plan for the Texas EMS/Trauma System

Dr. Eastridge presented the latest draft of the strategic plan. The document was entitled: “Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System.”

No action was taken on this issue.

12. Renaming the Texas Trauma and EMS System strategic plan report

The original title of the 2002 document was, “A Strategic Plan for the Texas EMS/Trauma System.”

Discussion around the name change was approved during the July strategic planning session to be changed to Texas Emergency Healthcare Strategic plan.

Motions

Agenda # 3 Support Infectious Disease Response Units as recognized components of the Emergency Medical Task Force system

Motion by Dr. Greenburg 2nd by Chief Riley – to have Infectious Disease Response Units as recognized components of the Emergency Medical Task Force system.

Agenda # 8 Report on Pediatric Transfer and Transport Guidelines

Motion by Dr. Greenburg 2nd by Dr. Beeson to endorse the document but will need to have a final document along with an action plan.

Public Comment

There was one (1) public commenter related to EMS issues.

No action was taken on this issue.

Review and List Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Items will be compiled and emailed to the department for processing.

Next Meeting Date

November 20, 2015 at the Omni in Dallas, Texas.

Item 16: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm