



Whole Blood Pilot Program Deployment

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

Monday, August 10, 2026
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.

Task Force Chair: Eric Epley

Task Force Vice Chairs: Dr. Don Jenkins & Dr. CJ Winckler

1. Opening:

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call
- B. Review and Approval of Minutes

2. Updates:

- A. EMS / Trauma Systems (DSHS)
- B. PHWBTF Chair & Vice-Chairs
- C. RAC Chair/Executive Directors
- D. Texas RDC WB Technical Committee
- E. EMS/Hospital Partners
- F. Blood Providers

3. Discussion:

- A. Ongoing PHWBTF Items
 - i. WB Program Task Tracker (tabled)
 - ii. PHWBTF Resource Documents
- B. GETAC Update and Action Items
- C. Open Discussion/Public Comments

4. Closing

- A. Action Items for next PHWBTF Meeting
- B. Next Meeting Date
- C. Adjournment

Public Comment

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments on Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by submitting written comments to DSHS via email at deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, August 7, 2026. 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, your direct phone number, and the name of the organization you represent or indicate that you are speaking as a private citizen.

Public comments are 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, state staff, and the public. 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 7, 2026, and include the name of the person commenting.

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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