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

Thursday, August 17, 2023

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78752

This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at
www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council.

Eddie Martin, EMT-P, Chair
Judge Mike DeLoach, Ryan Matthews, LP, Council Liaisons
Joseph Schmider, Jorie Klein, RN, DSHS

1. Call to Order – Eddie Martin, EMT-P, Chair
2. Roll Call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Vision and Mission Statements – Eddie Martin, EMT-P, 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. Welcome and Introductions – Eddie Martin, EMT-P, Chair
5. Review and Approval of the June 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Eddie Martin, Chair
6. GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. GETAC Committee Application Period for 2024 Appointments
9. EMS Personnel and Providers Appeal Hearing Timeline – Joseph Schmider
10. EMS Handoff/Time-Out Tool discussion & recommendation – Committee Members
11. Texas EMS for Children (EMSC) Update – Sam Vance, LP
12. Wall Time Joint Task Force with the EMS Medical Directors Committee for a consensus paper on wall times – Kevin Deramus
 - a) Wall time - EMS paramedics and EMTs staffing ambulances and the patient they transported to the hospital must wait along the wall in the emergency department for hospital staff to assume care of the patient. This wall time results from a shortage of beds and/or staff in the ED.
 - b) Improve access to emergency services
 - c) Improve transfer time from EMS to hospital staff
13. Discussions on employee safety and appropriate self-defense resources – Jim Jones
14. Discussion and preparation for the next Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)
 - a) Danny Williams from Allen Fire – Active Shooter Best Practices
15. Texas System Performance Improvement Plan and Recommendations for EMS Outcome Measures
16. Review and discuss Texas Administrative Code Title 25 Health Services, Part 1 Department of State Health Services, Chapter 157 Emergency Medical Care, Subchapter B Emergency Medical Services Provider Licenses, Rule §157.11 Requirements for an EMS Provider License
17. Items to be placed on the agenda for the next EMS Committee meeting
18. General Public Comment: *Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion.*
19. Announcements – Eddie Martin, Chair
20. Next meeting date – Eddie Martin, Chair
21. Adjournment – Eddie Martin, 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 no later than 5:00 PM, August 10, 2023. 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.

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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.

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