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Whole Blood Pilot Program Deployment

Consumer Protection Division, EMS/Trauma Systems Section GETAC Pre-hospital Whole Blood (PHWB) Task Force Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Chair/Executive Directors

Monday, August 4, 2025
1:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted virtually through Zoom. 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.

1. Welcome
2. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, Texas State EMS Director
3. Update: PHWB Task Force Tasks
4. Update: RAC Chair/Executive Directors
5. Review: Surveys for Whole Blood Implementation
 - a. EMS County Readiness
 - b. Hospital Readiness
6. Regional Infrastructure Needs
7. EMS Whole Blood Equipment Needs
8. Hospital Rotation Resource Needs
9. Integration of Blood Banks
10. GETAC Update and Action Items
11. Public comments
12. Action items for Next PHWB Planning Meeting
13. Next meeting date
14. Adjourn

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments about 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, July 30, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or the fact 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 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, July 30, 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.

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