

7.b. GETAC Cardiac Care Committee Update to Council

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2025 Committee Priorities Update

Priority Not Implemented

Priority Activities Recorded

Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
<i>1. Promote timely transfer of cardiac emergencies to higher level of care when required.</i>	<i>Further data reviewed from DSHS. Plan to further explore data elements to look for opportunities for improvement in timely transfers. Plan to partner with Trauma, Medical Directors, Stroke and Pediatric Committee for broader exploration.</i>	In progress
<i>2. Evaluate penetration of CPR instructions prior to EMS arrival Evaluate PSAP centers to determine if pre-arrival, life-saving instructions are being provided</i>	<i>Coordinating data eval from CARES and DSHS – reviewing gaps specifically for regions with long 911 response times for OHCA Currently, 54% of witnessed prehospital cardiac arrest patients do not receive pre-EMS arrival CPR. Partner with the RAC chairs committee on statewide adaptation of TCPR.</i>	In progress
<i>3. Educate policymakers on the Texas Emergency Healthcare System.</i>	<i>Support the use of the RAC Data Collaborative across the state. Collaborate with other relevant cardiac organizations. Educate state leaders and the legislature on the importance of data sharing and state designation.</i>	Ongoing discussion

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4. Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest – AED access/bystander CPR - assessment. (continued from 2024)	<i>Folded into data request for agenda item #2</i>	Ongoing discussion