

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
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Minutes

Friday, April 9, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

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Last Name	First Name	Appointed Position	Attendance
Tyroch, MD, Chair	Alan	Trauma Surgeon - per HSC §773.012(b)(14)	YES
Matthews, LP, Vice Chair	Ryan	Private EMS Provider - per HSC §773.012(b)(5)	YES
Barnhart	Jeff	Rural Trauma Facility - per HSC §773.012(b)(11)	NO
Campbell, RN	Cassie	Registered Nurse - per HSC §773.012(b)(3)	YES
Clements	Mike	EMS Fire Department - per HSC §773.012(b)(9)	YES
DeLoach, Judge	Mike	County EMS Provider - per HSC §773.012(b)(12)	YES
Eastridge, MD	Brian	Urban Trauma Facility - per HSC §773.012(b)(10)	YES
Faske	Sheila	Public Member - per HSC §773.012(b)(18)	YES
Isbell	Robert	Fire Chief - per HSC §773.012(b)(4)	YES
Johnson, RN	Della	RN w/Trauma Expertise - per HSC §773.012(b)(15)	YES
Maes, LP	Lucille	Certified Paramedic - per HSC §773.012(b)(17)	YES
Malone, MD	Sharon Ann	EMS Medical Director - per HSC §773.012(b)(2)	YES
Pickard, RN	Karen	EMS Volunteer - per HSC §773.012(b)(6)	YES
Ratcliff, MD	Taylor	EMS Educator - per HSC §773.012(b)(7)	YES
Rudolph	Darrin (Rudy)	Public Member - per HSC §773.012(b)(18)	YES
Salter, RN	Shawn	EMS Air Medical Service - per HSC §773.012(b)(8)	YES
Troutman, MD	Gerad	Emergency Physician - per HSC §773.012(b)(1)	YES
Vezetti, MD	Robert	Pediatrician - per HSC §773.012(b)(13)	YES
Wait, EMT-P	Dudley	Stand-Alone EMS Agency - per HSC §773.012(b)(16)	YES

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Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM, by Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	
	Reading of GETAC Vision and Mission	Read by Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	
1	Chair Report and Discussion	Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moment of silence • Quarterly meeting dates announced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council agreed to move June date from 25th to 18th ○ November meeting to be first planned in person meeting ○ Request from Council to see about Retreat being in person 	
2	State Reports: EMS Trauma Systems	Jorie Klein, RN, Director of EMS Trauma Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With Rule Coordination Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trauma Service Area (TSA) Rule 157.122 ▪ Stroke Designation Rule 157.133 ○ Opening the following rules 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ RAC Requirements Rule 157.123▪ Trauma Designation Rule 157.125▪ Denial, Suspension, Revocation Rule 157.128▪ Funding Rule 157.130▪ Funding Rule 157.131○ Stakeholder comments will be through GETAC Committee and Council Meetings• Continue to focus on the 87th Legislative Session• Holding Facility Technical Assistance Calls<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rural Level IV Facilities○ Level III and Non-Rural Level IV Facilities <p>Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID waivers continue as written• Wellness Wednesday update• EMS Referral Program for those seeking assistance and treatment	
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		<p>Elizabeth Stevenson, Designation Program Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on 2021 Surveys • American College of Surgeons is starting to schedule surveys for Level I and II facilities in Texas. • Stroke Surveys are beginning again. <p>Indra Hernandez, Trauma Systems Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update given on EMS/Trauma Systems grants, funding and contracts • Update given on awarded amounts and remaining balance of Extraordinary Emergency Funds (EEFs) • Update given on Regional Advisory Council (RAC) contracts 	
3 A	<p>GETAC Committee Reports Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Lynn Lail, LP, Chair Shawn Salter, RN, Liaison</p>	<p>Shawn Salter, RN, Council Liaison, gave report</p>	

