

Air Medical Committee  
May 16, 2013

Committee Chair Report

Committee Discussion Items:

Unlicensed out-of-state providers bringing patients into and out of Texas; a list of questions was sent to Maxie Bishop regarding out-of-state providers requesting a written response. Since Maxie is no longer a part of the process Jane Guerrero has advised us to send the questions to her and she will work on them. It was also noted that there needs to be one more question added regarding TAC 157 and HSC 773 and which one has the final ruling. Roberta and I will get the questions to Jane.

House Bill 1656 did not get out of committee; we will work the next two years on language so it can be sent through again at the next legislative session.

Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup: Tracy Fox reported they have held a couple of phone conference meetings. She asked if anyone was having issues with the Registry to let either her or Shirley know so they can be addressed.

TAC 157 draft revision and the Model State Guidelines: the draft rules, for the most part, meet or exceed the Model State Guidelines. Shirley and Alicia met with Jane last week to discuss the GAP analysis Alicia did last year; Jane will allow the AM Committee to send an addition to the draft rules covering the 12 or 13 items we discovered are not covered in the draft. Volunteers were solicited to work on the remaining items to be added. Workgroup will consist of Shirley, Jim Spieir, Roberta Corbell, and Alicia. Jim offered to host in Tyler.

EMS students doing clinical rotations in other states: there are questions regarding the language in HSC 773; issue is also being discussed in EMS Committee. AM Committee members agree in supporting the effort to allow students to obtain at least part of their clinicals in other states.

GETAC meeting schedule changes: after review and discussion the proposals were ranked in the following order:

most favorable was proposal "D",  
followed by; "E"  
"A"  
"B"  
"C"

General Public Comment on Discussion Items:

Scott Christopher has another proposal for meeting times that involves 75 minute meetings. He will send an email with the proposal.

TAAMS is holding a Golf Tournament at the state EMS Conference; benefits will go to funding family members of those that have died in the line of duty this year and

are being honored at the conference. They are also holding a silent auction during the conference with benefits go to the same effort.

There will be a class on Research Strategies for EMS (pre-con) that Steve Solis says is very good; there is a discount for TAAMS members with cost at \$95.

Alicia Wiren asked that we revisit the "access to helipads at tertiary care facilities" issue and see if we can draft language that would be acceptable and allow landing at facilities that are designated trauma, cardiac, and stroke centers.

San Antonio AirLIFE is hosting their annual Emergency Care Conference Saturday, May 25, 2013, at the University Health System's Texas Diabetes Institute.

Action Items: None

Future Agenda Items:

1. Unlicensed out-of-state EMS providers transporting patients into the state and assisting Texas licensed EMS providers with the patient care during instate transport.
2. Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup update.
3. Update on the status of TAC Chapter 157 draft revisions and its comparison to Model State Guidelines and the addition of subjects not covered in the draft.
4. EMS student clinical rotations being done in other states; clarification of language and can they be done and counted.

Respectfully,  
Shirley Scholz, Air Medical Committee Chair  
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