

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

Summary

(January 2000 – December 2001)

1/28/2002

of GETAC meetings (8, including the 2-day meeting in March 2000)

of Standing Committee meetings - 34

Education, Medical Directors, Injury Prevention, Trauma Systems - 6

EMS, Pediatrics - 5

of Combined Standing Committee meetings - 5

(included EMS/MD/ED - 3, EMS/ED - 1, Trauma/Pediatrics - 1)

of Task Force meetings - 10 + (not all were in conjunction with GETAC meetings)

Attendance

100% - Racht, Shaheen, Wolf, Bishop, Cheek, Simms, Segura, Hagedorn

1 meeting missed - Shook, Holloway, Stewart

2 meetings missed - Gutierrez, Campuzano-Salcido, Marshall, Dawkins

Total # of votes taken - 37 (all are included below by meeting except for the minutes approval votes)

Votes not unanimous - 3

Motions (except meeting minutes) made by:

Shaheen - 10

Dawkins, Gutierrez - 4

Stewart - 3

Cheek, Bishop, Holloway, Racht - 2

Simms - 1

Motions (except meeting minutes) seconded by:

Cheek, Holloway - 6

Wolf - 5

Bishop - 4

Dawkins - 3

Simms - 2

Shaheen, Campuzano-Salcido, Stewart, Segura - 1

Motions amended by:

Simms - 2

Campuzano-Salcido - 1

Rules votes - 22 (60%):

EMS - 16 (73%) - 14 of these were related to recertification
EMD - 1
DNR - 1
Trauma systems -1
Funding - 1
EMS/Trauma Registry - 2

Other votes - 15 (40%)

GETAC administration (i.e. minutes, procedural rules, etc.) - 13
Injury Prevention - 1
BAC reimbursement issue - 1

Stakeholder Presentations - 16

EMS Association of Texas, Inc
Texas Ambulance Association
EMS Educators Association of Texas
EMS Physicians of Texas
Mother's Against Drunk Driving
State Firemen's - Fire Marshals' Association
Texas College of Emergency Physicians
Texas Fire Chief's Association
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum
Brain Injury Association of Texas

Texas Emergency Nurses Association
Texas Organization of Rural & Community
Hospitals
Texas Association of Air Medical Services
Continuing Education Credentialing Board
For Emergency Medical Services
Texas Association of Trauma Regional
Advisory Councils

Educational Sessions

Operation Heartbeat/Stroke
CECBEMS

Report Topics

Dr. Racht's Chair Reports

GETAC administrative issues - 8
Legislature - 3
EMS rules - 2
Trauma system rules - 1
EMS issues - 2
Trauma System issues 1
Strategic Planning - 2
Other issues - 5

TDH/Associate Commissioner Reports

TDH administrative issues - 8
EMS/Trauma Systems funding - 4
Legislature - 2
EMS rules - 1
Other issues - 1

Bureau Reports

Bureau administrative issues - 8
EMS rules - 6
EMS/Trauma Systems funding - 6
EMS issues - 5
Legislature - 5
Strategic Planning - 3
Trauma system rules - 2
EMS/Trauma System funding rules - 2
DNR rules - 2
EMD rules - 2
Trauma System issues 1
Other issues - 2

Votes (most recent to earliest):

November 2001

A motion was made by PattiLou Dawkins and seconded by Maxie Bishop, adoption of the revised GETAC procedural rules. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Lance Gutierrez and seconded by Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido, to recommend that the current draft of §157.38, with changes approved by the EMS, Education, and Medical Directors Committees and TDH legal review, be sent to the Texas Board of Health for proposal. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F.E Shaheen and seconded by Pete Wolf, to recommend that BEM provide GETAC with quarterly reports on the National Registry. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A request was made by Dr. Ed Racht to recommend an overview of the state/TDH BioTerrorism preparation by the February Meeting. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

August 2001

A motion was made by Dr. Ronnie Stewart and seconded by Raymond Holloway, to recommend that the Texas Board of Health propose, for public comment, revised rule 157.30 Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care System Account. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Ronnie Stewart and seconded by Gary Cheek, to recommend that BEM bring the issue of denial of insurance claims when the patient tests positive for alcohol or drugs to the attention of the Texas Board of Health with a request that TDH begin dialogue with the Texas Department of Insurance regarding this issue. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

May 2001

A motion was made by Patti Lou Dawkins and seconded by Maxie Bishop, to recommend that the Texas Board of Health propose, for public comment, new rule 157.34 (Re-Certification) and revised rules 157.33 (Certification) and 157.38 (Continuing Education) with only the changes required to implement 157.34. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

February 2001

A motion was made by Lance Gutierrez and seconded by Mario Segura, to recommend that the Texas Board of Health propose rule §157.xx (Re-Certification), with the following changes: add new language to lines 59 and 84 that states "clinically related operations;" change "enrolled" to "credentialed" on line 89; change "refresher" to "re-certification" on line 128; and add "initial" between "department's" and "written exam" on line 129. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Maxie Bishop, and seconded by Raymond Holloway, to approve the mission, goals, and objectives developed by the Injury Prevention Committee. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

