



AGENDA

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

1:00 PM-2:30 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.

Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Chair: Mary Ann Contreras, RN
Council Liaisons: Della Johnson, RN; Ruben Martinez; Aundrea Young
DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Call to order – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-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 Injury Prevention and Public Education (IPPE) Committee statement of purpose – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair

Statement of Purpose: The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's Injury Prevention/Public Education committee is tasked with equitable promotion of safety, reducing injury risk, and fostering a healthy environment for all Texans. The committee will utilize data, research, and best practice strategies to define proactive processes, awareness, education of providers, and collaboration with stakeholders to prevent injuries and promote well-being.

5. Review and approval: June 4, 2025, meeting minutes – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-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; Joey Ancelet, EMS Regional Manager; Oshma Raj, Manager of Medical Advisory Board
 - a. Request for Status Update on Social Ecological Model Safe Storage and Social Ecological Model of Suicide Prevention

Committee discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Discussion: GETAC Prehospital Whole Blood Task Force Request
 - a. Prehospital whole blood public education
9. Stakeholder Reports:
 - a. TX Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - b. Safe Transport of Children
10. Update: Drowning Prevention Strategies – Tim Spice, Jennifer Poteat, and Committee Members
11. Approve: Workplace Violence Position Statement
12. Discussion: Community collaboration
 - a. Other partners: state, local, facility-level collaborations
13. Discussion: Integration of social determinants of health (SDOH) in the role of injury and violence prevention (IVP)
 - a. Concepts of how to operationalize IVP work.
14. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve injury prevention and public education efforts in Texas.
15. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
16. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
17. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
18. Announcements – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
19. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
20. Future meeting dates – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
21. Adjournment – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, 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 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 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.

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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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