



GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)  
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Committee:

**Injury Prevention**

Date of meeting:

**11/19/2016**

Committee discussion items needing council guidance: (Please do not recount entire committee agenda and/or related discussions):

- **Review and revision of specific objectives from the Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System as assigned.**
- **The objectives are committee centric worded and updated.**
- **Thanked Wayne Dennis for his long term service to the committee as he is rotated off**
- **Welcomed Dr. Marissa Abby to the committee and Mark Sparkman and Sandy Williams were re-appointed.**
- **TTCF report from Courtney Edwards, Hospital Core Components document was distributed at this meeting. Plans for evaluation of the document at the next quarterly meeting. This document will now be included in the new membership documents for TTCF.**
- **Emergency Medical Services for Children Update by Sally Snow. She was thanked for her service to Pediatric trauma and emergency healthcare as she will be retiring soon.**
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Items referred to GETAC for future action:

- **Evidence-Based Distracted Driving Prevention Fact Sheet- Scientific review of all programs being compiled for ease of use. There is also a reference document to support this fact sheet. Committee is continuing on with document finalization and evaluation of initiatives process**
- **Evidence-Based Childhood Drowning Prevention Fact Sheet- In the initial literature review stage.**
- **“How to Use Guide” for *Hospital-Based Injury Prevention Components* document—Currently in process of finalization of this document. Condensed information, easy to use/read.**
- **Report from Dan Dao, DSHS, on two new available reports: Burden of Injury and Traumatic Injury Profiles. Available on DSHS website. The committee formally thanks him and his team for the awesome work and perseverance for excellent data.**
- **Position statement regarding childhood drowning prevention --On the agenda for Council's consideration and endorsement this Monday evening for GETAC council's approval. Copies are available on request. Likely to be legislation introduced in this session regarding prevention of childhood drowning. This position statement is an opportunity to educate legislators with evidence informed strategies to prevent and reduce drowning's in the state of Texas.**

Announcements (Next scheduled meeting, etc.):

- **Jan 27, 2017 San Antonio**
- **April 28, 2017 Fort Worth**
- **July 28, 2017 Austin**
- **October TBD**

Submitted by Committee Chair (Print name here):

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