November 2000

A motion was made by PattiLou Dawkins and seconded by Ronald Stewart, MD, to postpone final recommendation on the five re-certification "options" until the February GETAC meeting to allow the Committees further time for work. The motion was amended by John Simms to exclude Option 1 (Re-Certification Test) and 3 (National Registry) and only include Option .2 (Continuing Education), 4 (Re-Certification Course), and 5 (Comprehensive Clinical Management Program). All council members were in favor of the amendment and motion; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Lance Gutierrez and seconded by PattiLou Dawkins to recommend that Option 1 (Re-Certification Test) and 3 (National Registry) be recommended to the Texas Board of Health for proposal. All council members were in favor of the motion; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F E Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to recommend that the Texas Board of Health adopt rule 157.32 (EMS Education), with the addition of new language to section (h)2 that would allow EMS education sponsorship by any entity capable of meeting advanced EMS training standards. Maxie Bishop called the question. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

July 2000

a) A motion was made by John Simms and seconded by Maxie Bishop to recommend that the Texas Board of Health propose new rule 157.49 Emergency Medical Dispatch, as recommended by Bureau Staff. The motion was amended by Peter Wolf to include written and skills testing. All council members were in favor of the amendment and motion; the motion passed.

b) A motion was made by Dr. Ronald Stewart and seconded by Gary Cheek to recommend that the Texas Board of Health propose new rule 157.32 EMS Education, as recommended by Bureau Staff. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

c) A motion was made by Gary Cheek and seconded by Maxie Bishop to recommend that the Texas Board of Health adopt the final Injury Reporting Rules as recommended by staff. The motion was amended by Dr. Ronald Stewart to change reporting the requirements from 24 to 48 hours admission. All council members were in favor of the amendment and motion; the motion passed.

d - 1) A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Peter Wolf to formally accept and continue to develop the "cafeteria re-certification plan." The motion was amended by John Simms, to reword the motion to say "The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council formally accepts the re-certification plan with 5 Options." All council members were in favor of the amendment and the motion; the motion passed.

d - 2) A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Peter Wolf to request the Bureau of Emergency Management to draft rule language incorporating the current draft of the five option ("cafeteria") re-certification plan. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

d - 3) A motion was made by Gary Cheek and seconded by F. E. Shaheen to establish a task force to establish an appropriate definition for what types of Continuing Education should be allowable. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

d - 4) Dr. Racht appointed the following task forces and chairs:
Continuing Education Task Force- F. E. Shaheen, Chair
Rural EMS Task Force- Peter Wolf, Chair
Air Medical Task Force- Gary Cheek, Chair
Alcohol Reimbursement Task Force- Ronald Stewart, MD, Chair

March 2000

A motion was made by Lance Gutierrez and seconded by Patti Dawkins to adopt the council's name to be the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC). All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to adopt the proposed Council Procedural Rules with them having six standing committees and having ad hoc workgroups when necessary. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to recommend final adoption of the rules relating to the state Trauma Registry. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to recommend the following changes to proposed rule 157.32:

1. Adopt the New National Standard Curriculum for paramedic education but with these stipulations:

A. Set paramedic certification education at a minimum of 625 hours plus EMT B course.

B. Omit from the rule the language of the Higher Education Board.

C. Maintain current EMT-I education requirements.

All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen, and seconded by Gary Cheek and amended by John Simms to recommend the following changes to proposed rule 157.33:

1. Eliminate re-certification exams for all certificate levels.

2. Continue to maintain the current continuing education hours for recertification in the current categories (includes 12 medical subjects) with the addition of a maximum of 8 hours allowed for EMS operations.

3. Eliminate re-certification skills listing at the state level and adopt local skill competency testing.

4. Eliminate the current two-year continuing education reporting requirement and adopt a four-year continuing education reporting requirement.

Amendment

5. Develop a mandatory standardized QI program which includes competency criteria and must be approved by the Bureau of Emergency Management within 3 - 6 months (this timeframe may be extended if necessary). The final vote was 11 for and 3 against; the motion passed.

January 2000

A motion was made by Raymond Holloway and seconded by Gary Cheek to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend final action on rules 157.1 - 157.16 to the Board. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Raymond Holloway and seconded by PattiLou Dawkins to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend final action on rules 157.36, 157.37, 157.40, 157.41, 157.43 and 157.44 to the Texas Board of Health. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by John Simms to concur with Bureau staff's plan to not recommend final action on rules 157.32, 157.33, and 157.34 to the Texas Board of Health; they also added 157.42 to this group of rules. The final vote was 11 for and 2 against; the motion passed.

A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by John Simms to develop an ad hoc group to meet as soon as possible and reach a consensus on rules 157.32, 157.33, 157.34 and 157.42, with results to be reported at the next Council meeting. The final vote was 11 for and 2 against; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Maxie Bishop and seconded by Gary Cheek to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend final action on rules 157.101, 157.121, 157.122, 157.123, 157.125, 157.128 and 157.129 to the Texas Board of Health. The final vote was 11 for and 2 against; the motion passed.

A motion was made by PattiLou Dawkins, seconded by Gary Cheek and amended by Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal to the Texas Board of Health of rule 157.25, with the addition of "or Medical Device" under Section e (to read, "Personnel may accept an out-of-hospital DNR order or Medical Device that has been executed in any other state"), direction to eliminate extra verbiage on the form and reduce it to an 8 ½ X 11 size, if legally appropriate; the motion passed.