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## Meeting Minutes

### Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

November 23, 2015 4:00 pm

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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
X	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

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
	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.

## **Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, November 23, 2015, at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center, Dallas, Texas. A quorum of the members was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Robert Greenberg, and seconded by Linda Dickerson to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2015 and August 19, 2015. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

## **Chair Report and Discussion**

Chief Riley welcomed all the new committee members. He also announced his retirement from GTEAC.

## **Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regulatory Services**

Kathryn C. Perkins, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services was unable to attend; no report was given.

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

Jane Guerrero, Director of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination gave an update on the process of the neonatal rules, now posted in the Texas register for a 30 day comment period. They will become affective in May or June of 2016, applications will not be accepted until after the rules are effective. Staff continue to work on the TAC Chapter 157 rule revision. DSHS continues working through the transision process of HHSC. You can follow this process and sign up for alarts on Govdelivery.com. We are still going through the process of physical size up within our agency therefore, our budget has not been finalized.

## **Assistant Commissioner Report, Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section**

John Villanacci reported on management changes and staffing levels to the EMS/Trauma Registries. The Registry was NEMSIS 3.3.4. Certified, tested and now has been deployed. TxDOT grant had been implmented as of October 1 2015. The funds will be used for education and training related to injury scoring, data collection and use. John Villanacci announced he will be retiring at the end of the month.

## **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 the rule 15711, 12 and 13; and the Trauma System rules; recommendations on those rules will be forthcoming.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

### **Cardiac Care Committee**

Dr. McCarthy is reporting for Dr. Smalling reported the progress in improving pre-hospital ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) data collection and potential impact on improving STEMI care.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

### **Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee**

Eric Epley gave an update on Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) report and Infectious Disease Response Unit (IDRU).

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **Education Committee**

Jodie Harbert reported on progress in developing a curriculum for Community Health Paramedic. They are working on updating the DSHS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Training Manual. They will hold their second EMS summit April 15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **EMS Committee**

Dudley Wait reported that they have been reviewing TAC 157. The last date will be Dec 17<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio before they make their final recommendation to GETAC.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **Injury Prevention Committee**

Mary Ann Contreras reported for Shelly Stevens-Stidham on the development of a new document related to Evidence-based texting and driving prevention; planning and development of an Injury Prevention conference to be held in May 2016 in conjunction with the East Conference in San Antonio.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **Medical Directors Committee**

Dr. Beeson, reported on the development of the *Transport and Care of Patients with Behavioral Disorders and Pediatric Transfer and Transport Guidelines* and will have recommendations ready for the committee at the next council meeting. They welcomed two new members to the Medical Directors.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **Pediatric Committee**

Charles Macias reported on updating the National Pediatric Readiness Project activities, including Emergency Nurses Association demonstration project meeting.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **Stroke Committee**

Dr. Neal Rutledge reported on TCCVDS activities and a RAC update by Darrel Pyle; development of a report with suggestions from the Transport Bypass Workgroup, regarding severity adjusted triage criteria for hospital bypass of ambulance patients.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **Trauma Systems Committee**

Jorie Klein reported the ongoing improvements to the Texas EMS and Trauma Registries including NEMSIS 3.3.4. software. Ms. Klein presented a slide show on Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) and how it continues to evolve, Levels 1 and Levels 2 trauma facilities are already apart of the TQIP program; ultimate goal to involve the Level 3s, and protection of statewide performance improvement process. Ms. Klein requested the GETAC endorse the Hartford Consensus III Report.

*No action was required for this agenda item.*

#### **GETAC Liaison Summaries**

##### **Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)**

Diana Welsh reported due to unforeseen circumstance this GETAC is not being streamed live. TETAF has been focused on legislative funding; working our ensuring permanent dedicated funding and how our trauma funds can be rebuilt.

## **EMS for Children State Partnership update**

Sam Vance reported that they are working on changing three performance measures. 1) To have a pediatric care coordinator for EMS. 2) To make sure that they are NEMSIS compliant. 3) Make sure that everyone knows how to use the recommended pediatric care equipment.

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

#### ***1. Update on DSHS Travel Office and Public Information Access policies as they pertain to GETAC council and committee members***

Discussion deferred to February meeting.

#### ***2. Report on the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)***

Dr. Beeson, reported the federal funding for CARES has ended and they are moving to a subscription based for those who still want to participate. Please see motions.

#### ***3. Review GETAC Cardiovascular and Stroke Committee suggestions regarding which stroke data elements Regional Advisory Councils should consider collecting from Texas hospital.***

No elements to report at this moment. They are questioning if the GETAC council has any specific elements that they would like to recommend to the TCEVDS.

***No action was taken on this issue.***

#### ***4. Information sharing for high-consequence infectious disease***

To get a better understanding of how and what is the best way to share information on high-consequences infectious disease to first responders.

***No action was taken on this issue.***

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

Dr. Beeson presented changes in the planned proposal. Please see motions.

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

Dr. Greenberg reported the overwhelming support for categorization and designation of free standing emergency departments and inclusion of free standing emergency departments in the Healthcare system. This workgroup will continue to meet for this discussion.

***No action was taken on this issue.***

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

Kathryn C. Perkins, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services wrote an open letter to the hospitals and EMS encouraging collaboration and sharing of data. The letter will be posted on the DSHS website by December 1, 2015. Additional information will be ready in February 2016.

***No action was taken on this issue.***

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

Sam Vance presented for Charles Macias, development continues on a written action plan which is expected to be available for the February 2016 meeting.

***No action was taken on this issue.***

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

Discussion deferred to the GETAC meeting in May 2016.

**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)**  
Discussion deferred to February 2016 meeting.

**11. Report on stroke transport bypass position paper Recommendations for Texas Emergency Medical Systems Stroke Triage and Transport.**

They will continue to stay on the website so that people can continue to send comment to the Stroke committee, while they continue to work in the report.

**No action was taken on this issue.**

**12. Review the Hartford Consensus III Report as it relates to empowering the public to serve as first responders in intentional mass-casualty and active shooter events and Stop the bleed.**

Request for support of the Hartford Consensus and Stop the Bleed programs. Please see motions

**13. Discussion and possible approval of revisions to the GETAC Operational Strategic Plan and GETAC Procedural Rules.**

Presented the changes to the GETAC Operational Strategic Plan and GETAC Procedural Rules. This will be pushed to the GETAC meeting in February 2016.

**14. Discuss and confirm date for January 2016 special called meeting of GETAC to review proposed revisions to DSHS Emergency Medical Care rules in 25 TAC 157.**

Date will be January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Austin, Texas

#### **Motions**

**Agenda #2 Report on the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)**

Dr Beeson motioned 2nd by Dr. Greenbug- GETAC to support the state in starting a state registry for CARES. Motion Passed

**Agenda # 5 Position statement on the transport and care of patients with behavioral disorders**

Motion by Dr. Beeson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Greenburg- To allow this statement to be posted on the Medical Directors webpage. Motion passed

**Agenda # 12 Review the Hartford Consensus III Report as it relates to empowering the public to serve as first responders in intentional mass-casualty and active shooter events and Stop the bleed.**

Motion by Jodie Harbert 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Greenburg - To support the Hartford Consensus and Stop the Bleed as it's relates to first responders. Motion passed

#### **Public Comment**

There was one (1) public commenter related to Trauma 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**

February 10-12, 2016 at the Wyndam Garden in Austin Texas

#### **Item 16: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm

