



**AGENDA**

**Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)  
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Friday, April 9, 2021

9:00 A.M. CST

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.*

*Registration must be completed no later than 5:00 P.M., April 6, 2021*

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Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair  
Ryan Matthews, LP, Vice Chair  
Jorie Klein, RN, Joseph Schmider, DSHS

Call to Order ..... Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, 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***

Review and Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Chair Report and Discussion

Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair

2. EMS Trauma Systems update

Jorie Klein, RN, Director of EMS Trauma Systems

Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Manager

Indra Hernandez, Trauma Systems Specialist

A. Injury Prevention and Texas EMS and Trauma Registry

Pierce Baumann, Manager

3. GETAC Committee Reports:

A. Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee

Lynn Lail, Chair

Shawn Salter, Liaison

B. Cardiac Care Committee

James McCarthy, MD, Chair

Gerad Troutman, MD, Liaison

C. Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

Eric Epley, Chair

Mike Clements, Brian Eastridge, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Liaisons

D. EMS Education Committee

Macara Trusty, Chair

Lucille Maes, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons

E. Emergency Medical Services Committee

Jeff Mincy, Chair

Mike Deloach, Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, Rudy Rudolph, Dudley Wait, Liaisons

F. EMS Medical Directors Committee

Heidi Abrahams, MD, New Chair (*report presented by Dr. Troutman*)

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

G. Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee

Shelli Stephens Stidham, Chair

Shelia Faske, Liaison

H. Pediatric Committee

Belinda Waters, Chair

Cassie, Campbell, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Liaisons

I. Stroke Committee

J Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair

Karen Pickard, Liaison

J. Trauma Systems Committee

Stephen Flaherty, Chair

Jeff Barnhart, Brian Eastridge, MD, Della Johnson, RN, Alan Tyroch, MD, Liaisons

4. GETAC Stakeholders Reports:

A. Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)

Dinah Welsh

B. EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership

Report given by Belinda Waters following Pediatric Committee Report

- C. Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council  
Report given by J. Neal Rutledge, MD, following Stroke Committee Report
- D. Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES)  
Ben Bobrow, MD or Jeff Jarvis, MD
- E. Texas Suicide Prevention Council  
Christine Reeves
- F. Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition  
Christine Reeves

**Discussion, public comment, and possible action on the following items:**

*(Public comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion)*

5. Review and discussion of Crisis Management Standards .....  
[https://www.strac.org/files/Incident%20Specific/2019nCoV/STRAC\\_Crisis\\_Guidelines\\_v1.5\\_Jan\\_2021\\_OCR\\_Seal.pdf](https://www.strac.org/files/Incident%20Specific/2019nCoV/STRAC_Crisis_Guidelines_v1.5_Jan_2021_OCR_Seal.pdf)

[https://www.dallas-cms.org/tmimis/Default.aspx?WebsiteKey=5857f487-9f64-4281-b4b7-67e6a2224be2&hkey=9f1e00e9-17f8-47f1-a874-2c315f147674&=404;https:%2F%2Fwww.dallas-cms.org:443%2FDCMS%2FPublic\\_Health%2FMass\\_Critical\\_Care](https://www.dallas-cms.org/tmimis/Default.aspx?WebsiteKey=5857f487-9f64-4281-b4b7-67e6a2224be2&hkey=9f1e00e9-17f8-47f1-a874-2c315f147674&=404;https:%2F%2Fwww.dallas-cms.org:443%2FDCMS%2FPublic_Health%2FMass_Critical_Care)

Alan Tyroch and Jorie Klein, possible comments by Dr. Stewart  
Form a Work Group/Task Force for further review

6. Update from the EMS Medical Directors Committee's use of lights and sirens as a medical intervention statement .....  
Covered in EMS Medical Directors Committee Report by Dr. Troutman

7. Review and consideration of the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee's use of Child Passenger Safety Use Position statement .....  
Covered in IP&PE Committee Report by Shelli Stephens Stidham

8. Review and discussion of the Pediatric Disaster Coalition's [HHS Federal Planning Region VI (Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico)], White Paper: Disaster Response for Pediatric Hospitals and Specialty Patients .....  
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/PediatricTransportWhitePaperfinal.pdf>  
Covered after the Air Medical Committee Report, possible no action?

9. Update of the Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Section 157.125, Requirements for Trauma Facility Designation, Documentation of Evidence Guide .....  
Update given in Trauma Systems Committee Report by Dr. Flaherty

10. Review and discussion of Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX

CARES) .....  
Covered after the TX Cares Stakeholder Report, Dr. Troutman, Dr. Bobrow,  
Dr. Jarvis?

11. Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) wristband project .....  
Update given by Christine Reeves following the Stop the Bleed Stakeholder  
Report

12. Update from task force charged with examining the scope of mental  
health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare .....  
Jeff Barnhart, HT Fillingim, Robert Greenberg, MD, Joe Kwon, MD

13. Discussion of issues surrounding personnel with mental health or substance abuse  
problems while on duty .....

14. Discussion, review, and recommendations for initiatives that instill a culture of safety  
for responders and the public with a focus on operations and safe driving practices .....

Announcements  
(Final Public Comments)

Next meeting dates

Adjournment ..... Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair

**Public Comment:** The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comment to DSHS by emailing [robert.friedrich@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:robert.friedrich@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m., April 6, 2021. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council.

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., April 6, 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.

**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.**

**Contact:** Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Robert Friedrich, DSHS, 512-484-8113, or [robert.friedrich@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:robert.friedrich@dshs.texas.gov).

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