



**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, SEPTEMBER
18, 2009

TIME OF MEETING
9:00AM

LOCATION OF MEETING
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER AUSITN,
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TYPE OF MEETING	Education Committee Meeting
CHAIRMAN	Jodie Harbert, LP

Agenda topics

August 19-21, 2009, GETAC Meeting Update: The committee was updated on August GETAC meeting and action items including:

157.25 Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate (OOH-DNR), now the document can be notarized with 2 witnesses.

157.36 Licensure and Certification of those with Criminal Backgrounds, the Chairman thanked all those involved for their hard work to help get this legislation passed. The committee discussed the specifics of the new legislation.

157.36 Criteria for Denial and Disciplinary Actions for EMS personnel and Surrender of License or Certification, The committee discussed the specifics of the new legislation. In-Depth discussion took place on the parts the new rule related to EMS Education including cheating on exams, and notification of arrest, charge and/or conviction of a crime.

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. Members will review manual and provide summaries to the Chairman by Oct. 7, 2009 for compilation and will work on the manual at the October 9th meeting.

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.

Ethics Education in EMS Education: The committee discussed adding 1 hour of Ethics training to continuing education to all levels of certification and licensure. The committee voted to require 1 (one) hour of ethics for all levels of EMS personnel by removing 1 hour from the Preparatory. This will not increase the number of hours needed for continuing education (Motion by Jeff Hayes, second by Scott Mitchell) All committee members voted and accepted. Jeff Hayes also moved that we suggested for recertifying or re-licensure in Texas providers must have 1 hour of Ethics for all levels of EMS. (Motion by Jeff Hayes, second by James Shiptet) All members voted to accept.

Research in EMS: The committee discussed ways to improve research in EMS to validate the education process and examine outcome to be based upon best practice data related outcomes. Lance Villers will assist with development of surveys to EMS providers using collection from Survey Monkey.

EMS Education Curriculum: Maxie Bishop, Texas EMS Director advised the committee that the National Registry is looking at ways to reduce cost of practical examination of Advanced Skills Examination and speeding up the process. A National Rep will still be required but they are examining the thought of reducing the number of skills tested from 12 to 3 or 4 random skills. This will be for accredited programs to allow them to cut costs. Pediatric Education was discussed for ECAs (First Responders) as raised by public comment. Committee members were concerned about and increase in hours. The committee will examine further at the October meeting.

Logo Wear: Tim Hardy asked about committee logo shirts to promote the Education Committee and to increase public relations at related meetings such as RAC meetings. Maxie will check to make sure this will be ok. Committee member were in favor of this thought.

CURRENT PROJECTS

DISCUSSION	On-going, Assignments were given to members to complete by the next meeting on October 9, 2009 The committee reaffirmed to have the next National Accreditation Workshop October 9, 2009 at Del-Mar College in Corpus Christi.
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ADJOURNMENT	Voted 11-0 Hardy-Hamilton to adjourn.
NEXT MEETING	October9, 2009 at DelMar College 101 Baldwin Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas
SPECIAL NOTES	Special thanks to Jeff Hayes and City of Austin, Learning Resource Center staff for hosting the meeting. Thanks to Sam Carter for taking minutes. Members present: Harbert, Creech, Hardy, Lefevers, Mitchell, Bolleter, Hayes, Shiplet, Carter, Hamilton, and Villers