

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

Friday, September 17, 2021, 10:00 A.M.  
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Last Name	First Name	Appointed Position	Attendance
Tyroch, MD, Chair	Alan	Trauma Surgeon - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(14)</i>	Yes
Matthews, LP, Vice Chair	Ryan	Private EMS Provider - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(5)</i>	Yes
Barnhart	Jeff	Rural Trauma Facility - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(11)</i>	Yes
Campbell, RN	Cassie	Registered Nurse - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(3)</i>	Yes
Clements	Mike	EMS Fire Department - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(9)</i>	No
DeLoach, Judge	Mike	County EMS Provider - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(12)</i>	Yes
Eastridge, MD	Brian	Urban Trauma Facility - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(10)</i>	Yes
Isbell	Robert	Fire Chief - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(4)</i>	Yes
Johnson, RN	Della	RN w/Trauma Expertise - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(15)</i>	Yes
Maes, LP	Lucille	Certified Paramedic - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(17)</i>	Yes
Malone, MD	Sharon Ann	EMS Medical Director - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(2)</i>	Yes
Martinez	Ruben	Public Member - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(18)</i>	Yes
Pickard, RN	Karen	EMS Volunteer - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(6)</i>	No
Ratcliff, MD	Taylor	EMS Educator - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(7)</i>	Yes
Rudolph	Darrin (Rudy)	Public Member - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(18)</i>	Yes
Salter, RN	Shawn	EMS Air Medical Service - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(8)</i>	Yes
Troutman, MD	Gerad	Emergency Physician - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(1)</i>	Yes
Vezetti, MD	Robert	Pediatrician - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(13)</i>	Yes
Wait, EMT-P	Dudley	Stand-Alone EMS Agency - <i>per HSC §773.012(b)(16)</i>	Yes

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Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM	
	Reading of GETAC Vision and Mission	Read by Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair	
1	Chair Report and Discussion	<p>Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moment of silence</li> <li>• Dr. Tyroch welcomed the new Public Member Ruben Martinez to the GETAC.</li> <li>• Dr. Tyroch addressed the GETAC committee application period that runs September 10 – October 10, 2021.</li> <li>• Mr. Martinez provided a brief update on his background.</li> <li>• Quarterly meeting dates announced               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ October Retreat will be in-person: October 14 (1:00PM – 6:00PM) and October 15 (8:00AM – 1:00PM).</li> <li>○ November Council Meetings: Saturday, November 20 – Monday, November 22. In conjunction with the EMS Conference.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Tyroch thanked Robert Friedrich for his work with the GETAC.</li> <li>• Reviewed chart of Council and Committee workflow.</li> </ul>	
2 A	<p>State Reports: Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Jeff Hoogheem, Director</p>	<p>Jeff Hoogheem, Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the response to COVID-19 pandemic in Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updates to website to address Delta Variant.</li> <li>○ 14.3 million Texans are fully vaccinated.</li> <li>○ Cost for Texas: \$5.75 billion.</li> <li>○ Statewide hotline: 211 and press option 6.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2 B	<p>Texas Department of Insurance Barbara Snyder, FSA, MAAA, JD</p>	<p>Barbara Snyder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed Senate Bill 790, Section 3 regarding the study on Balance Billing Practices of Ground Ambulance (GA) Providers.</li> <li>• Section 3 requires Texas Department of Insurance (TDAI) to conduct the study on the billing practices of GA service</li> </ul>	

