

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

May 2011

*Discussion and possible action on the following items: Committee Members*

1. Roll call and Introduction of new members: Charles Macias MD, Chair

Present:

Deb Brown

Patricia Gooch

Charles Jaquith

Juan Juarez

Julie Lewis

Janet Pointer

Sally Snow

Verne Walker

Absent: Britt Devillier and Bonnie Hartstein

2. Committee liaison reports:

a. Air Medical: Janet Pointer

-Meeting today

b. EMS: Patricia Gooch

-Recommendations from Disaster Committee

c. Education: Charles Jaquith

-Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, DSHS will start taking course approval as of June 1, 2011. Adv EMT will still need to teach all items required by Texas that is above the Adv EMT Course of study.

-Local project grant money can be used for the cost of paramedic accreditation.

d. Injury Prevention: Deb Brown

Meeting on May 11, 2011:

-The GETAC Injury Prevention (IP) Committee informed stakeholders that their primary goal is to respond to requests from TTCF and TETAF for evidenced based IP programming for distribution throughout the state. To date, the GETAC IP Committee has endorsed 2 programs – red light traffic signals as an IP tool and an adult/elderly fall prevention program. The Committee is also working to address IP recommendations from the 2010 ACS state trauma system survey.

-The 2012 Injury and Violence Prevention Conference will be in Austin on June 20-22, 2012.

-The Committee requested approval from members to revise the GETAC IP Committee's position paper on Safe Sleep to match the Texas State Child Fatality Review Team's statement.

e. Medical Directors: Juan Juarez

Med directors meeting met 5/12/11:

-Alternate/back up support for pediatric specific medical direction for any provider, needing access to a pediatric specialist in an emergency situation. No updates. Collecting data from NE RAC and some rural areas.

-Presentation from National EMS for Children (EMSC) Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) regarding data on pediatric pre-hospital care, education and protocols, comparing Texas to other states. ELY and Page from NEDARC. Salt Lake. To be discussed in Pediatric committee at 1pm today

-Update on incident medical direction during disaster situations. Brief update that MOAs has been vetted to be incident medical directors, liability coverage, travel reimbursements, etc. Need MDs who know state disaster plan. Need EMS direction. Looking for interest. Will go to TCEP as well.

-Paramedic education program accreditation update: Discuss the current developments and effects on Texas EMS regarding the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) decision to certify only graduates of accredited programs at the paramedic level. The task force-several calls since Feb. Asked 2 questions 1) Do they support the need for accreditation? 2) How to achieve accreditation? House and senate bills out in committee. Concerned about the poll to ask what they need. Med directors submitted questions. The questionnaire is on hold. This issues has been discussed for years. National accreditation effort supported in 2009. GETAC supported this. Need new recommendation by Nov 2012. If no rec, then pushed the House bill will be delayed to Dec of 2013. "Substitute Bill". The house version will change the bill date only if stakeholder process doesn't work. The senate bill doesn't have this. Motion passed unanimously to encourage GETAC to enforce the deadline. January 1, 2013 deadline.

-Development of guidelines, triage and allocation of resources during a catastrophic event or pandemic. Had 1st meeting 1 month ago and IDd stakeholders. Started with 2007 interpretation. Now needs guidelines. Not enough resources to match everyone. Started with Utah guidelines with 2.6 Million and then NY only with ventilator status. Shortfall for 16k vents. Florida guidelines go into the distribution of medical resources, resuse of medical equipment. We need to look at what benefits TX for 26 million. Do not know what will work best for TX. Discussed several issues. Left out talking about EMS. Hospitals, MDs, offices, etc. Recommend an analysis to form coalition to support RAC and take it up to the jurisdiction level. Need to discuss key resources. Realization of capabilities. Wanted to discuss each program in detail. Next meeting in July.

- Review pending legislation affecting EMS practice, including but not limited to the following: Senate Bill (SB) 1265, SB 1808, House Bill (HB) 577 and HB 2369. 577=advanced directives in senate committee. Carves out of hospital DNR, online medical directors to cease resuscitation, etc. Restatement of previous. 1808 pedi equipment.

- Review new process, method and timeline for GETAC and GETAC committees to discern and then communicate to DSHS staff any upcoming suggested changes to the current DSHS EMS and Trauma Systems rules, published in Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 157. Phil Lockwood from DSHS. Decision to review entire chapter. Govt requirement to review every 4 years. Rules interrelated so need to review all at once. This is to add committee input at the beginning of the process. Will use an electronic method to tell DSHS what was vetted by committee. Discussion will continue in open meeting. Need this by Sept 30th to allow to draft text, etc.

#### f. Stroke: Julie Lewis

Met on May 11, 2011. They are looking at possible language changes to the current stroke transport protocols.

-Also, it was reported that many facilities pursuing stroke center certification are in need of stroke support from comprehensive stroke centers in the areas of money for staff education, data collection and performance improvement. The certification process is tedious and has been difficult to collect data to submit. Application and survey costs are another area in which facilities will need to receive some support.

-The STRAC stroke presentation has been postponed until the next committee meeting.

g. Trauma Systems: Verne Walker (submitted by Sally Snow)  
DSHS report- UCC disbursement will be approximately \$67 million once appropriated. Local projects applications close May 16th.

