8.g. GETAC Injury Prevention & Public Education Committee Update to Council

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IPPE Committee 8/2025 Priorities Update

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
1. **Clinical Elements** : Identify evidence-based prevention strategies that to increase capacity for a safe and healthy lifestyle. (Objective 4 of Clinical Elements/Injury) 1. Promote coordinated capacity expansion of Child Passenger Seat Technicians in the State of Texas	Workgroup identification of strategic plan to increase CPST availability from technician population ration from 1:1279 to 1:1000 by December 2028. Working alongside national Safe Kids Worldwide, National Safety Council to restructure instructor training content that streamlines training and mentoring processes in order to better optimize successful experiences resulting in a sustainable workforce to increase CPS technicians.	
2. **System Support**: Explore innovations for providing interactive, collaborative, and targeted public education. (Objective 2 of System Support/Public Education) 1. Develop innovative and applicable knowledge content in drowning prevention strategies for public consumption across the State of Texas	Workgroup identification of means to collaborate with existing aligning with the national plan to promote drowning prevention strategies for public consumption across the State of Texas. • Assess current rates of drowning in specific types of bodies of water in the State of Texas - Explore best practice strategies - Create a plan of implementation of public education and bystander intervention for drowning prevention - Collaborate with the Coast Guard to identify a reporting mechanism of life jacket/floatation devices failure	

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3. System Support: Explore innovations for providing interactive, collaborative, and targeted public education. (Objective 2 of System Support/Public Education) 1. Develop public education encompassing whole blood usage in the pre-hospital setting to be branded and utilized/disseminated by regional trauma advisory councils	Partner with Disaster Committee, RAC chairs and Whole Blood Task force to develop consumable messaging for RACs to deliver information for public education. Identify resources for statewide processes and policy including public autonomy to accept and refuse whole blood transfusion	

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4. **Clinical Elements** : Involve stakeholders in strategic discussions. (Objective 2 under Clinical Elements/System Integration) 1. Create a workplace violence position statement paper in which various stakeholders cooperate and build upon shared ideologies and values to enhance clinical performance and reduce injury of healthcare professionals.	Workplace Violence Position Paper completed: included the following- • Review literature of current state of workplace violence in the healthcare system, including successful measures to mitigate harm • Develop recommendations for uniform standards of practice to reduce workplace violence that can be integrated into healthcare systems • Focus areas include worker wellness fostering reduction of occupational stress	

Action Item Request and Purpose

Approval for the Workplace Violence Position Paper:

Workplace violence position statement paper includes various stakeholders' input with shared ideologies and values to enhance clinical performance and patient outcomes while reducing injury and harm to healthcare professionals.

8.a.A. GETAC Injury Prevention & Public Education Committee

Action Item:

Workplace Violence Position Statement

Workplace violence in healthcare is a systemic issue that demands a systemic response. By building on the foundational efforts of respected healthcare organizations, we commit to a comprehensive, prevention-oriented approach that centers on safety, accountability, and support. We call on healthcare institutions, professionals, legislators, and the public to work collaboratively toward a culture of zero tolerance for violence in healthcare settings.