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		<p>providers, variations in prices for GA services, proportion of GA that are in-network, trends in network inclusion, and factors contributing to network status of GAs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows TDI to seek assistance from DSHS in conducting the study.</li> <li>• Requires TDI to publish a written report of the results of the study by December 1, 2022.</li> <li>• TDI is creating an interactive reporting form with approximately 25 questions.</li> </ul>	
2 C	State Reports: EMS Trauma Systems	<p>Jorie Klein, RN, Director of EMS Trauma Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed new format of Council meetings. Sharon Munroe is assisting DSHS with the new format.</li> <li>• Meetings must be in person with streaming options.</li> <li>• October 14 and 15 meetings will be in-person with streaming capabilities.</li> <li>• Thanked Robert Friedrich for his assistance.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced Luis Morales, Interim Associate Commissioner for Consumer Protection Division.</li><li>• Thanked stakeholders for participation and recommendations.</li><li>• Acknowledged staffing shortage concerns in all regions.</li><li>• Rule Revisions<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 157.125, Trauma Facility Designation Requirements, Documentation of Evidence Guide – Conducted meetings and phone calls of proposed rules.</li><li>○ 157.123 – Regional Advisory Council Rule Revisions – Conducted meetings to address rule revisions.</li><li>○ Posted to Website<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 157.128 – Denial, Suspension, Revocation.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 157.130 – Funding.</li><li>▪ 157.131 – Funding.</li><li>○ 157.123 – Additional meetings with Regional Advisory Council Chairs and Executive Directors.</li><li>○ 157. 122 – TSA Rule – With the Rules Coordinating Office.</li><li>○ 157.133 – Stroke – With the Rules Coordinating Office.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Executive Committee November 18, 2021</li></ul></li><li>○ Neonatal Rules – Projected to go to Rules Coordination Office by December 2021.</li><li>• Continue monthly Rural Level IV facility calls and Non-Rural Level IV and Level III calls.</li><li>• Four Rural TOPIC Courses Completed.</li></ul>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two OPTIMAL Courses Completed.</li><li>• DSHS EMS Trauma Systems Moving to Moreton Building.</li></ul> <p>Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two deaths to report in EMS this week.</li><li>• Legislation from the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session- Regular<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ HB 1164 – Placental disorder</li><li>○ SB 199 – AED education requirement</li><li>○ HB 1069 – FR/EMS personnel authorized to carry</li><li>○ SB 790 – EMS billing study</li><li>○ SB 1876 – Medical director protocol</li></ul></li><li>• Staffing waivers stay in place until February 27, 2022.</li><li>• All other waivers have been lifted as of September 1, 2021.</li><li>• Wellness Wednesdays continue and reaches over 70,000 people.</li><li>• Suicide and substance abuse continue to go up for First Responders – Hotline 1-833-367-4689.</li></ul>	
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		<p>Elizabeth Stevenson, Designation Program Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided update on number of designated facilities by program.</li> <li>• Discussed map of Texas highlighting designated hospitals.</li> <li>• Discussed projected yearly designations.</li> </ul> <p>Indra Hernandez, Trauma Systems Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed Senate Bill 1 – General Appropriations Act.</li> <li>• Discussed Dedicated Funds for Hospital Allocation.</li> <li>• Discussed Extraordinary Emergency Funds.</li> <li>• Discussed Regional Advisory Council Contracts.</li> </ul>	
2 D	<p>State Reports: Texas EMS and Trauma Registry Petra Baumann, Manager</p>	<p>Petra Baumann, Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the EMS 2021 Summary Report on 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussed Variables of Report.</li> <li>○ Total number of records submitted: 5,206,651.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Total number of unique patient records: 4,131,348.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested – Majority is 911 Response.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Services Requested by TSA – 911 Response.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested by TSA – Inter-facility Transport.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested by TSA – Medical Transport.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested by TSA – Public Assistance.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested by TSA – Standby.</li><li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested by TSA – Intercept.</li></ul>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussed Type of Service Requested by TSA – Mutual Aid.</li> <li>○ Discussed Incident Patient Disposition Filtered for Patient Contact Only.</li> <li>○ Discussed Month and Hour of Incident Median Response Time. Month and hour often not recorded.</li> <li>○ Mr. Wait asked why month and time aren’t reported.</li> <li>○ Ms. Baumann will look into it.</li> <li>○ This data will be posted to the website.</li> </ul>	
3 A	<p>GETAC Committee Reports Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Lynn Lail, LP, Chair Shawn Salter, RN, Liaison</p>	<p>Lynn Lail, LP, Chair gave report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No items needing Council guidance.</li> <li>• No items referred to GETAC for future action.</li> <li>• Continue review of Rules 157.12 and 157.13.</li> <li>• Continued collaboration with other committees on the development of a</li> </ul>	

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		core group of Air Medical MIST Team Members to be utilized as a resource.	
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	Sarah Jensen provided an update on Texas Emergency Medical Task Force.	
3 B	GETAC Committee Reports: Cardiac Care Committee James McCarthy, MD, Chair Gerad Troutman, MD, Liaison	Jamie McCarthy, MD provided an update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted ongoing staffing challenges and long wait times.</li> </ul>	
3 D	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	No update.	
3 E	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Education Committee Macara Trusty, LP, Chair Lucille Maes, LP, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons	Macara Trusty provided an update. No action items.	
3 F	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Medical Directors Committee	Gerad Troutman provided an update.	