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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	<p>Recommendation from GETAC for the EMS, Pediatric, Disaster Preparedness and Response, EMS Medical Directors Shawn Salter, RN, Motion to begin review of the document and report back to the Council in future Council Meeting</p> <p>Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Second None opposed</p> <p>Shawn Salter, also stated he would follow-up with groups outside of GETAC for review.</p>	Will be agenda item for Committees to review and report back to Council
3 B	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Cardiac Care Committee James McCarthy, MD, Chair Gerad Troutman, MD, Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee reviewed CARES data comparing NCTTRAC to State and National outcomes • No action items 	
3 C	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Eric Epley, NREMT, Chair Mike Clements, Brian Eastridge, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Council Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering information on COVID response, with discussion of best practices & concerns • TX EMTF Program 	

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		<p>Missions: 47 (14 ongoing) 36 COVID & 9 Non-COVID 150 Member Entities Supporting 1,200 Team Members Activated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action items 	
3 D	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Education Committee Macara Trusty, LP, Chair Lucille Maes, LP, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Open Enrollment Paramedic Pilot Program” has started at Del Mar College and Paramedic class will start March 2021. Weatherford College will begin pilot program in May 2021. • No action items 	
3 E	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Emergency Medical Services Committee Jeff Mincy, LP, Chair Mike Deloach, Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, LP, Darrin Rudolph, Dudley Wait, EMT-P Liaisons</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workgroup on EMS Safety, Lights and Sirens Use is nearing a final product on Safety and Lights and Sirens use. • The workgroup on Best Practice in Contractual Measures for EMS Providers continues to work towards final document. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS is a key partner in the administration of the vaccine in many parts of the state. • No action items. 	
3 F	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Medical Directors Committee Gerad Troutman, MD, Chair Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to revise statement on Lights and Sirens • No action items <p>Taylor Ratcliff, MD We have EMS ground and air systems operating all over the State of Texas with one license that have one medical director and in contrast, we have similar agencies operating under one license number that have 'multiple' medical directors serving in regional or local roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask is for the EMS and EMS Medical Directors committees to discuss these different arrangements and 'wrestle' with the pros and cons. 	
6	<p>Update from the EMS Medical Directors Committee’s use of lights and sirens as a medical intervention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee continues to revise statement on Lights and Sirens 	

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3 G	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Shelli Stephens Stidham, Chair Shelia Faske, Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee continues to work on Recommendations for Child Passenger Safety Program Position Statement #2 	
7	Review and consideration of the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee’s use of Child Passenger Safety Use Position statement	Shawn Salter, RN Motion to support Mike Clements, Second None opposed	Council Approved Statement
3 H	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Pediatric Committee Belinda Waters, RN, Chair Cassie Campbell, RN, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rollout of Child Abuse Screening/Management Toolkit to the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shawn Salter, RN, motion to support Taylor Ratcliff, MD second None opposed 	
3 I	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Stroke Committee J. Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair Karen Pickard, RN, Liaison	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroke revision 157.133 timeline reviewed Items in development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIHQ CSC survey approval 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transport Safety Recommendations ○ Data/Education/Pediatric Recommendations (Spanish FAST) ● No action items 	
4 C	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council	No update available	
3 J	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Trauma Systems Committee Stephen Flaherty, MD, Chair Jeff Barnhart, Della Johnson, RN, Brian Eastridge, MD, Alan Tyroch, MD, Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee has been reviewing drafts of the evidence of compliance document and will continue this review through the next quarter ● No action items 	
4 A	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) Dinah Welsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services continue to provide surveys for trauma, neonatal, maternal, and stroke hospitals ● Virtual surveys are continuing as reported last quarter 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TETAF conducted its first virtual Hospital Data Management Course (HDMC) and it was well-received • TETAF’s advocacy team is working on a variety of legislative priorities that include maternal mortality, data collection, and highlighting efforts made during the COVID-19 pandemic by the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) • TETAF continues to provide administrative support to the Texas TQIP collaborative 	
4 B	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership Sam Vance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Vance, new Program Manager, gave introduction and provided updates 	
4 D	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report shared 	
10	Review and discussion of Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES)	TX CARES not available for discussion, will move to 2 nd Quarter Council Meeting	2 nd Quarter Meeting item
4 E	GETAC Stakeholders Reports:	Christine Reeves provided Report	

