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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026
1:00 PM-2:30 PM

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Austin
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, Texas 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.

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Committee Chair: Mary Ann Contreras, RN

Committee Vice Chair: Courtney Edwards, DNP

Council Liaisons: Della Johnson, RN; Ruben Martinez; Lauren Day

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

1. Opening

- A. Call to order- Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
- B. Roll call-DSHS Staff
- C. 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.*

- D. Reading of the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee statement of purpose – Courtney Edwards, DNP

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.

- E. Review and approval of minutes –June 3 minutes
- F. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD
- G. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Oshma Raj, MBA, Medical Advisory Board (MAB) Manager

2. Discussion and possible action:

- A. Adopting Comprehensive Training for FireArm Safety in Trauma (ACTFAST) Center for Gun Violence update and presentation: Dr Katherine Hoops, MD, MPH, Johns Hopkins University
- B. 2026 committee priorities: Standing Items
 - i. Identify evidence-based prevention strategies that increase capacity for a safe and healthy lifestyle
 - a. Child Passenger Safety: National strategy in progress for increasing the expansion of Child Passenger Safety Professionals
 - b. Drowning Prevention: Partner in the development of the Texas Water Safety Plan and national plans.
- C. Updates
 - i. TX Suicide Prevention Coalition – Lisa Sullivan
 - ii. Safe Transport of Children – Kathryn Kothari, MD, Program Director, TX EMS for Children (EMSC)
- D. Micro-Mobility update – Sarah Beth Abbott
- E. Texas Injury Prevention Strategic Plan development – IPPE Committee
- F. 2027 priorities
- G. Review
 - i. Community collaboration
 - a. Other partners: state, local, facility-level collaborations
 - ii. Integration of social determinants of health (SDOH) in the role of injury and violence prevention (IVP)
 - a. Concepts of how to operationalize IVP work
 - iii. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve injury prevention and public education in Texas.

3. Closing

- A. General public comment – *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
- B. Summary

- i. Action items to present at Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting
 - ii. Action items to present at GETAC meeting
 - iii. Agenda items for next committee meeting
- C. Next meeting date – November 21, 2026
- D. Adjournment

Public Comment

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