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	Gerad Troutman, MD, Chair Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued discussion of CARES and its funding.</li> </ul>	
3 G	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Shellie Stephens Stidham, Chair Shelia Faske, Liaison	<p>Shellie Stephens-Stidham provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items needing council guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Position statement on EMS Pandemic Resiliency.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Items referred to GETAC for future action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Position statement on Child Passenger Safety Program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3 H	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Pediatric Committee Belinda Waters, RN, Chair Cassie Campbell, RN, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Liaisons	<p>Belinda Waters provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No items needing council guidance.</li> <li>• Items referred to GETAC for future action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data request for drilldown of MOI in unintentional deaths, suicides and homicides (pending).</li> <li>○ Data request for transfers in and out (pending).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Formal endorsement approved for Pediatric</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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		Readiness statements in the proposed trauma rules.	
3 I	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Stroke Committee J. Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair Karen Pickard, RN, Liaison	J. Neal Rutledge, MD, provided an update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items referred to GETAC for action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CIHQ Comprehensive Stroke Center surveyor recommended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shawn Salter made a motion that the state authorize CIHQ to serve in the role as an approved surveyor for our comprehensive stroke centers. The motion was seconded by Sharon Malone. The motion passed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mandatory use of wrist bands on all stroke transports recommended</li><li>○ EMS Education’s recommendations<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. Ratliff made a motion to send the recommendations to Emergency Medical Services, EMS Medical Directors, and EMS Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Troutman. The motion passed.</li></ul></li><li>● Items in development:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ GETAC Stroke Data collection proposal</li></ul></li><li>● Announcements<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Stroke revision 157.133</li></ul></li></ul>	
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		<p>Dr. Rutledge provided an update on the Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection efforts by TCDSC are no longer funded. Looking for data collection within GETAC.</li> </ul>	
3 J	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Trauma Systems Committee Stephen Flaherty, MD, Chair Jeff Barnhart, Della Johnson, RN, Brian Eastridge, MD, Alan Tyroch, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Dr. Flaherty provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No items needing council guidance.</li> <li>• Rule revisions recommended to Council for assessment for approval by the Department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rule 157.123 Regional Advisory Council Rules</li> <li>○ Rule 157.125 Requirements for Trauma Facility Designation, Documentation of Evidence Guide</li> <li>○ Rule 157.128 Denial, Suspension, and Revocation of Trauma Facility Designation</li> <li>○ Rule 157.130 EMS and Trauma Systems Account and EMS, Trauma Facilities,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ and Trauma Care System Fund – Resource Document</li> <li>○ Rule 157.131 Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account – Resource Document</li> <li>• Documents under review by the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RAC Criteria Document</li> <li>○ RAC Self-Assessment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4 A	<p>GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) Dinah Welsh, TETAF President/CEO</p>	<p>Dinah Welsh provided an update on TETAF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted its first virtual Trauma Surveyor Training.</li> <li>• Continues to participate in revision of trauma and stroke rules.</li> </ul>	
4 B	<p>GETAC Stakeholders Reports: EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership Sam Vance</p>	<p>Sam Vance provided an update on the Texas Pediatric Readiness Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,647 responded</li> <li>• Voluntary Pediatric Recognition Program increases awareness of pediatric readiness in emergency departments.</li> <li>• Establish minimum standards for pediatric emergency care</li> <li>• Addresses gaps in care</li> </ul>	



