

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Minutes

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 1:00 PM.

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Last Name	First Name	Appointed Position	Attendance
Tyroch, MD, Chair	Alan	Trauma Surgeon - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(14)</i>	Yes
Matthews, LP, Vice Chair	Ryan	Private EMS Provider - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(5)</i>	Yes
Barnhart	Jeff	Rural Trauma Facility - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(11)</i>	Yes
Campbell, RN	Cassie	Registered Nurse - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(3)</i>	Yes
Clements	Mike	EMS Fire Department - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(9)</i>	No
DeLoach, Judge	Mike	County EMS Provider - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(12)</i>	No
Eastridge, MD	Brian	Urban Trauma Facility - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(10)</i>	Yes
Isbell	Robert	Fire Chief - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(4)</i>	No
Johnson, RN	Della	RN w/Trauma Expertise - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(15)</i>	Yes
Maes, LP	Lucille	Certified Paramedic - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(17)</i>	Yes
Malone, MD	Sharon Ann	EMS Medical Director - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(2)</i>	Yes
Martinez	Ruben	Public Member - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(18)</i>	Yes
Pickard, RN	Karen	EMS Volunteer - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(6)</i>	Yes
Ratcliff, MD	Taylor	EMS Educator - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(7)</i>	Yes
Rudolph	Darrin (Rudy)	Public Member - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(18)</i>	Yes
Salter, RN	Shawn	EMS Air Medical Service - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(8)</i>	Yes
Troutman, MD	Gerad	Emergency Physician - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(1)</i>	Yes
Vezetti, MD	Robert	Pediatrician - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(13)</i>	No
Wait, EMT-P	Dudley	Stand-Alone EMS Agency - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(16)</i>	Yes

