

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

November 20th, 2017

4:00 PM

Omni Fort Worth Hotel

1300 Houston Street

Fort Worth, Texas, 76102

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Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council member attendance at the November 20th, 2017 meeting.

| COUNCIL MEMBER NAME | YES | NO | COUNCIL MEMBER NAME | YES | NO |
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| Barnhart, Jeffery (Jeff) | X | | Harbert III LP, Jodie | X | |
| Beeson D.O., Jeffrey | X | | Isbell, Robert | X | |
| Clements, Michael (Mike) | X | | Matthews LP, Ryan | X | |
| DeLoach, James (Mike) | X | | Pickard RN, LP, Karen | X | |
| Dickerson, Linda W. | | X | Scholz RN, Shirley | | X |
| Eastridge M.D., Brian | | X | Tyroch M.D., Alan | X | |
| Faske, Sheila | X | | Vezzetti M.D., Robert | | X |
| Greenberg M.D., Robert | X | | | | |
| STAFF MEMBER NAME | YES | NO | STAFF MEMBER NAME | YES | NO |
| Crocker, Colin | X | | | | |
| Guerrero RN, Jane G. | X | | | | |
| Huss, Jon | X | | | | |
| Schmider, Joseph | X | | | | |

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Robert Greenberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Dr. Greenberg:

1. Read the newly-revised Vision and Mission statements;
2. Took roll and asked Council members to introduce themselves;
3. Asked for public comment and reminded attendees about the public comment sign-in sheet process;

4. Gave a brief overview of the GETAC Retreat on October 5th and 6th (Wyndham Garden Austin). Several committees were renamed at the October, 2017 GETAC Retreat to more appropriately reflect their purpose and scope: the Air Medical Committee was renamed “Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee”, the Education Committee was renamed as the “EMS Education Committee”, the Injury Prevention Committee was renamed the “Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee”, and the Medical Directors Committee was retitled as the “EMS Medical Directors Committee”. The Vision and Mission statements were also revised.

Public Comment

No public comments

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Council moved to approve the August 2017 meeting minutes.

State Agency Reports

Associate Commissioner Report, DSHS Consumer Health Improvement

Jane Guerrero, RN (Director, DSHS Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination) reminded the Council the February, May, and August GETAC meetings will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Austin and will return to Fort Worth in November 2018.

Ms. Guerrero reported the current number of trauma-designated facilities was 283. She also noted there were 152 designated stroke facilities.

Director Guerrero reported approximately \$200K of Extraordinary Emergency Funds (EEFs) were tentatively still available and encouraged entities in need to apply.

Neonatal and maternal rules were published in the Texas Register on Friday, November 17th. Work on rules governing stroke, trauma, and regional advisory councils (RACs) should resume by January 1st, 2018. Ms. Guerrero suggested a separate Council meeting for rule review may be necessary before July, 2018, but said she would update the Council at the next GETAC meeting in February. Council rules governing GETAC may be forthcoming in February as well.

Jon Huss introduced himself as the new Associate Commissioner for the Consumer Protection Division of the Department of State Health Services.

Joseph Schmider (Texas EMS Director, DSHS) gave a brief update on the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. As of November 2017, 12 states have joined the compact.

GETAC Committee Action Item Reports

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee:

Lynn Lail gave an update for the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee. There were no action items for the Council.

Cardiac Care Committee:

Dr. Greenberg said neither Dr. Smalling nor Dr. McCarthy had action items for the Council.

Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee:

Council granted Eric Epley's (committee chair) request to present on combined Hurricane Harvey response efforts at the February 2018 Council meeting.

Mr. Epley updated the Council on Dr. Jason Aydelotte's study examining hospital emergency preparedness communication. The Council motioned to support the effort.

