

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

Friday, August 21, 2020, 10:00 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)	NO
Eastridge, MD	Brian	Urban Trauma Facility - per HSC §773.012(b)(10)	YES
Barnhart	Jeff	Rural Trauma Facility - per HSC §773.012(b)(11)	YES
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)	NO
Faske	Sheila	Public Member - per HSC §773.012(b)(18)	YES
Isbell	Robert	Fire Chief - per HSC §773.012(b)(4)	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
Matthews, LP	Ryan	Private EMS Provider - per HSC §773.012(b)(5)	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)	NO
Wait, EMT-P	Dudley	Stand-Alone EMS Agency - per HSC §773.012(b)(16)	YES
Vacant		RN w/Trauma Expertise - per HSC §773.012(b)(15)	NO

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM, by Brian Eastridge, MD, presiding officer for this meeting	

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	Reading of GETAC Vision and Mission	Read by Brian Eastridge, MD	
	Approval of GETAC June Minutes	Shawn Salter, RN, Motion to approve Chief Robert Isbell, Second	Approved
1	Chair Report and Discussion	Given by Brian Eastridge, MD GETAC Meeting Dates 4 th Quarter Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of October 19-23, 2020 • In the past the Retreat has been two ½ days, consensus of the Council seems to be one full day • Will poll the Council for best date 4 th Quarter Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Texas EMS Conference will be virtual for 2020 • The Council meeting will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020 • Committee meetings can be held between October 1 - November 13, 2020 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February • June • September • November 	

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		<p>Past Chair Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Eastridge, MD, provided a message of appreciation to Robert Greenberg, MD, FACEP, past chair of GETAC, for his leadership and years of service. • Robert Greenberg, MD, provided parting remarks 	
2 A	State Reports Regional and Local Health Operations	David Gruber, Associate Commissioner, DSHS gave report	
2 B	State Reports Consumer Protection	Stephen Pahl, Associate Commissioner, DSHS, gave report	
2 C	State Reports EMS Trauma Systems	<p>Jorie Klein, RN, Director of EMS Trauma Systems, DSHS, gave report</p> <p>Additional updates provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Schmider, EMS Director • Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Manager 	
2 D	State Reports Injury Prevention and Texas EMS and Trauma Registry	Pierce Baumann, Manager, DSHS, gave report	
3 A	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports:	<p>Lynn Lail, RN, gave report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Purpose Development 	

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	<p>Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Lynn Lail, Chair Shawn Salter, Liaison</p>	<p><i>To collaborate with individuals and organizations to promote and enhance the overall safety, quality of service, and level of care to patients being treated and transported by air medical and specialty care transport providers.</i></p>	<p>GETAC Retreat Agenda</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Review and consideration of the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee’s Standardized Response Time Language Statement</p>	<p>Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee’s Standardized Response Time Language Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	

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		<p>delay passing along the stated ETE or ETA given only as minutes.</p> <p>Shawn Salter, RN, Motion to approve Lucille Maes, Second</p>	Approved
3 B	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Cardiac Care Committee Jamie McCarthy, MD, Chair Gerad Troutman, MD, Liaison</p>	<p>Jamie McCarthy, MD, Chair, gave report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made for GETAC to encourage DSHS to continue its efforts to Educate EMS on how to manage health challenges related to working in PPE and a special focus on EMS provider Mental Health • Statement of Purpose Development <i>As heart disease is the leading cause of death in Texas, the purpose of the Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council’s Cardiac Care Committee, is to strive for improved cardiac wellness through impactful community health education, health promotion and outreach, evidence based system improvements and robust data collection.</i> 	GETAC Retreat Agenda
3 E	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Emergency Medical Services Committee Jeff Mincy, Chair</p>	<p>Jeff Mincy, Chair, gave report</p>	

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	Mike DeLoach, Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, Rudy Rudolph, Dudley Wait, Liaisons		
3 D	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Education Committee Macara Trusty, Chair Lucille Maes, LP, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons	Macara Trusty, Chair, gave report	
12	Review and consideration of the EMS Education Committee’s virtual clinical rotations statement	EMS Education Committee’s virtual clinical rotations statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Shawn Salter, RN, Motion to approve Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Second	Approved

