

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

Minutes

Friday, October 15, 2021, 8:00 AM.
DSHS Central Campus
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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>	No
Pickard, RN	Karen	EMS Volunteer - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(6)</i>	No
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>	No
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 8:10 AM Dr. Tyroch provided a summary of the events from the meeting on October 14, 2021.	
	Reading of GETAC Vision and Mission	Read by Dr. Tyroch.	
1	Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, Char	Dr. Tyroch provided an update during the call to order.	
2	Review, revise, and update the Texas Emergency Healthcare Strategic Plan as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 773.012(I) – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	Dr. Tyroch introduced the Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Standard Operating Procedures document. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was a discussion about including Robert’s Rules of Order into the procedures. ▪ There was a discussion about whether members needed to be physically present to establish a quorum. • Executive Committee 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There was a discussion about electing the third Council appointee annually.▪ There was a discussion about including language about the Chair being appointed by the Governor.• Committees<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There was a discussion about including the committees’ statements of purpose.▪ There was a discussion about including having the committees’ priorities approved by the Council.• Committee Structure<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There was a discussion about having a vendor as a chair of a committee.▪ Jeff Barnhart asked if there was a list of what to do and what not to do as a chairperson.▪ There was a discussion of including a conflict of interest statement for committee and Council members.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Tyroch asked what the Council should do if a committee member isn’t attending committee meetings. Jorie Klein stated that the Committee Chair can replace him or her.▪ Joe Schmider stated that he and DSHS will work on some language for the document and send it to Dr. Tyroch and Mr. Matthews.▪ Dr. Tyroch asked about the approval process for the Standard Operating Procedures. Jorie Klein stated that it will have to be approved by legal and will be reviewed by the Governor’s Office.• Combined Committee Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Tyroch asked who would chair a combined committee meeting.▪ Eric Epley noted that the document should specify if it’s referencing “Committee” Chair or “Council” Chair.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Indra Hernandez read a public comment from Macara Trusty about EMS and EMS Education committees collaborating.• Meeting Days<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Ratcliff suggested realigning the committee schedule to reflect disaster out of hospital and hospital meeting days.▪ There was a discussion of forming a GETAC subcommittee of Regional Advisory Council Chairs.▪ Joe Schmider expressed concern about a RAC Chairs meeting.▪ Dr. Tyroch asked that DSHS include a RAC Chairs update in the DSHS update at meetings.▪ Christine Reeves made a public comment addressing RAC meetings and RAC priorities.▪ Indra Hernandez read a public comment from Macara Trusty about the GETAC application process and RAC participation.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jorie Klein stated that she will ask if it’s possible to form a RAC Chair committee.▪ Dr. Ratliff made a motion to realign day 1 and day 2. Dudley Wait seconded it. There was discussion. Dr. Ratcliff stated that Disaster, Air Medical, EMS Education, EMS, EMS Medical Directors all be one day, and Pediatric, Stroke, Injury Prevention, and Cardiac on the other day. It was noted that there are other meetings that coincide with the current meeting schedule. Dr. Ratcliff made an amendment to the motion that the new proposed schedule start in 2023. The motion was withdrawn.▪ Indra Hernandez clarified that they are asking to bring in the RACs as a part of GETAC on a programmatic level. She stated that the current RAC chairs	
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		meeting is the contractual side of the RACs.	
	The meeting recessed at 10:30AM. The meeting came back into session on 10:49AM.		
2	Review, revise, and update the Texas Emergency Healthcare Strategic Plan as required by Health and Safety Code, Section 773.012(I) – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	<p>Dr. Tyroch discussed the Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tyroch asked about updating the graphs. Jorie Klein stated that the graphs will be updated. • Clinical Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jorie Klein noted that the prevention committee focuses on injury prevention. Should the Cardiac committee focus on cardiac prevention? Or should the Prevention committee address cardiac and stroke prevention? ▪ Shelli Stephens-Stidham made a comment that the Injury Prevention Committee was formed to focus on injury prevention. ▪ Dr. Malone asked when violence prevention was implemented? 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There was a discussion about the objectives and strategies.▪ Cassie Campbell suggested including more language about cardiac and stroke prevention.▪ Jorie Klein stated that she will work with staff to add more language. She also stated that she will bring language to the November 2021 meeting.▪ Jorie Klein suggested changing “medical literature” to “evidence-based practice”.▪ There was discussion about changing “Coordinated Clinical Care” to “Coordinated Systems of Care”.▪ Jeff Barnhart made a motion to have DSHS staff review the document and bring it back to November 2021. Sharon Malone second the motion. There was discussion about ownership of the document. Ryan Matthews	
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		<p>suggested breaking up the document to the Council and bringing it back to the Council for review. Dudley Wait asked DSHS staff to find the original strategic plan. Jorie Klein suggested having it broken up into sections and send edits to the Chair and discuss them at the next four meetings. Jeff Barnhart withdrew his motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jeff Barnhart made a new motion to table the Strategic Plan discussion and break it out into different sections, review the sections, and bring it back for review and approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brian Eastridge. There was discussion of assigning sections to people or taking it in sections as one group. Mr. Wait stated that he would like to see the original Strategic Plan to see how it has changed. For	
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		November, review the first 8 pages. Motion passed.	
3	Discussion of Rural Priorities – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	<p>Jorie Klein noted that rural areas are experiencing many challenges right now. Is there anything that can be done to address their needs? There was a general discussion of the challenges facing rural areas.</p> <p>Joe Schmider stated that the rural EMS and hospital system is on the verge of collapsing and should not be forgotten.</p> <p>Eric Epley noted the nurse shortage and that the pandemic highlighted it.</p> <p>Jorie Klein noted the challenge of rural care. Dr. Eastridge requested more rural input and a needs assessment. Jorie Klein stated that the rural calls are still occurring.</p> <p>Mr. Matthews requested letting rural areas know what is currently taking place, like rule revisions.</p>	

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		<p>Cassie Campbell noted that the nursing shortage is a known issue. She stated there is loan forgiveness in certain rural facilities.</p> <p>There was a discussion about hospital transfers and hospitals accepting patients.</p> <p>Dudley Wait noted the length of hospital “wall times”.</p> <p>Jore Klein suggested that the Council come up with a list of questions to send to the rural areas.</p> <p>Dr. Eastridge will send out a self-assessment from his organization.</p> <p>Ryan Matthews asked if DSHS could they could come up with the top 10 challenges facing rural facilities and the solutions.</p>	
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4	Discussion of rule revision and priorities – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	Joe Schmider led the discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2022: Education Rules: 157.32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 43, 44 • Winter 2023 Operation: 157.03, 11, 12, 13, 14 • Summer 2023 Disciplinary: 157.16, 36, 37 • Ongoing: 157.02 Definitions 	
5	Discussion and possible actions on initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve the Emergency Healthcare System in Texas	No update.	
	General Public Comment	Deidra Lee read the names of people who registered for public comment.	
	Review and list agenda items for the next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Operating Procedures • First 8 pages of the Strategic Plan • Dr Eastridge’s assessment from his organization. 	
	Announcements	A motion was made by Ryan Matthews for the meeting schedule to be February 15, 16, and 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Shawn Salter.	

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	Adjournment – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	Jeff Barnhart made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sharon Malone. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.	
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