



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

Wednesday, March 11, 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.

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
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
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

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: November 22, 2025, meeting minutes – Courtney Edwards, DNP

6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. Update: EMS Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Oshma Raj, MBA, Medical Advisory Board (MAB) Manager
- Committee discussion and possible action on the following items:*
8. Standing Stakeholder Report: TX Suicide Prevention Coalition
9. Standing Stakeholder Report: Safe Transport of Children Dr. Kathryn Kothari, Program Director TX EMS for Children (EMSC)
10. ACTFAST: Adopting Comprehensive Training for Firearm Safety in Trauma Centers overview
11. Safe States Alliance Overview and Update: Shelli Stidham Stephens
12. Drowning Strategies/Workgroup: Tim Spice, Jennifer Poteat, and Committee Members
13. Public Health Communication for Whole Blood Initiative: Courtney Edwards
14. Update: Texas Stroke Awareness and Rural Stroke Awareness campaigns – Robin Novakovic, MD
15. Discussion: Community collaboration.
 - a. Other partners: state, local, facility-level collaborations
16. 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.
17. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve injury prevention and public education efforts in Texas.
18. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
19. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN
20. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN
21. Announcements – Courtney Edwards, DNP
22. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Courtney Edwards, DNP
23. Future meeting dates – Mary Ann Contreras, RN
24. Adjournment – Mary Ann Contreras, RN

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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, March 6, 2026, and include the name of the person commenting.

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