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	<p>Texas Suicide Prevention Council Christine Reeves</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 988 number to dial for Suicide Prevention, much like 911, 211. • May is Mental Health Awareness Month. • September is Suicide Prevention Month. • The Council was awarded an opportunity to design evaluation and outcome measures for the impact of local suicide prevention coalitions can have in their community. 	
<p>4 F</p>	<p>GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition Christine Reeves</p>	<p>Christine Reeves provided Report Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition is working on how to do the skills portion virtually. • Education group is working on a statewide train-the-trainer that local entities could use. • The first newsletter went out at the end of January. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to work on data collection to see if our training has been effective. Ms. Reeves was approved as an ACS STB Champion for Texas. Additionally, she was asked to serve on the ACS STB Data Workgroup. 	
11	Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) wristband project	<p>Christine Reeves provided Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wristband project concluded at end of January. Phase two underway. <p>Taylor Ratcliff, MD, asked how the Legislature receives an update of progress of this project. Christine Reeves stated she provides a report to DSHS EMS/Trauma Systems, and then it is moved forward through DSHS Leadership to the Legislature.</p>	
5	Review and discussion of Crisis Management Standards STRAC Crisis Guidelines v1.5 Jan 2021 OCR Seal.pdf	Alan Tyroch, MD, possible to form a Work Group to review more in depth.	

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	<p>https://www.dallas-cms.org/Mass Critical Care</p>	<p>Possible to share with the Regional Advisory Councils as a Best Practice and allow each Region to develop their own.</p> <p>Taylor Ratcliff, MD, felt best to leave generic and up to each facility to have a guideline. Gerad Trautman, MD, and Dudley Wait, EMT-P, agrees.</p> <p>Suggested to share as resource documents for Regional development.</p> <p>Christine Reeves, CTRAC & HOTRAC Executive Director, DSHS Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) is reviewing this.</p> <p>Taylor Ratcliff, MD asked if the Council could support a Region addressing the issue of Crisis Management Standards of Care at a Regional Level and working together to form a plan.</p>	
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		<p>Sharon Malone, MD, agreed that it needs to be Regional.</p> <p>Dudley Wait asked if the Council wanted to approve a specific document.</p> <p>Jorie Klein, DSHS, stated DSHS HPP Section is reviewing this. From GETAC’s perspective it may make sense to see what action the HPP side may take with this and to have this available as a resource for the Regions.</p> <p>No action taken.</p>	
12	Update from task force charged with examining the scope of mental health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	
13	Discussion of issues surrounding personnel with mental health or substance abuse problems while on duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates, continue to have ongoing conversations 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	

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	Public Comment: Catherine Lusk, Texas Health Services Authority	Eden tool for exchange of patient health information. Dr. Tyroch suggested that Ms. Lusk meet with Joe Schmider and Jorie. Jorie suggested meeting with Jeremy Triplett from Texas Registry.	Referred Ms. Lusk to Jeremy Triplett
	Public Comment: Kevin Rix	Seeking guidance of Safe Storage of Firearms and working together with other agencies to support the Governor’s initiative	The Council supports the Governor’s initiative, individuals can bring initiative back to their own agencies and continue to work on item
	Public Comment: Dudley Wait	Asked for DSHS EMS Trauma Systems to see if in person meetings would be possible for the 3 rd Quarter and the GETAC Retreat.	EMS Trauma Systems will look into in person meeting.
	Next meeting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 18, 2021 – Virtual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees can meet April 1 – June 11, 2021 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 17, 2021 – Virtual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees can meet July 1 – September 10, 2021 • October 2021 (Retreat) – Virtual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will look into possible in person meeting • November 2021 – In person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in conjunction with the Texas EMS Conference 	
	Adjournment	Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair Gerad Troutman, MD, Motion to adjourn Ryan Matthews, Second	Adjourned at 11:30 AM