

**GETAC-EMS Committee**  
Meeting Minutes-2/22/2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman P. Wolf at 10:00

Committee Members present; P. Wolf, L. Charpentier, S. Daniel, A. Johnson, L. Maes, M. Miriovsky, L. Mitchell, B. Petrilla, K. Price, D. Wait

Committee Members absent; A. Aaron, C. Callsen, J. Majewski, D. Owen, G. Wright

TDSHS staff M. Bishop and L. Jones gave their reports and answered questions.

Other reports heard were; Stroke Comm. By B. Dally; Disaster/Emergency Preparedness TF by Chris \_\_\_\_\_; CCMP by A. Johnson & L. Bedrick.

No discussion had or action taken on 157.12 and 157.13 due to the legal conflict brought to the attention of the AM/EMS Committees by TSDHS Counsel. The agenda items will be readdressed next session.

157.XX (Subscription Plans) was reviewed per the discussion held the prior day with the AM/EMS Committee mtg. It was agreed to be moved forward to GETAC for consideration as proposed.

Liability Insurance was discussed and it was decided that the AM Committee would draft a set of questions for TDSHS Counsel to address and have answered for the next session..

M. Bishop reported that he called CMS, per our request, to discuss the possibility of having bariatric transports classified as Specialty Care Transports, thus allowing for additional reimbursement to recoup the added expense incurred transporting this patient population. This will have to be done at the federal level, but our state verbiage can be changed that would allow a higher reimbursement rate for non CMS payers. He will report back to the committee next quarter with a recommended policy change.

EMS as an Essential Service was addressed and the Chair briefed the committee on his (and Dr. Racht) visit to Rep. Heflin office to discuss the issue. The Rep. was unavailable, but the aide was very attentive and the Chairman emphasized the need for a meeting with Rep. Heflin at a later date.

The Gurney Car Legislation was discussed with TSDHS staff reported that they've met with the Legislators and stake holders and have come to a consensus. New cleanup language will be introduced this session to clarify the intent of the bill passed last session.

The proposed Health Professions Commission was discussed briefly, but with no bills introduced yet, no one had much information to share with the group. Dr. Racht will be addressing GETAC and develop a plan to address this issue in a timely manner.

A. Johnson requested that the EMS Committee start looking at the future of EMS and start addressing issues that will affect us in the future, as opposed to be reactionary. The committee thought that was a good idea and will attempt to start addressing issues in this manner.

The audience was asked and addressed the committee on several agenda items though out the agenda.

We had no new action items to vote on.

New committee members will be announced by Dr. Racht at GETAC on Friday and Chairman Wolf thanked all committee members, especially those who were serving at their last meeting today, for their hard work and contributions.

Lastly, Chairman Wolf announced he had asked D. Wait to serve as EMC Committee Vice Chairman, which he accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 1145.