



AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Prehospital Whole Blood Task Force (PHWBTF)
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
1:00 PM

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Austin
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, Texas 78752

This meeting will be conducted live and 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.

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Task Force Chair: Eric Epley, CEM, GETAC Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Chair

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

Council Liaisons: Brian Eastridge, MD; Sharon Malone, MD

DSHS: Jorie Klein, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

A. Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements

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.*

PHWBTF Mission: *To enhance emergency medical response capabilities and improve patient outcomes through the sustainable integration and utilization of whole blood and plasma in prehospital settings.*

4. Review and Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2026
5. GETAC Chair Announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD
6. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

B. Discussion and Possible Action

1. Updates
 - a. PHWBTF Chair & Vice-Chairs
 - i. CPDA-1 Blood Bags
 - ii. Whole Blood Academy
 - iii. National Blood Summit
 - iv. Spray-Dried Plasma (SDP)
 - b. RAC Chair/Executive Directors
 - i. Walking Blood Banks (WBB)
 - ii. Donor Identification Process
 - iii. Data Sharing MSA
 - iv. BAAs & Sub-BAAs
 - c. Texas RDC WB Technical Committee
 - i. BLOOD Portal
 - ii. SEMSTAR
 - d. EMS/Hospital Partners
 - i. Statewide Stats
 - ii. Current Deployment Challenges
 - iii. Delta Cooler Distribution Status
 - e. Blood Providers
 - i. BERC
 - ii. Regional Blood Centers Position Statement
2. Review
 - a. Ongoing PHWBTF Items
 - i. WB Program Task Tracker
 - ii. PHWBTF Resource Documents
 - aa. Document 4—PI Data Fields
 - b. GETAC Update and Action Items
 - c. Open Discussion/Public Comments

C. Closing

1. General public comment – *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
2. Summary
 - a. Task Force recommendations to GETAC for possible action
3. Next meeting date – September 14, 2026
4. Adjournment

Public Comment

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