



**AGENDA**  
**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)**  
**Cardiac Care Committee Meeting**  
**Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Thursday, August 21, 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](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).*

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Cardiac Care Committee Chair: James McCarthy, MD  
Council Liaisons: Gerad Troutman, MD, and Donny Booth, RN  
DSHS: Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – James McCarthy, MD, 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 Cardiac Care Committee statement of purpose – James McCarthy, MD, Chair

*The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's Cardiac Care Committee supports GETAC in improving the early recognition, treatment, and outcomes of cardiac emergencies in Texas. The committee works to advance evidence-based prehospital care through the development of statewide guidelines, data-driven quality improvement, and collaborative education initiatives. By strengthening coordination among EMS providers, healthcare systems, and stakeholders, we aim to reduce cardiac-related morbidity and mortality and promote optimal cardiac care for all Texans.*

5. Review and approval: June 2025 meeting minutes – James McCarthy, MD, Chair

6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Update: 2025 committee priorities – Committee Members
  - a. Partner with DSHS using emergency medical services (EMS) transfer data to identify key delays in the chain of survival for cardiac emergencies.
  - b. Work with regional advisory councils (RACs) to identify the percentage of public safety answering points (PSAP) centers providing instructions and barriers to implementation.
  - c. Provide recommendations guiding regulatory and legislative decision-making relevant to the Texas Emergency Healthcare System.
  - d. Partner with DSHS using EMS transfer data to identify gaps in automated external defibrillator (AED) use prior to EMS arrival.
9. Stakeholder Update:
  - a. Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council (CVD Council) – Julie Ketelsen
  - b. Texas-Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX-CARES) – Gary Schofield
10. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve acute cardiac care in Texas – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
11. General Public Comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
12. Summary – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
  - a. Action items to present at RAC meeting
  - b. Action items to present at GETAC meeting
13. Announcements – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
14. Review and list agenda items for the next meeting – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
15. Next meeting date – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
16. Adjournment – James McCarthy, MD, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing [deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 PM, August 15, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking 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 that you are speaking of 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 who are 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 pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, August 15, 2025, and include the name of the person commenting.

*Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.*

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](mailto:Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov).

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