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4 C	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council	No update	
4 D	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES)	<p>Micah Panczyk, TX CARES State Coordinator provided update on TX CARES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked Council for their support.</li> <li>• 75 agency accounts covering 12.8 million people.</li> <li>• Reviewed 2021 Agency Accounts and Populations Served.</li> <li>• Reviewed Participation and Prospects by city.</li> <li>• Publications               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Community Disparities in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Care and Outcomes in Texas”</li> <li>○ “Community Variations in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Care and Outcomes in Texas”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reviewed abstracts.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ratcliff asked about funding. Mr. Panczyk will explore a funding model in the future.</li> </ul>	
4 E	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Suicide Prevention Council Christine Reeves	<p>Christine Reeves provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council continues to coordinate the planning efforts to bring Texas into alignment by changing the National Suicide Hotline to 9-8-8 by December 2022.</li> <li>• September is National Suicide Prevention Month.</li> </ul>	
4 F	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition Christine Reeves	<p>Christine Reeves provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continues to work with the DSHS Registry Staff on data collection project related to bleeding control</li> </ul>	
5	Update from statewide wristband project Christine Reeves	<p>Christine Reeves provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still in implementation phase.</li> <li>• NCTTRAC developed an implementation plan for their region. Will be shared with state.</li> <li>• Survey will go out in October for each RAC to complete.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 22 RACS are in process of planning or implementing a wristband project in their region.</li> </ul>	
6	Update of repeal of Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Section 157.41, Automated External Defibrillators	<p>Joe Schmider provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate Bill 199 – AED Bill that was signed into law on 6/14/21</li> <li>Removed Section 779.002, Health and Safety Code, which directed DSHS to develop and maintain rule 157.41 and provided the authority to the Education Code Section 21.0541 to develop rules</li> </ul>	
7	Update and recommendation of the Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Section 157.125, Requirements for Trauma Facility Designation, Documentation of Evidence Guide	<p>Jeff Barnhart started the discussion with his questions and concerns for small rural level IV facilities. He thanked the Trauma Committee for their work. He would like more conservation on exemptions and how to help small rural level IV hospitals. Dr. Flaherty acknowledge the importance of level IVs. The rules will go into effect in 2023.</p> <p>Christine Reeves provided public comment. She stated that she can’t discuss exemptions until the rules are passed.</p>	

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		<p>Dr. Tyroch asked for action to be taken on the item. Cassie Campbell asked for clarification on what to act on. There was discussion about the additional costs for surveys. There was discussion if some facilities will have to close down.</p> <p>Dr. Sharon Malone made a motion to move all the documents for a final vote in November. The motion was seconded by Gerad Troutman. Dr. Tyroch asked if the motion was for all 5 documents or just the one. Dr. Malone said she would like all 5 moved to November unless it would cause harm.</p> <p>Jorie Klein explained the process for the Rule Coordination Office. She stated that the expectation is to have these rules to the Rules Coordination Office by December 19, 2021. Once the language is approved by GETAC, it will be put into rule format. After that, the rules are sent to legal. The department has the opportunity to provide waivers to facilities that cannot meet certain criteria. The decision is based on how far the facility is from another</p>	
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		<p>facility that can provide the same or higher care, the impact for the patients, and the impact for the geographic region. She stated that we want to create a fair system and to keep the rural facilities in place.</p> <p>Dr. Tyroch noted that a lot of these concerns have been brought up at the Level III and Level IV calls.</p> <p>Dr. Malone stated that hearing from Jorie was comforting, and she withdrew the motion.</p> <p>Dudley Wait asked if they could call a special meeting in October to discuss the rules that aren’t approved during today’s meeting.</p> <p>Jorie Klein stated that she would have to talk to the Advisory Committee Coordinating Office.</p> <p>Dr. Tyroch noted that they will never get all Level IVs to agree to the language.</p>	
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		<p>Jorie Klein stated that once the rule goes to the Rules Coordination Office, the rule will come back out for formal comment for 30 days. The Department is required to review every comment. The goal is for implementation in March of 2023.</p> <p>Shawn Salter asked what will happen if GETAC doesn’t support the document.</p> <p>Dr. Tyroch noted that the GETAC makes recommendations to the Department.</p> <p>Jorie Klein stated that the Department and GETAC need to be in a collaborative effort with the rules, and the Department will be uncomfortable without the GETAC support.</p> <p>Dr. Ratcliff stated that he doesn’t know the full impact of the document and would like testimony from critical access rural facilities for more information.</p>	
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		<p>Shawn Salter stated that he didn’t get to attend every previous meeting and would like to know who did attend and provide feedback.</p> <p>Dudley Wait made a motion that GETAC approves and recommends DSHS takes rule 157.125 and begins the rule conversion process. The motion was seconded by Della Johnson.</p> <p>Dr. Eastridge asked if there was any way to qualify the exemption process.</p> <p>Jorie Klein stated that they just write a letter to the Department to request a waiver. They need to be specific in the letter. There are limits to what can be waived. The Department will look at various factors in making a determination.</p> <p>There was a public comment written in the Question and Answer box from Rhonda Manor Coombes that stated “TETAF has already increased their fees. Four different levels for Level IV.”</p>	
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		Dr. Tyroch asked for a roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed.	
8 A	Update and recommendation of Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 157 – 157.123 Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)	<p>Dr. Flaherty provided a brief update. The GETAC reviewed the rule language.</p> <p>Christine Reeves stated that the language has been suggested by legal and the Department.</p> <p>Jorie Klein stated that EMS Trauma Systems does not manage the HPP dollars and cannot write the rule regarding HPP.</p> <p>Christine Reeves noted that all 22 RACs stated to move it forward to the Trauma Systems Committee and to the full GETAC.</p> <p>Dr. Tryoch asked for a motion.</p> <p>Shawn Salter made a motion to support as a Council the suggested 157.123 RAC rules. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sharon Malone.</p> <p>The was no opposition. The motion passed.</p>	



