

MEETING MINUTES

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Friday, May 31, 2002, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Call To Order: Dr. Ed Racht, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included: Ed Racht, MD; F. E. Shaheen III, EMT-P; Peter Wolf, EMT-P; Maxie Bishop, Jr., LP; Ronald Stewart, MD; John L. Simms; Mario Segura, RN; Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido; Gary D. Cheek, RN, EMT; Judge Arlene N. Marshall and Pattilou P. Dawkins. Members absent include: Joan E. Shook, MD; Raymond P. Holloway and Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Judge Arlene Marshall and seconded by Pete Wolf, to approve meeting minutes from November 19, 2001 and February 1, 2002. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.*

Stakeholder Presentation: No representative for CHARIOT was present.

Chair Report: Dr. Ed Racht summarized the council's strategic planning process to date including the retreat and the previous day's workshop. Dr. Racht also discussed his May 28, 2002 report to the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He requested the council to think about times for the next meetings and decide at the end of their meeting. Finally, Dr. Racht announced that Lance Gutierrez, RN, LP resigned from the council. Dr. Racht stated that Ronny Stewart, MD would take the position of chair of the Trauma Systems committee. He stated that the Governor's appointment office hopes to have new GETAC members appointed in the next couple of months.

TDH Staff Reports: Richard Bays, Associate Commissioner for Consumer Health Protection, commended the council for their efforts and process of the strategic planning retreat. He briefed the council on current TDH issues including the Regulatory Review Process; LAR process; and legislative planning for FY04/05. Finally, Mr. Bays reported that Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Health, met with Commissioner of Department of Insurance regarding the Blood Alcohol testing limitation last week. He will update the council regarding this issue at the August meeting.

Kathryn Perkins, Chief, Bureau of Emergency Management, reported on the budget status for FY03-05 (loss of federal grant funds will require an increase in magazine subscription fees, elimination of free issues, and increases in Texas EMS Conference fees); national registry testing implementation; Legislative Interim studies related to EMS; Interim Specialty Care Transport policy; comment period results on proposed §157.38 Continuing Education (will be sent to the July Texas Board of Health [BOH] meeting for final adoption); draft revised §157.40 Licensed Paramedic; strategic planning; BOH proclamation for EMS Week and National Trauma Awareness Month; recent BEM database challenges and plans for correction; stakeholder concerns about telemarketing to EMS personnel; and the joint EMS/Trauma Registry statement. Ms. Perkins also announced the passing of Gene Weatherall, former Bureau Chief of Emergency Management.

David Zane, Director, Injury Epidemiology & Surveillance (Injury) Program, discussed the legislative interim charge on suicide prevention and water safety; the status of the TRAC-IT project; and the EMS/Trauma Registry Workgroup. Mr. Zane discussed the name reporting issue. He also gave the council handouts of EMS/Trauma Registry reports.

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Standing Committee/Task Force Reports:

Diversion Task Force Report – Dinah Welsh, Texas Hospital Association, stated that Mr. Epley presented a draft written report to GETAC for their review, which GETAC will act on at their next meeting.

Rural Task Force Report – Mr. Wolf reported the Task Force spent their time providing input for the strategic plan. Mr. Wolf also stated that there are a lot of funding sources for EMS and to contact different stakeholders about it.

Discussion of Reports/ Public Comment on Action Items: GETAC members discussed the staff, Committee, and Task Force reports. Public comment was heard on the above issues, the majority of which was regarding EMS/Trauma Registry issues.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Maxie Bishop and seconded by Mario Segura to recommend that the final draft revised rule §157.40 - Licensed Paramedic, presented by staff, to be proposed by the Texas Board of Health. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by John Simms and seconded by Dr. Ronny Stewart, to establish a task force inclusive of all EMS/Trauma System stakeholders to formulate a proposal for an adequate funding mechanism for the Texas EMS/Trauma System. All council members were in favor; the motion passed. Dr. Racht appointed Mr. Simms, Dr. Stewart, and F.E. Shaheen as GETAC liaisons.

A motion was made by F.E. Shaheen and seconded by Gary Cheek to establish a task force to develop a research agenda for the GETAC strategic plan. All council members were in favor; the motion passed. Dr. Racht appointed Dr. Fred Hagedorn as GETAC liaison.

Dr. Ronny Stewart, new Chair of the Trauma Systems Committee, announced Jorie Klein as co-chair of the Trauma Systems Committee.

General Public Comment: Public comment was heard on EMS Regulation and Trauma/Emergency Health Care Systems in 2010 and other general issues.

Meeting Dates for 2002:

July 29, 2002- Strategic Planning Workshop; 9 am – 5 pm; place to be determined

August 22 & 23, 2002

November 2002 (in conjunction with the Texas EMS Conference)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.