

Meeting Minutes

EMS Education Committee Meeting Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Thursday, February 20, 2020

Call to Order at 09:00

Present: Macara Trusty, Chris Nations, Lee Gillum, Dr. Lesley Osborne, Dr. Kelly Weller, Jamie Praslicka, Melissa Stuive, Willie Langfeldt, Scott Lail, Terri King, Diedra Blankenship, Greg Lamay, Derek Briggs

Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements

Review and Approval of November 2019 Meeting Minutes, approval unanimous

Introduction of new members: Dr. Lesley Osborne, Jamie Praslicka, Derek Briggs

GETAC Chair comments Robert Greenberg, MD, GETAC Chair

1. Review continuing education requirements from Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 157 for all levels of EMS personnel, including:

- A. 157.32 Emergency Medical Services Education Program and Course Approval
- B. 157.33 Certification
- C. 157.34 Recertification
- D. 157.38 Continuing Education
- E. 157.39 Comprehensive Clinical Management Program Approval
- F. 157.40 Paramedic Licensure

Review continuing education requirements from Texas Administrative 1. Code Title 25. Will be addressed at the April meeting; specifically, though our recommendation for Instructor requirement to teach initial classes and Clock hours 128 plus 48. The rest of them will be discussed in April.

Joe, the new rules will be done differently, and he is working with legal on a complete reorganization of the rules then the document will be released with stakeholder input. Then in January the legislature will be in session and then in the summer of 21 there will be workgroups. Expect the new rules to go into effect in January of 2022. Joe supports the idea of nursing home clinical and other opportunities to meet clinical requirements.

G. 157.43 Course Coordinator Certification

H. 157.44 Emergency Medical Services Instructor Certification

2. Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) training

TIMS training - Scott Lail TIMS is a TCFP requirement for fire fighters and is highly recommended for EMS personnel. Requesting that this become a requirement teaching responders how to place their vehicles. We are recommending that this be mandatory for all initial programs and as a renewal requirement. For recertification at the 4-year mark to count for 2 hours of ambulance operations. We also discussed it being mandatory for any responder agency when they apply for a license. The class is free and online. The recommendation is for TIMS or the equivalent. Joe - Tell the medical directors and get them involved to mandate it to their organization.

a. Scott motion to move TIMS to Council and second by Lee.

3. Civilian to Paramedic Pilot Program

Four colleges are involved in this (Weatherford, Tarrant County College, DelMar, and Temple College). The task force met last night.

The metrics will be the same as all others. Joe will be working on getting this pushed through to start in January of 2021. We are not doing away with EMT. We are trying to see if we can take a civilian through paramedic. We are the only health care industry that has a stair step requirement. Joe - this is not in legislation it is in rule, so we have some wiggle room. No one is against this, but it is another way to do this.

4. Discussion on development of a Statement of Purpose for the EMS Education Committee

“The purpose of the GETAC EMS Education Committee is to advise GETAC on EMS education and practices.”

a. Motion to take to council by Deidra second by Scott.

5. Review of DSHS Skills Requirements, Skills Verification Forms, and Skills Proficiency Evaluation Letter

Verification forms and skills proficiency evaluation letter.

NR is removing skill sheets. Each program then decides what skills they want to test. Students tend to memorize skills sheets and not have a good understanding. Consider scenario-based skill testing that would involve other skills within. TAEMSE and GETAC EMS Edu committee are working cooperatively to come up with something. The EMS skills proficiency verification form presented is a recommendation as a stop gap measure until such time as the new skills sheets are available. Motion to recommend Council recommend to DSHS to update form on State website.

a. Motion to send to GETAC by lee second by Kelly

Announcements:

- a. Lee - regarding human trafficking, can Joe please speak to this.
 - a. Per Joe, EMS is not covered in the mandate for human trafficking we are encouraging it and might be addressed in legislation next year.
- b. Joe - the disciplinary matrix was published in January for rule violation. This is clearer up front.
- c. Joe - June of 2020 you will get fingerprinted at your next renewal if you have not already.
 - a. The listing on the DSHS website is those who have had their fingerprints done.
- d. EMS educator summit April 24 in Corpus
- e. Coordinator class is April 22/23
- f. Education by the sea in Port Arkansas May 6,7,8
- g. Care Flight ECU May 18/19 in Arlington.

Next meeting date: April 17, 2020, at 09:00 at Tarrant County College

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Scott second by Lee. Meeting adjourned at 10:14.