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8 B	Update and recommendation of Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 157 – 157.128 Denial, Suspension, and Revocation of Trauma Facility Designation	<p>Shawn Salter started the discuss by asking if there were any comments or concerns by the committees who reviewed the rule. Dr. Flaherty stated that there were not any concerns.</p> <p>Dudley Wait made a motion that GETAC approve 157.128 and recommend that DSHS moves it forward. The motion was seconded by Shawn Salter.</p> <p>The was no opposition. The motion passed.</p>	
8 C	Update and recommendation of Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 157 – 157.130 EMS and Trauma Care System Account	<p>Dudley Wait asked about the changes. Indra Hernandez noted that the definitions were placed in alphabetical order. Ms. Hernandez noted that 157.130 was changed to mirror 157.131. She noted that 157.131 includes “inactive pursuit”. She also noted that the hospital allocation formula was amended. Lucille Maes made a motion for 157.130 and 157.131 to move on. The motion was seconded by Dudley Wait. The was no opposition. The motion passed.</p>	
8 D	Update and recommendation of Texas	This item was addressed in agenda item 8 C.	

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	Administrative Code Title 25, Chapter 157 – 157.131 Designated Trauma Facility and Emergency Medical Services Account		
9	Review the GETAC Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System and determine if any additions, deletions, or corrections are in order.	Dr. Tyroch stated that the October Strategic Planning Meeting on October 14th and 15th.  Jorie Klein stated that it will take place at the Brown Heatley building in Austin. More information will be sent out to the members.	
10	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	Jorie Klein stated that it is important to facilitate a culture of safety and patient safety is the highest priority.	
	Announcements	None	
	Public Comment	Deidra Lee read the names of people who registered for public comment.	
	Public Comment Bobby Greenberg, CMO of Emergency Services	Thanked the Council for their work on the rules.	
	Public Comment Douglas Havron, Executive Director CATRAC	Thanked the Council for their work and asked that the long term impacts of COVID-19 volumes are modeled to the impact of the rules.	

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	Announcements	Shawn Salter asked if it will be possible to move public comment to the beginning of the meeting.	
	Next meeting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October Retreat               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ October 14 (1:00pm-6:00pm) and October 15 (8:00am-1:00pm)</li> <li>○ Looking for in=person options in Austin</li> </ul> </li> <li>• November 20-22, 2021               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in conjunction with the Texas EMS Conference</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Adjournment	Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair Gerad Troutman made a motion to adjourn.	Adjourned at 1:41pm