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3 F	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Medical Directors Committee Gerad Troutman, MD, Chair Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons	Gerad Troutman, MD, gave report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GETAC Strategic Plan Medical Direction edits Ryan Matthews, Motion to Table Jeff Barnhart, Second <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ketamine ○ Lights and Sirens ○ Pediatric Readiness 	Tabled, GETAC Retreat Council agenda for November
3 G	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Shelli Stephens Stidham, Chair Shelia Faske, Liaison	Shelli Stephens Stidham, Chair, gave report	
13	Review and consideration of the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee’s Safe Storage of Firearms Statement	Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee’s Safe Storage of Firearms Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

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		<p>conversation on proper firearm safety, emphasizing evidence-based methods that are shown to reduce intentional and unintentional injuries.</p> <p>Darren Rudolph, Motion to table No second received</p> <p>Mike Clements, Motion to Approve Karen Pickard, Second Sharon Malone, MD, Motion to Table Darren Rudolph, Second</p> <p>Consensus of Council to form a joint Task Force with the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee</p>	<p>Tabled, GETAC Retreat</p> <p>Task Force to be formed</p>
3 H	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Pediatric Committee Belinda Waters, Chair Cassie Campbell, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Belinda Waters, RN, Chair, gave report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up on data request for drilldown of MOI in Unintentional deaths, suicides and homicides Data request for transfers in and out 	
3 I	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Stroke Committee J. Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair Karen Pickard, Liaison</p>	<p>J. Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair, gave update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroke Rule Resource Document, 157.133, approved Statement of Purpose Development 	<p>Council agenda for November</p>

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		Stroke Committee is in Statute, Texas Health and Safety Code; Chapter 773.203	
3 J	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Trauma Systems Committee Stephen Flaherty, MD, Chair Jeff Barnhart, Brian Eastridge, MD, Alan Tyroch, MD, Liaisons	Stephen Flaherty, MD, Chair, gave report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Texas Trauma System review by ACS 2010 • Recommendation that the Council should direct the development of a tool for RACs to assess components of the trauma system and collate those reports to provide an overview of the state system. • Request for DSHS to retain specific volume tiered FTE recommendations for all levels of the trauma system 	
4 A	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) Dinah Welsh	Written report submitted by Dinah Welsh and shared with Council	
4 B	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership Fatma Diouf, MPA	Written report submitted by Fatma Diouf and shared with Council	
4 C	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Suicide Prevention Council Christine Reeves	Written report submitted by Christine Reeves and shared with Council	
4 D	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council	Written report submitted by J. Neal Rutledge, MD, and shared with Council	

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4 E	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES) Jeff Jarvis, MD	Written report submitted by Jeff Jarvis, MD, and shared with Council	
5	Review the GETAC Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System and determine if any additions, deletions, or corrections are in order	The GETAC Strategic Plan will be revised at the GETAC retreat meeting in October	GETAC Retreat Agenda
6	Discussion of GETAC Committee application process	Jorie Klein, RN, EMS Trauma Systems Director gave update	
7	Update from task force charged with examining the scope of mental health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare Jeff Barnhart, HT Fillingim, Joe Kwon, MD, Karen Pickard	The task force has not met, no update available	
8	Discussion of issues surrounding personnel with mental health or substance abuse problems while on duty	No update available	Council agenda for November
9	Update concerning facility list of EMS providers from Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)	Robert Friedrich, EMS Trauma Systems gave update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial request was made in late February, we received responses from 9 of the 22 RACs 	Council agenda for November

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the pandemic several RACs requested to delay this • We will resume the work on this and follow-up with the RACS 	
10	Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) wristband project	Eric Epley shared written update; due to the pandemic no work has been done on this project since the middle of February.	Council agenda for November
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	Ongoing discussion	
	Announcements		
	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:16 P.M. by Brian Eastridge, MD	