



AGENDA

**EMS Medical Directors Committee Meeting
Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)**

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Monday, February 8, 2021

12:00 P.M.

There is no physical location for this meeting

*Due to health precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic,
this meeting will be conducted virtually using Microsoft Teams only.*

To access the online meeting, click on the link below and register.

Registration must be completed no later than 5:00 P.M., February 3, 2021

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Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair

Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Gerad Troutman, MD, Council Liaisons

Joseph Schmider, Jorie, Klein, RN, DSHS

Call to Order/Roll Call Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair

Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair

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.

GETAC EMS Medical Directors Committee Statement of Purpose:

To promote a robust, responsive, flexible emergency healthcare system that is based on evidence, quality, and safety by board certified EMS physicians with appropriate authority, compensation, and oversight of all actions of the emergency healthcare system.

Review and approval of August 2020 meeting minutes Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair

Introduction of new members Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair

GETAC Chair comments	Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
EMS/Trauma Systems Update	Jorie Klein, RN, DSHS, Director
Discussion and possible action on the following items:	Committee Members
1. Discussion and review of potential single sentence statements on:	
A. Cardiac Arrest as a reportable condition	Richard Bradley, MD
B. Research Agenda	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
C. Need for additional statements	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
2. Discussion of EMS personnel testing positive for 'substances', but not demonstrating signs of being under the influence	Committee Members
3. Discussion of EMS personnel in medical treatment assistance programs	Committee Members
4. Update on the Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX-CARES)	Jeff Jarvis, MD
5. Update on development of methods to provide financial support for medical direction resource document	Committee Members
6. Update on joint work group with EMS Medical Directors and EMS Committees to develop best practices and goals to assist and encourage EMS Medical Directors to become more involved with their agencies	Yagnesh Desai, MD
7. Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Update	Gerad Troutman, MD
8. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) discussion	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
9. Discussion, review, and recommendations for initiatives that instill a culture of safety for responders, caregivers, and the public with a focus on operations and safe driving practices	Committee Members
10. Review the GETAC Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System and determine if any additions, deletions, or corrections are in order	Committee Members
11. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve EMS medical direction in Texas	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
General Public Comment (<i>Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion</i>)	
Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report	Committee Members

Announcements	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
Review and list agenda items for next meeting	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
Next meeting date	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair
Adjournment	Heidi Abraham, MD, Chair

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If you would like to register to provide oral comments, please mark the correct box on the registration form. Instructions for providing oral comment will be emailed to you with the information about joining the meeting. Registration must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2021. Members of the public may also use the Microsoft Teams Live Event Q&A section to submit a request to provide public comment. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible pdf format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members, State staff and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only) of documentation. Handouts must be emailed to DSHS immediately after registering and include the name of the person who will be commenting.

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Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Robert Friedrich, Department of State Health Services, 512-484-8113, or robert.friedrich@dshs.texas.gov.

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