

Advanced Practice Paramedic (APA)/Community Healthcare Paramedic (CHP) Joint Committee Task Force

The Task Force was formed at the request of the GETAC Committee for the purpose of determining if there is an identifiable set knowledge that forms the core knowledge needed to function as a community health paramedic. Although I fostered the name of “Advanced Practice Paramedic”, it has not been the best term to describe the *function* of the community paramedic. When I first described this as advanced practice, I considered the advanced patient assessment and medical knowledge that would be required to perform as a CHP. I believe now that CHP is a more accurate term that is consistent with the national language and certainly with the BCCTCP certification of CHP.

The Task Force was created by GETAC. I was appointed as the Chair. Members were selected by the Chair of the Education, EMS, and Medical Director Committee. For the Education Committee, Jodie selected Dr. Taylor Ratcliff and Diedra Blankenship, Ph.D. In the EMS Committee, Dudley selected Juan Adame, and Brian Petrilla. For the Medical Directors Committee, Dr. Greenberg selected Dr. Jeff Jarvis, and Dr. Kate Remick.

The Mission Statement that we adopted in the first meeting is as follows:

Our Mission is to define the Core Content for Community Healthcare Paramedic.

The committee will not define the scope or the objectives of the CHP, as that is system and stakeholder dependent, and should be defined by the system medical director.

The next meeting is August 15, 2016 at Williamson County EMS, 321 W. Eighth St., Georgetown, TX.

We hope to see everyone there.