



AGENDA

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

Friday, August 21, 2020
10:00 A.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, please go to the link below and register.
Registration must be completed no later than 5:00 P.M., August 18, 2020*

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Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair

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 June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

(Please sign-up to give public comment. Public comment time may be limited at Chair’s discretion)

1. Chair Report and Discussion

2. State Reports:

- A. Regional and Local Health Operations, David Gruber, Associate Commissioner
- B. Consumer Protection, Stephen Pahl, Associate Commissioner
- C. EMS Trauma Systems, Jorie Klein, RN, Director of EMS Trauma Systems
- D. Injury Prevention and Texas EMS and Trauma Registry

3. GETAC Committee Action Item Reports:

- A. Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee
- B. Cardiac Care Committee
- C. Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee
- D. EMS Education Committee
- E. Emergency Medical Services Committee
- F. EMS Medical Directors Committee
- G. Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee
- H. Pediatric Committee
- I. Stroke Committee
- J. Trauma Systems Committee

4. GETAC Stakeholders Reports:

- A. Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)
- B. EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership
- C. Texas Suicide Prevention Council
- D. Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council
- E. Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES)

Discussion, public comment, and possible action on the following items:
(Public comment time may be limited at Chair’s discretion)

5. Review the GETAC Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System and determine if any additions, deletions, or corrections are in order

6. Discussion of GETAC Committee application process

7. Update from task force charged with examining the scope of mental health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare

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

9. Update concerning facility list of EMS providers from Regional Advisory Councils

10. Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) wristband project

11. Review and consideration of the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee’s Standardized Response Time Language Statement

- It is the position of the AMSCTC that all air and ground medical assets, who have been summoned as an additional responding unit to an accident or event location, report their Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA), and any updates, by providing the “clock time” they are expected to arrive on location (i.e. 11:04, 23:15, etc.). This will allow providers on scene to make accurate and patient focused decisions regarding their possible need to begin transport rather than waiting on the secondary responders (i.e. helicopter, 2nd ambulance, etc.). By providing a clock time, it eliminates the confusion of what an Estimated Time Enroute (ETE) may represent depending on the agency (e.g. dispatch, weather check, plus lift off, plus enroute time, lift off time plus enroute time, flight time only, etc.) and it eliminates confusion of ETE’s being passed through intermediaries (i.e.

communication centers, Incident Commanders, etc.) who might unintentionally delay passing along the stated ETE or ETA given only as minutes.

12. Review and consideration of the EMS Education Committee’s virtual clinical rotations statement

- The GETAC EMS Education committee recognizes the need for human contact in the EMS industry and supports alternative methods of clinical/field rotations but does not support 100% virtual or online clinical and field experiences in initial education programs to the exclusion of live patient contact. The EMS Education Committee agrees that live field experiences support student learning and positive outcomes.

13. Review and consideration of the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee’s Safe Storage of Firearms Statement

- Empowering the medical community, across all health care settings, to engage patients and families in conversation on safe firearm storage.
- Providing health care providers with information on the most effective ways to engage patients and families in conversation on proper firearm safety, emphasizing evidence-based methods that are shown to reduce intentional and unintentional injuries.

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 no later than 5:00 p.m., August 18, 2020. 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., August 18, 2020. 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, Department of State Health Services, 512-484-8113, or robert.friedrich@dshs.texas.gov.

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