



**AGENDA**

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

Wednesday, June 4, 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](http://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, and Ruben Martinez

DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Call to order – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-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: March 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; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director, Oshma Raj, Manager of Medical Advisory Board

*Committee discussion and possible action on the following items:*

8. Update: Workgroup development of innovative and applicable knowledge content in drowning prevention strategies for public consumption across the State of Texas - Tim Spice and Committee Members
9. Stakeholder Report: TX Suicide Prevention Coalition
10. Discussion: Community collaboration.
  - a. Other partners: state, local, facility-level collaborations
11. 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.
12. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve injury prevention and public education efforts in Texas.
13. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
14. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
15. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
16. Announcements – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
17. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
18. Future meeting dates – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice Chair
19. Adjournment – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-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, May 30, 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, May 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](mailto:Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov).

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