

## MEETING MINUTES

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Sunday, November 24, 2002, 5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Call To Order: Dr. Ed Racht, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present included: Ed Racht, MD; F. E. Shaheen III, EMT-P; Peter Wolf, EMT-P; Maxie Bishop, Jr., LP; Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido; John L. Simms; Mario Segura, RN; Joan E. Shook, MD; Gary D. Cheek, RN, EMT; Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD; Raymond P. Holloway; Shirley Scholz, RN, CCRN, EMT-P, CMTE; and Kris J. Gillespie. Members absent include: Ronny Stewart, MD.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Pete Wolf and seconded by Mario Segura, to approve meeting minutes from August 23, 2002. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.*

Chair Report Dr. Edward Racht welcomed everyone and introduced Governor Perry's newly appointed GETAC members, Shirley Scholz, RN, who represents Air Medical Services and Kris Gillespie, who represents the general public. Dr. Racht announced the Governor's reappointments of Gary Cheek, RN, EMT, Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD, Ronald Stewart, MD, and Judge Arlene N. Marshall. Dr. Racht also announced that Judge Arlene Marshall subsequently resigned from the council. He requested that anyone interested in remaining or becoming a Committee member to let the chair of the Committee know by phone, fax, or email as soon as possible and he asked the Committee Chairs to provide recommendations for new/re-appointments to him in January. He requested that GETAC procedural rules require a mandatory 1/3 of each committee to be replaced each year to allow significant opportunity for interested individuals to participate at a state level, while maintaining consistency and focus of the committee.

TDH Staff Reports: Richard Bays, Associate Commissioner for Consumer Health Protection, reported on Texas Strategic Health Partnership with its goals located at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/sshp.htm>; release a report on health status in July 2003; report on public health improvement plan and define steps in mission August 2003; TDH Legislative Issues; Sunset Commission Report; auditor's report with 94 recommendation for TDH; People soft; FAIRs teams; and consolidation of Financial, Accounting, Contracting, and IT.

Kathryn Perkins, Chief, Bureau of Emergency Management, reported on the two new Regional Directors- Anthony Viscon, Region 10 and Fernando Posada, Region 8; implementation of National Registry testing; adoption of §157.40 License Paramedic; Legislative Interim studies related to EMS; 2003 Legislative Session; Strategic Planning final draft; Rule review/Revisions; EMD Resource Center Pilot; and FY02 ECAT Program "Results"; EMSC Grant Application.

David Zane, Director, Injury Epidemiology & Surveillance (Injury) Program, discussed the legislative interim charge on suicide prevention; status of the TRAC-IT project; free training classes on the new registry system during the Conference. He also gave the council handouts about the deployment of the new EMS/Trauma Registry.

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### **Standing Committee/Task Force Reports:**

**Pediatric** – Dr. Shook reported that the committee endorsed the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics', Care of Children in the Emergency Department: Guidelines For Preparedness minimum standards for pediatric emergency care and would like GETAC to adopt these standards. They would like to have a joint meeting with Trauma Systems Committee at the next scheduled meetings. They recommend the Trauma Systems Chair to appoint a pediatric person to the committee.

**Combined EMS/Education**– Mr. Wolf and Mr. Bishop reported that the committee members discussed the draft BEM Policy: Clinical Substitution for EMT Basic Courses, making some recommendations for revisions, and voted to recommend that the NREMT First Responder test be used by the Texas for initial ECA testing.

**Injury Prevention** - Mr. Segura reported that the committee continued work on the Injury Prevention Resource Manual and has started developing an Injury Prevention strategic plan. There was a presentation on the evaluation of "Shattered Dreams". The Committee shared a booth with the "Think Child Safety" program at the Texas EMS Conference.

**Trauma Systems** – Mrs. Jorie Klein, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Dr. Ronny Stewart, reported that the committee received final recommendations on essential criteria for Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) from the Texas Association of Regional Advisory Councils and discussed draft rule clarifications regarding the transfer of pediatric patients. Mrs. Klein stated that the committee would like more information regarding the Blood Alcohol Content meeting with Dr. Sanchez and the Texas Board of Insurance.

**Medical Directors** – Dr. Hagedorn reported that the committee heard an update on the CCMP project; components of this program continue to be piloted by a number of EMS providers. They discussed the draft BEM policy: Clinical Substitution for EMT Basic Courses, making some recommendations for revisions, and concurred with the EMS/Education Committees' recommendation that the NREMT First Responder test be used by Texas for initial ECA testing. They also continued discussions of prospective subjects for GETAC "Position Papers".

**Funding Task Force Report** – Mr. Simms reported that the major topic of the Task Force establishment of the Texas Trauma and Emergency Health Care Coalition. The vision, mission, scope, and goals were distributed and organizations invited to join. The task force will now be discontinued and leave the work to the Coalition.

**Rural Task Force Report** – Mr. Wolf reported the Task Force heard reports from organizations that serve the rural areas of the state (e.g. Office of Rural and Community Affairs and TEEX) and began discussions of implementation of the GETAC Strategic Plan.

**Air Medical Task Force Report** – Dr. Racht reported that the main focus of the meeting of the Task Force was to establish the membership and focus. Dr. Racht appointed Dennis Hebner and Donna George to co-chair the Task Force. The membership will be eleven air medical providers and eleven RACs. Dr. Racht apologized for any confusion for the focus of the Task Force.

**Discussion of Reports/ Public Comment on Action Items:** GETAC members discussed the staff, Committee, and Task Force reports. Public comment was heard on the above issues.

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**Action Items:**

*A motion was made by Dr. Fred Hagedorn and seconded by Mario Segura to endorse the national American Academy of Pediatrics' and the American College of Emergency Physicians' "Care of Children in the Emergency Department: Guidelines for Preparedness" for Texas. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Gary Cheek and seconded by Raymond Holloway to hold the GETAC meetings in conjunction with the 2003 Texas EMS Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by John Simms and seconded by Dr. Joan Shook, to appoint an Air Medical Task Force comprised of eleven Air Medical Providers and eleven RAC representatives to address the following charge to review and make recommendations regarding the specific TDH requirements of the RACs related to aeromedical services. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Racht appointed Shirley Scholz as the liaison.*

*A motion was made by Maxie Bishop and seconded by Raymond Holloway to endorse the finalization of the draft policy: Clinical Substitution for EMT Basic Courses with the addition of language requiring approval by the Education Program's Medical Director and the Bureau of Emergency Management. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf and seconded by Maxie Bishop to recommend that the Bureau of Emergency Management proceed with adoption of the National Registry of EMTs' First Responder Exam for initial Emergency Care Attendant certification in Texas. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf and seconded by John Simms to revise the current GETAC procedural rules regarding combined committee meetings to reflect that the composition must include at a minimum the Chair or designee and three other members of each committee. The motion passed unanimously.*

**General Public Comment:** Public comment was heard on a number of issues.

**Meeting Dates for 2003 are still to be determined due to the significant challenges of finding appropriate meeting space.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.