TETAF-

- will stream GETAC meeting live on Friday.
- Bills aimed at killing the Driver Responsibility Program have been withdrawn or will die in committee. Stakeholders are reminded to continue to advocate for clean-up of the DPS administration of the program.
- Administrative and technical changes have been implemented in the trauma center designation process. Satisfaction surveys on the process 95% since Sept.

Trauma registry/total quality improvement process-

- State performance improvement plan last revised in April.
- Benchmark and indicator grids developed for hospitals, EMS and RAC's distributed for review.
- Some of the indicators will be selected and data collected in a few RACS as a pilot to see how they will work.
- Feedback is still solicited from committees and RAC's.
- There are pediatric benchmarks and indicators that this committee should review and comment on.

h. Regional Advisory Council chairs: Britton Devillier (reported by Janet Pointer)  
Reviewed contracts. Discussed updates on rule revision. RAC performance improvement document to be reviewed and discussed at the August meeting. It will be distributed for review to this group.

i. Disaster planning: Bonnie Hartstein  
-DSHS Emergency Medical Task Force (EM-TF) MOA established which involves developing contracts for ambulances, busses and response capabilities.  
-STRAC was tasked by the Division of Prevention and Preparedness to perform the statewide coordination role for the Texas Disaster Medical System and EM-TF.  
-There is a Regional Pandemic Influenza Planning Workshop June 16-17, 2011, commissioned under the Regional Catastrophic Planning Initiative. Solicitation for GETAC members involved in planning in their areas.

2. Child Fatality Review Team update: Susan Rodriguez

State Coordinator for CFRT. Focus on collecting data for children who die from Birth to 17. Public health model of review. Texas looks at all deaths not just child abuse. Mandated board meetings by statute. They create position statements and assess data on deaths. Annual Report. CPS recommendations. 70 teams covering 197 counties (93.3% of Texas Children live in communities where deaths are reviewed). 2006 moved from protective services to DSHS. From 23 to 70. The report will be distributed.

History of maltreatment among unintentional injury deaths: analyses of Texas CFR data 2005-2007 *Injury Prevention* 2011: 17 (Suppl 1):14-18

Table discussion for increasing collaboration including improved strategies for collaborations

3. EMS for Children State Partnership update: Anthony Gilchrest

Continuing education program-children with special health care needs next week in Houston. Perhaps one in Austin in the fall. Will discuss with Deb Brown.

4. EMS for Children Performance Measures survey report: NEDARC representatives (Kent Page and Mike Ely)

- About NEDARC and their role in EMSC programs and surveys: EMSC represents children in EM care as the only specific pediatric EM federal program
- The purpose behind EMSC data collection from a national perspective: sampling strategies to assess. National Pediatric ED readiness project. NEDARC.org
- The 2010-2011 national data collection and analysis: important to understand need and drive improvement
- How does Texas measure up?

National EMS survey response rate is 81.7%; Texas 950 EMS agencies-Random sample of 427 agencies stratified by EMS level and by Regional Advisory Council. 343 responses=80% response rate in just 3 months.

Slides to be posted for Review on Online medical direction (below national average- BLS 71% vs 87% ex) offline medical direction ; Pediatric equipment 14% BLS, 23% ALS; national 23% and 34%; equipment carried BLS 90 Ntl 91% ALS 96% on both Tx and ntl (of note- larger agencies are carrying more of the equipment so the least often carried equipment increases drastically to a higher percent more commensurate with national averages). Hospital survey- 382 hospitals then randomized to 195 hospitals. 165 responses-85% response rate in 3 months. 83% had guidelines and with all components dropped to 35% with national average of 38%. Interfacility transfer agreements

Add to the next State Partnership report a translation of need based on performance measurement in state, in rural/urban communities and in contrast to national data. Specifically aggregate these numbers in a table for BLS/ALS vs National Avg; Tony Gilcrest

We will add to agenda as a specific item for discussion for knowledge translation to the August agenda.

5. Pediatric categorization and trauma centers designation: Janet Pointer (and Sally Snow) Table for next meeting with additional documents to be reviewed and posted.

6. Presentation: Registry Solutions Work Group (recommended data elements for new Texas EMS Trauma Registry).

Mary Frost reported. Request members of the subcommittee make comments after review. Will discuss at the August meeting and request Mary Frost present an update.

7. Review new process, method and timeline for GETAC and GETAC committees. TAC Chapter 157 divided into segments and members charged to review content and report back at special meeting in June or July (yet to be set).

Meeting in June or July will present reports for discussion. Final discussion with key changes to vote on as recommendations at August meeting.

Assignments are as follows: 157.1: Bonnie; 157.2: Britt; 157.3, 4, 11: Verne; 157.12, 13, 14, 16: Julie; 157.25, 31, 32, 33: Juan; 157.34, 36, 37, 38: Patricia; 157.40, 41, 43, 44: Charles Jaquith; 157.49, 122, 123: Janet; 157.125, 128, 130: Sally; 157.131, 132, 133: Deb

Each member is to review the Texas Administrative Code

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Please use the form distributed to collect proposed changes to the rules.

Next meeting: Special meeting to be arranged targeting July 8 in Austin for rule review. A request for scheduling will be disseminated.

Subsequent meeting will be held August 17-19 in Austin.