



AGENDA

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

Saturday, November 22, 2025
1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Omni Fort Worth
Fort Worth Ballroom 4/5
1300 Houston Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

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, 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: August 20, 2025, meeting minutes – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
6. Committee Announcements
 - a. 2026 Applications: New & returning members:
New: Jeffrey Rollman, Katheryn Gomez, Blake Milnes
Returning: Mary Ann Contreras, Courtney Edwards, Marissa Abbe, Sarah Abbot, Kristen Beckworth, Cassandra Bravo, Cary Cain, Cassandra Dillon Clark, Bryan Dulock, Krista Easey, Bianca Hayes, Jennifer Poteat, Timothy Spice, Stewart Williams
 - b. Departing committee members: Catherine Glenn, Jennifer Northway
7. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
8. Update: EMS Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director

Committee discussion and possible action on the following items:

9. Standing Stakeholder Report: TX Suicide Prevention Coalition
10. Standing Stakeholder Report: Safe Transport of Children
11. Drowning Prevention Strategies Presentation: Dr. Rohit Shenoi
12. Drowning Workgroup: Tim Spice, Jennifer Poteat and Committee Members
13. Public Health Communication for Whole Blood Initiative: Courtney Edwards
14. Texas Stroke Awareness Campaign – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
15. Texas Rural Stroke Awareness – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
16. Discussion: Community collaboration.
 - a. Other partners: state, local, facility-level collaborations
17. 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.
18. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve injury prevention and public education efforts in Texas.
19. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
20. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
21. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
22. Announcements – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
23. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice-chair
24. Future meeting dates – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
25. Adjournment – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, chair
26. 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 no later than 5:00 PM, November 14, 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, November 14, 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.

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