



AGENDA

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Meeting Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom

6505 N Interstate 35

Austin, TX 78752

This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Teams. Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council.

Meeting Notice: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) bots is prohibited in this meeting. In accordance with HHS policy, the use of Artificial Intelligence, also known as "AI" Notetakers, is expressly prohibited. Producers will not admit a 'bot' or other autonomous agent into the meeting. If a 'bot' should inadvertently gain entrance, it will be removed from the meeting by one of our producers.

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Chair: Lynn Lail, RN, LP

Council Liaisons: Shawn Salter, RN, and Danny Ramirez, EMT-P

DSHS: Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair

GETAC Vision: A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.

GETAC Mission: To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.

4. Reading of the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee (AM&SCTC) statement of purpose – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair

AM&SCTC Statement of Purpose: To collaborate with individuals and organizations to promote and enhance the overall safety, quality of service, and level of care to patients being treated and transported by air medical and specialty care transport providers.

5. Review and approval: March 2025 AM&SCTC meeting minutes – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD

7. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

- a. Education for the state staff on the OLOS dispatch system
- b. 89R Session update

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- 8. Report: AM&SCTC members assigned to attend other GETAC committee meetings – Committee Members
- 9. Review: A safety moment – Committee Members
- 10. Discussion: Committee review of the Pediatric Consideration for Consultation and Transfer document and the addendums referenced in the document:
 - a. Child Physical Abuse Toolkit
 - b. American Burn Association Transfer Guideline
 - c. Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Quality Improvement Plan
- 11. Announcement: Pediatric Committee workgroup collaboration opportunity – Belinda Waters, Vice-chair of the GETAC Pediatric Committee
 - a. Pediatric Pain Assessment and Management
 - b. Pediatric Transfusion Guidelines
- 12. Approval: Stroke Committee documents – Committee Members
 - a. Adult triage resource document
 - b. Pediatric algorithm and resource document
 - c. Pediatric tip sheet
- 13. Announcement: TEAM EMS-Ed study – Robin Novakovic, MD, Chair of Stroke Committee
- 14. Discussion: Committee review of the Trauma Facility Helipad Safety & Landing Zone Training presentation – Committee Members
- 15. Discussion: *GETAC Strategic Plan* as it pertains to AM&SCTC in 2025
 - a. Update: Utilization of Helicopter Safety and Landing Zone Training
 - b. Update: 2024 Priorities
 - i. Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper Education
 - ii. HEMS Specific Mental Health Awareness
 - c. Update: 2025 Priorities
 - i. Pediatric Stretcher Securement by Air Medical, Ground Medical, & Specialty Care Providers
 - A. Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) Assessment and Safe Transport of Children – Sam Vance, Texas EMS for Children (EMSC)
 - ii. Fatigue Risk Management Program Necessity, Standards, & Value
 - iii. No Surprises Act (NSA) & Air Medical Asset Utilization Education
- 16. Discussion, review, and recommendations: Revisions to Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25, Chapter 157, Subchapter B, §157.12 Rotor-wing Air Ambulance Operations and §157.13 Fixed-wing Air Ambulance Operations.
- 17. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve air medical and specialty care transport service provision in Texas – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
- 18. General public comment – Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.

19. Summary: Action items – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
 - a. RAC meeting
 - b. GETAC meeting
20. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
21. Announcements and next meeting date – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
22. Adjournment – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments on topics related to Emergency Health Care. Public members are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, May 30, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you represent or that you will speak as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent (or an indication that you are speaking as a private citizen), and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff, and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two documentation pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, May 30, 2025, and include the name of the person commenting.

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Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Jorie Klein, DSHS, at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov. People with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Jorie Klein at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.