



**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OF GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)**

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9,
2009

TIME OF MEETING
9:00AM

LOCATION OF MEETING
DELMAR COLLEGE CORPUS CHRISTI,
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TYPE OF MEETING	Education Committee Workshop/Meeting
CHAIRMAN	Jodie Harbert, LP

Agenda topics

Pediatric Standards for Emergency Care Attendants/First Responders: The committee discussed an issue raised by a Liaison from the Pediatric Committee that ECA/FR are transporting pediatric patients who have 3-4 hours of pediatric education. The committee stated that this could be addressed in areas that use ECA/FR to transport pediatric patients and that transportation of these patients should be directed to the Pediatric Committee and the EMS Committee for review. Also support from the local Regional Advisory Councils could be investigated.

Research in EMS Education: The committee discussed ways EMS educators can start looking at best practices and how educators can teach the latest proven techniques in EMS Education. The committee discussed ways to stimulate research and narrow the focus to education issues at all levels including quality improvement outcomes. Lance Villers and Joe Hamilton will start the process of targeted educational research and have a general summary ready to present at the November meeting. This will prepare us for a presentation at the 2010 EMS Conference entitled, "What is Research for EMS Educators." (working title)

Rule Processing Plan: The committee examined the Rule Processing Plan TDSHS presented to assist committees with rule review, input, and rule development. The highlights include rule batching, GETAC reviews, and state review and implementation. The committee started to examine the time line needed to review items related to EMS Education.

EMS Education and Training Manual: The committee members discussed the contents of the manual and how it can be updated to reflect changes needed for basic and advanced coordinators and to make changes for the National Standards and National Curriculum and Accreditation. This was initiated by the Rule Processing Plan presented to committees in August 2009 at GETAC. Kevin Veal from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) advised the committee that the manual was last updated in 2002. Committee members had researched the documents prior to the meeting and the committee reviewed the document starting at page 1 and completed 39 pages of review, changes, recommendations, and updates during the meeting. The committee will continue the process at the January 2010 Education Workshop.

Announcements: Kevin Veal advised the committee that TDSHS have approved 2 new Houston offices employees to help with the increased workload of the offices.

CURRENT PROJECTS

DISCUSSION	On-going, Assignments were given to members to complete by the next meeting on November 21, 2009 during the EMS Conference.
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ADJOURNMENT	Voted 9-0 Shiplet-Mitchell to adjourn and start National Accreditation Workshop
NEXT MEETING	November 21, 2009 at the EMS Conference at the Omni Hotel/Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas
SPECIAL NOTES	Special thanks to Chris Black of Del-Mar College and staff for hosting the meeting. The committee also wishes to thank Jeff McDonald from Tarrant County College for Accreditation Workshop presentations. Thanks to Sam Carter for taking minutes. Members present: Harbert, Creech, Hardy, Lefevers, Mitchell, Shiplet, Carter, Hamilton, and Villers