

**PEDIATRIC COMMITTEE
OF GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)
MEETING Minutes**

Wednesday, May 14, 2014; 10:30am

Call to Order: (Charles Macias, MD, Chair)

1. Roll call:

Present: Charles Macias, Jorge Sainz, Justin Hensley, Charles Jaquith, Juan Juarez, Diana Kraus, Julie Lewis, Sally Snow, Verne Walker.

Absent: Britt Devillier, Bonnie Hartstein,

2. Committee liaison reports (will ask to report on August meeting):

a. Air Medical: Jorge Sainz. Washington trauma guidelines for pediatrics. Pediatric specific topics in meeting today.

b. EMS: Verne Walker: no specific pediatric issues in last meeting. Next meeting tomorrow.

c. Education: Charles Jaquith: One meeting after Feb. Looking into community paramedic some issues of pediatrics will surface. Meeting tomorrow.

d. Injury Prevention: Diana Kraus: Meets today, no pediatric issues carryover.

e. Medical Directors: Juan Juarez: No pediatric issues.

f. Stroke: Julie Lewis: No pediatric issues.

g. Trauma Systems: Sally Snow: Meets tomorrow. No new pediatric issues.

h. Regional Advisory Council chairs: Britton Devillier; Meet tonight. Charles in for Brit.

i. Disaster planning: Bonnie Hartstein: No pediatric issues other than STEAR.

3. Update on Child Fatality Review Teams update: Susan Rodriguez. Nothing

4. Position paper on minimizing CT radiation: Juan Juarez and Jorge Sainz

QI strategies, no specific place to house best practices. Nothing on a state level that houses best practices.

We need to determine when to and what to submit for rules revision that must be submitted for better oversight on CT protocols.

Alliance for Radiation for pediatric linkages, dshs.state.tx.us, radiation control program (RCP), CT; Conference of radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.; the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, the American College of Radiology. Waiting to hear back regards to what future links can be placed on this.

5. Within Arm's Reach (WAR): Connie Manley, from Valley Regional Medical Center. 18 mo data on over 1,000 children with head and face injury. CT on >700 children. 2 components:

improving CT utilization strategies and injury prevention to keep children in “arms reach” to decrease the number of TBI incidents. Work in English and Spanish.

6. EMS for Children State Partnership update: Sam Vance
 - a. Update on Pediatric Facility Recognition program. Webinar on process. TPS approval and ENA approval.
 - b. National Pediatric Readiness Project Update
 - c. EMSC week. 30th Anniversary of EMSC program nationally. New logo.

7. Update on pediatric transfer guidelines-review Washington State “Pediatric Consultation”, Create a task force to include medical directors, RAC representatives, CHAT, EMS. Sally Snow and Taskforce- have drafted a template disseminated to the task force. Aggregate comments and make revisions and bring to Pedi Subcommittee for August meeting to include public feedback at that time.

8. Update on EMS Clinical Guidelines Project: Sam Vance. Project is targeting 40 plus conditions for prehospital settings.

9. PEGASUS protocols from EMS Evidence Based Guidelines: Spinal mobilization, shock, anaphylaxis/allergic reaction, airway management. To be implemented in Houston in the fall and 6 New England states in the spring.

10. Update on State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR): Bonnie Hartstein and Diana Kraus. Tabled

11. Update on complex care registry: Bonnie Hartstein and Diana Kraus. Tabled

12. Quality metrics: Sally Snow. EMSC, NQF weight in KG, ENA opted not to engage, CHA. Will work with Justin and Diana to report back on existing metrics. Hope to develop a warehouse of existing

13. Joined agenda items Trauma Registry and Texas EMS report: Kristi Metzger PhD with State Epi. Trauma records are about 10% of total data. State and RAC. Multiple RAC reports. Summary report templates. Need feedback. Will disseminate to group. Data dictionary is linked on the website. Specific data requests go back to Kristi. 10 day to return reports. Data goes to Sept of 2012. Moving to increased formats/higher tech issues. Liz Dexson presented pediatric summary reports. Templated reports were demonstrated.

14. General public comments

15. Future meetings: August

Three items to go to the GETAC committee agenda, however NOT in this meeting:

1. An implementation plan endorsement for Minimizing CT radiation plan including rules revisions- Tabled
2. Endorsement of a Voluntary Pediatric Recognition program for the state of Texas- tabled until more specifics
3. Endorsement of a Guideline for Pediatric Interfacility Transfer- November

One item to go to the other committee agendas:

Vetting of a Guideline for Pediatric Interfacility Transfer- August