



**STROKE COMMITTEE MAY 14, 2014
OF THE GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)**

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Committee Discussion Items:

- TCCVDS Update Million Hearts Stakeholders Workshop on May 1 focused on clinical quality improvement for hypertension control. Applied for 1305/PAC Grant funds school health programs, Public Health Advisor and Epidemiologist hired. Lone Star stroke working on contract with DSHS, AHA currently developing legislative agenda.
- RAC data collection workgroup report by Karla Granado, contracts go out next week, plan to use data for gap analysis to advise legislature, RACs and GETAC.
- EMS Stroke Education Program workgroup –reports that the stroke CEs that are put in by policy, 4hrs per 4 years – content open are not part of the national registry and need to be obtained separately. Vote to pass on to general council.
- Transport Bypass Workgroup –DR Craven will collect from RAC data collection
- Trauma System Committee Registry Workgroup – no report
- TCCVDS AHA hospital database for discussed as recommended instrument for State Stroke Center designation requirement.
- BAC standard for stroke ready hospitals discussed as basis for certification of SSF. ~~discussion next time~~
- Presentation by Evan Allan, EMS Triage benefits for bypassed Primary Stroke Centers

Action Items/Motions:

Recommendation that EMS recertification require up to 4 hours of stroke specific content continuing education. This would become part of the 4 year recertification cycle currently required for EMS. The hours would be in lieu of existing general content time and assigned stroke specific content time. This would NOT add additional hours to the recertification.

Public/Committee Comments:

- Texas Cardio-Neurology Conference (TETAF) September 26th Hyatt Lost Pines.

Announcements:

- Next meeting August 20th, 2014

May 15, 2014

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE / DATE

*all three
add to
GETAC
agenda for
next meeting*

Ems recertification with stroke specific content

Texas Administrative Code RULE §157.133 (l) regional stroke treatment guidelines: (iii) stroke patients will be cared for by health professionals with documented education and skill in the assessment and care of stroke throughout their pre-hospital and hospital course;

GETAC Stroke Committee recommends that this be accomplished thru EMS recertification by requiring 4 hours of stroke specific content continuing education. This would become included in the 4 year recertification cycle EMS personnel are currently is required to meet. The hours would be taken from existing general content time and assigned stroke specific content time. This would NOT add additional hours to the recertification.

Currently, there are NO stroke specific hours required for EMS recertification on any level of certification- EMT, EMT intermediate and EMT paramedic. Once established, and under DSHS guidance, the continuing education content would remain fluid and current.

This will not interfere with local, medical director driven protocols. This will help keep individuals that have no other form of stroke training up to date with the latest and most current treatment guidelines and standardize, statewide, stroke education for pre-hospital providers.

Any approved stroke education program could be used to meet the hour requirement-aha, brain attack coalition etc. As long as approved for CE hours, any existing program could be used.