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Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:15 PM by Ryan Mathews, LP, Vice Chair	
	Reading of GETAC Vision and Mission	Read by Ryan Mathews, LP	
	Review and Approval of June and September 2021 Meeting Minutes	<p>June Minutes: Brian Eastridge, MD, Motion to approve. Gerad Troutman, MD, Second. Motion approved.</p> <p>September Minutes: Sharon Ann Malone, MD, Motion to approve. Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Second. Motion approved</p>	
3	Council meeting dates for 2022	<p>Mr. Mathews requested that the meeting move to item 3 in Dr. Tyroch's absence.</p> <p>Future GETAC meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 11, 2022 • May 26, 2022 – There was a discussion of moving the Council and Committee meeting schedule to a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the last week of May. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lucille Maes, LP, Motion to move the meeting schedule to the last Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of May. Darrin Rudolph, Second. Motion approved • August 19, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taylor Ratcliff, MD, motion. Lucille Maes, LP, Second. Motion approved • October Retreat – October 13 and 14, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brian Eastridge, MD, motion. Jeff Barnhart, Second. Motion approved 	
2	Council positions and appointments	No update.	
4	Discussion of the GETAC and Committee priorities linked to the GETAC Strategic Plan for 2022 and Purpose Statement.	Updates provided by each committee.	
4 A	Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Lynn Lail, RN, Chair Shawn Salter, RN Council Liaison	Update provided by Lynn Lail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted statement of purpose to Council. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion about including a preamble to address being in support of the Council. • Dr. Tyroch joined the meeting at 1:55 PM. • The discussion was tabled. 	
1	Chair Report	<p>Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the retreat activities • Reviewed that GETAC provides recommendations to DSHS 	
4 A	<p>Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Lynn Lail, RN, Chair Shawn Salter, RN Council Liaison</p>	<p>Update provided by Lynn Lail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed 4 core priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creation of core Air Medical MIST Group ▪ Review of 25 TAC Chapter 157 rules ▪ Continued work on Critical Care Transport Capability Matrix ▪ “Safety Moment” 	
4 B	<p>Cardiac Care Committee James McCarthy, MD, Chair Gerad Troutman, MD, Liaison</p>	<p>Update provided by Joe Schmider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue research funding to support strong data collection 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop and support a culture of safety • Enhance and educate the pre-hospital system on patient care based on current science and evidence-based practices for cardiac patients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dudley Wait suggested using “Pre-hospital and outlying or rural and frontier healthcare systems or Non-PCI healthcare systems.” • Continue to evaluate cardiac equipment needs for the Texas pre-hospital system 	
4 C	<p>Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Eric Epley, NREMT, Chair Mike Clements, Brian Eastridge, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Council Liaisons</p>	<p>Updated provided by Eric Epley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID/pandemic response • Strengthen utilization of RMOCs • EMTF program • Severe weather • Healthcare/EMS staffing shortage/Alternate staffing models for disaster/pandemic. • Response “Box Alarm” Concept w/ TDEM • PIV-I TDEM cards for State Disaster Response 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resiliency • Texas EMS Wristband program 	
4 D	<p>Emergency Medical Services Committee Jeff Mincy, LP, Chair Mike Deloach, Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, LP, Darrin Rudolph, Dudley Wait, EMT-P Liaisons</p>	<p>Joe Schmider provided the update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support workforce recruitment and retention program. • Continue to develop and support culture of safety • Review and enhance the EMS rules to meet the needs of the workforce and patients • Promote innovative partnerships providing first response and emergency services availability for underserved and rural areas. • Educate governmental leadership and public on importance of strong dependable emergency healthcare system. 	
4 E	<p>EMS Education Committee Macara Trusty, LP, Chair Lucille Maes, LP, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Macara Trusty provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to initial EMS Education Programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote Advanced EMT courses 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider possible “bridge” from AEMT to Paramedic. ▪ Continue working on “open enrollment” AEMT and Paramedic courses. • Increasing safety and well-being focus for EMS education programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider Driver training concepts ▪ Consider Mental Health and Resiliency education. ▪ Consider Nutrition/Meal planning information. • Enhance the EMS education rules to meet the needs of the workforce and the patient that are treated and transported daily. 	
4 F	<p>EMS Medical Directors Committee Gerad Troutman, MD, Chair Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Joe Schmider provided the update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to research funding opportunities to support a strong data collection system. • Continue to develop and support a culture of safety among all aspects of EMS. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and enhance the EMS rules to meet the needs of workforce and patients the EMS system treat and transport. • Promote innovative partnerships in providing medical oversight availability for underserved and rural areas of Texas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joe Schmider will correct the grammar for this bullet. • Continue to educate leadership and the public on importance of strong dependable emergency healthcare system. • Enhance patient care on the current and evidence-based practices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was a suggestion to change the wording to “Enhance patient care through current and evidence-based practices” 	
4 G	Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Shellie Stephens Stidham, Chair Shelia Faske, Liaison	Shellie Stephens-Stidham provided an update. Four emphasis areas:	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote leadership that advances injury and violence prevention by October 2022. • Increase the accuracy, availability, and dissemination of injury and violence data to stakeholders by October 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was a suggestion to change stakeholder to GETAC. • Strengthen the IVP workforce by October 2022. • Facilitate collaboration among injury and violence prevention professionals and advocates by October 2022. 	
4 H	Pediatric Committee Belinda Waters, RN, Chair Cassie Campbell, RN, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Liaisons	Jorie Klein provided the update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Priorities and Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ED Pediatric Readiness ▪ Pediatric Concussion/Heat Injury Initiative ▪ Magnet/Battery Ingestion Initiative 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of state trauma for future initiatives (Suicide prevention) • Review of Statement of Purpose 	
4 I	<p>Stroke Committee J. Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair Karen Pickard, RN, Liaison</p>	<p>Jorie Klein provided the update. Stroke Committee Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the 157.133 revision • Develop pediatric transport protocol recommendations with help of Pediatric Committee • Develop pediatric stroke facility criteria recommendations with help of Pediatric Committee • Champion 15-minute goal for hospital EMS pickup for transfers • Make recommendations for NEMSIS required data fields in stroke • Develop and implement Stroke State Statistics • Help with EMS Education training, develop/facilitate FAST CE, VAN CE, and Pediatric Stroke CE certifications • Develop First Responder education/FAST certification 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on public education communities in need 	
4 J	<p>Trauma Systems Committee Stephen Flaherty, MD, Chair Jeff Barnhart, Della Johnson, RN, Brian Eastridge, MD, Alan Tyroch, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Brian Eastridge provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor progress of rules through translation to legislative language ▪ Receive public comments on formal rule ▪ Consider expressed points of view ▪ Advise on any recommended changes • Rural trauma care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assess needs of rural facilities ▪ Recommend actions to close gaps impeding optimal care for the injured in rural Texas. • Regional Advisory Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitate RAC development as a key element of the trauma system 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessing and monitoring care ○ Determining regional needs ● Trauma Center Designation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor designation process ▪ Develop and implement a designation review committee 	
	The meeting recessed at 3:54 PM for a short break. The meeting went back into session at 4:15 PM.		
5	Update from the Texas EMS-Trauma Systems Section Jorie Klein	Update provided by Jorie Klein <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TSA Rule 157.122 – Rules Coordination Office ● Stroke Rule 157.133 – RCO ● Neonatal Rules – Move to RCO in December ● Trauma Rules – TAC 157.128 ● Denial, Suspension – TAC 157.128 ● Funding – 157.130 and 157.131 ● RAC Rules – 157.123 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moving to RCO in December ● Discussed Rule Timeline. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring the development of “Exceptional Items”• Educational Programs• Continue with Monthly Assistance Calls• Compliance Documents for Rule Implementation <p>EMS Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph Schmider, Texas State EMS Director<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Legislation update▪ Wellness Wednesdays <p>Designation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Program Manager<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 927 Designations▪ 334 Total Participating Facilities <p>EMS Trauma Systems Funding Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indra Hernandez, Trauma Systems Specialist	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FY 2020 Uncompensated Trauma Care applications due October 20, 2021 ▪ FY 2022 EMS-CO-RAC contract amendment is being processed by CMS ▪ 87th Texas Legislative Session update on Funding Bills 	
6	DSHS Trauma Registry Michael Spencer	<p>Petra Baumann provided the update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of records submitted: 5,206,651 • Total number of unique patient records: 4,131,348 • Discussed type of service requested. • Median response time by Trauma System Area. <p>Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Motion: with the exception to small changes and grammatical changes, blanket approval of all of the submitted priorities from the Committees. Lucille Maes, LP, Second</p>	

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7	Discussion and possible action on initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve the Emergency Healthcare System in Texas.	No action.	
	General Public Comment	Deidra Lee read the names of people who registered for public comment. Christine Reeves had no public comment.	
	Announcements		
	Recess	Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair Dr. Tyroch asked for a motion to recess. Jeff Barnhart made a motion. The meeting recessed at 5:35 PM.	