

**CARDIAC CARE COMMITTEE
OF THE GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC) OF THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)**

Committee Chair's Report/Minutes: Meeting Date – August 16, 2012

Members in attendance: Richard Smalling, MD, PhD, Chairman
Josie Fillingim, NREMT-P
Catherine Bissell, RN
Todd Haugen, NREMT-P
Tim Mixon, MD
Loni Denne, RN, BSN
Karen Pickard, RN, LP
Robert J. Wozniak, MD
Christine Yuhas, NREMT-B

Committee Discussion Items:

1. Kitten Holloway reported on results of a survey by the DSHS on cardiac care activities of the 22 RACS in Texas. Twenty of 22 RACS responded at some level. Most had combined stroke and cardiac care committees as part of their acute care committee structure. Seven RACS had dedicated cardiac care committees. A discussion ensued regarding both the currentness of data and accuracy of reporting, but all of the Cardiac Care Committee members agreed that it was a good first step. Drs. Wozniak and Mixon agreed to look at the data more closely and formulate additional questions and potentially better mechanisms for collection of more accurate and pertinent data for the next survey. All committee members agreed it was a very good idea to report the survey on an annual basis.
2. Additional discussion occurred regarding the apparent duality of the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council of DSHS and the Cardiac Care and Stroke Committees of GETAC. Several options were considered regarding a closer working arrangement with those committees and Dr. Smalling agreed to approach Dr. Tom Tenner, the Chair of the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council (DSHS) regarding possible next steps.
3. Loni Denne reported on the Duke Mission Lifeline STEMI Accelerator Project. Houston and San Antonio have been chosen as sites in Texas for the Project. A PDF copy of the slide deck for this information is attached.
4. Catherine Bissell (and Dr. Persse) reported on the importance of providing STEMI case reports to EMS providers summarizing outcomes of the STEMI treatment of each patient brought in by EMS providers.

Additionally, Ms. Bissell and Dr. Persse provided “how to” suggestions for generating these reports, as well as examples of STEMI case reports for other STEMI treatment systems to consider.

5. Todd Haugen and Dr. Smalling also discussed STEMI literature resource generation for both EMS providers, and STEMI referrals and PCI centers. There was a discussion with various DSHS administrators regarding the possible mechanisms for providing a repository of this information on the GETAC website. Additionally, some consideration was given to utilize a link to another website which might be more appropriate.

6. Loni Denne, Catherine Bissell and Christine Yuhas reported on STEMI system models for various geographic regions and population densities. They agreed to collaborate on generation of documents comprising success stories for various STEMI systems in representative geographic areas and proposed that a STEMI treatment system give an individual success story at each Cardiac Care Committee meeting.

7. At the Governors EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Session, Dr. Smalling requested approval for posting 3 sections on the Cardiac Care Committee website of GETAC for easy access to those interested in improving STEMI care in Texas. There was some question regarding the capacity of the GETAC server to house this repository of information, however, the Council approved the Committee’s request to pursue potential creation of 3 separate folders including: (1) a STEMI literature repository for both EMS and STEMI center consumers (2) a “how to” section for generation of STEMI reports by STEMI centers to EMS providers (3) tips and tricks for developing a successful STEMI system for representatives population densities and capabilities.

Action Items/Motions and Future Agenda Items:

1. Drs. Mixon and Wozniak will report on their suggestions for generating a potentially improved STEMI center survey for all of the RACS in collaboration with DSHS.

2. Dr. Wozniak volunteered to attend the next DSHS Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council meeting in November, and he will report on the results of that meeting.

3. Dr. Smalling will report on his interactions with Dr. Tom Tenner, the Chair of the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council of DSHS.

4. Loni Denne, Catherine Bissell, and Christine Yuhas will report on their efforts for generating materials to help guide their RACS in developing successful STEMI systems.

The next Cardiac Care Committee Meeting will be November 10th at 4 PM at the Austin Hilton Downtown

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard W. Smalling, MD, PhD
Committee Chair