EMS Education Committee:

Jodie Harbert (committee chair) had no action items for Council

EMS Committee:

Committee chair Dudley Wait asked for permission to create a work group to explore the use of lights and sirens by EMS personnel during emergency response and transport situations. He also asked to for permission to create an additional work group to examine EMS agency response standards where community-level contracting is concerned. Mr. Wait also asked the Council to recommend the DSHS conduct best practices research on the potential creation and implementation of an EMS peer assistance program.

The Council moved to approve the creation of both working groups. They also moved to recommend DSHS EMS and trauma personnel continue research on the potential creation and implementation of an EMS peer assistance program.

Injury Prevention & Public Education Committee:

Shelli Stidham (committee chair) asked the Council how the committee could potentially collaborate with the DSHS regarding social media outreach. The Council moved to give Dr. Greenberg the authority to research and potentially facilitate this request. Colin Crocker agreed to investigate the issue and coordinate as appropriate with Dr. Greenberg and Ms. Stidham.

Ms. Stidham said she would send revised versions of the *Core Components for Trauma Based Injury Programs* to DSHS for posting to the GETAC webpage.

EMS Medical Directors Committee:

Chair Jeff Beeson, D.O, had no action items for Council

Pediatrics Committee:

Sally Snow, RN, (committee chair) requested the Council move to approve the Pediatric Readiness Project Implementation Plan. Dr. Lilian Liao asked the Council to recommend all

schools in Texas carry trauma kit and receive Stop the Bleed Training. Dr. Greenberg requested the item placed on both the Pediatric Committee's agenda and Council agenda for discussion at the February 2018 meetings.

Council moved to endorse the Pediatric Readiness Project Implementation Plan.

Stroke Committee:

Neil Rutledge, M.D., (committee chair) asked that the internet application for ELVO (Emergent Large Vessel Occlusion) scales be posted as a reference item on the DSHS GETAC website. The Council moved to approve the request. Colin Crocker agreed to send Council a link to the application.

The Council moved to approve the Stroke Committee's recommendations/modifications to the Regional Advisory Council stroke transport plan.

Trauma Systems Committee:

Jorie Klein, RN (committee chair) asked the Council for guidance on how to move forward with promoting EMS as an essential service, as outlined in the GETAC Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System. After discussion, the Council agreed the issue was complex and needed more discussion in February. Dr. Greenberg requested a corresponding agenda item be added to the Council's February meeting agenda.

GETAC Liaison Summary Reports

Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF):

Dinah Welsh gave a brief update on the governance restructuring process underway at TETAF. Board elections are scheduled to be held in December and new bylaws have been developed. She encouraged anyone interested in serving on the TETAF board to apply.

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC):

Joseph Santos gave an update on EMSC activities. Dr. Saranya Srinivasan (Pediatric Committee) updated the Council on the Pediatric Readiness Project.

Preparedness Coordinating Council:

No update given

GETAC Mental Health Task Force:

Jeff Barnhardt updated the Council. He said the group was working towards developing five key mental health issues for future focus. Dr. Greenberg suggested the task force be given a standing meeting time and adhere to open meeting standards.

Other Council Actions:

The Council moved to recommend as informational resources the following palliative care documents: *Palliative Care Guidelines (American College of Surgeons)*, *Adult Comfort Care Order Set Sample (Vanderbilt University Medical Center)*, and the *Best Practices Guide: Palliative Care for Review (American College of Surgeons)*

The Council agreed to remove the creation of an ad hoc workgroup to assess the possible designation or verification of all emergency departments, regardless of affiliation from future agendas.

The Texas Suicide Prevention Council report was postponed. Dr. Greenberg said the two councils would continue to coordinate schedules and attempt to schedule future updates.

Dan Dao from the DSHS Texas EMS & Trauma Registries updated the Council on two data requests from the Trauma Systems Committee. The first request pertained to creating a report describing pediatric trauma transfers, especially time spent in facility before being transported out. The other request examines overall demographics of trauma, with focuses on shock and traumatic brain injury. Mr. Dao said both reports could be ready for Council review at the February GETAC meetings. The Council approved both requests.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Greenberg adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05 PM.