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Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Strategic Retreat

October 14 and 15, 2021

Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair

Ryan Matthews, LP, Vice Chair

Due to the emergency situation created by the threat to public health and safety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting will be conducted by telephone conference and Microsoft Teams.

Public participation will also be available at:

DSHS Central Campus
Moreton Building, M-100
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756



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Roll Call



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Approval of Minutes – June and September



GETAC Council Chair Report

- **Overview of retreat activities**
- **Focus on planning for 2022 and forward**
- **Align actions with the Strategic Plan**
- **Review the Strategic Plan and associated procedures for potential revisions**

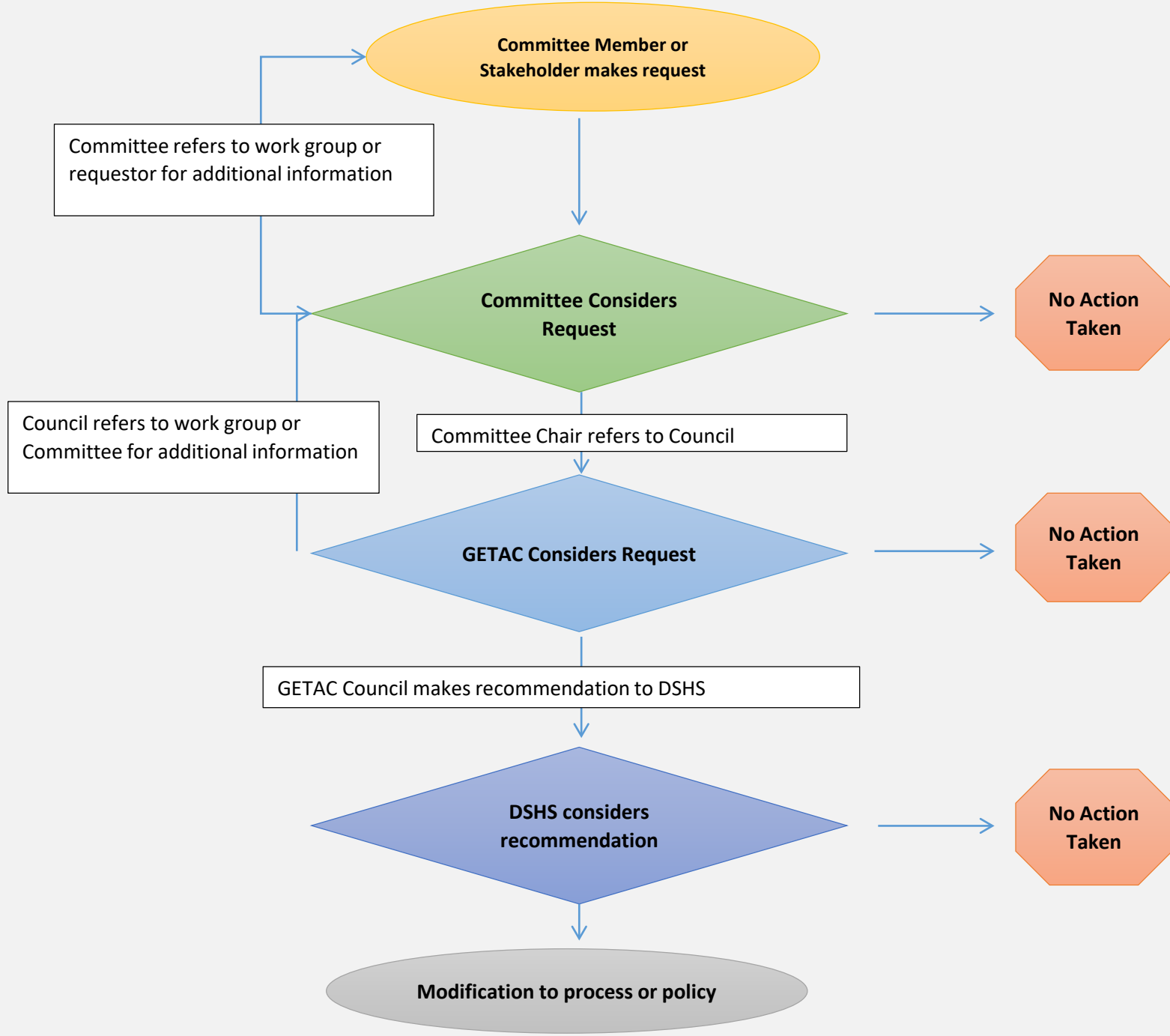


GETAC Council Chair Report

- **November Meetings**
 - EMS Conference
 - Saturday, November 20 – Monday, November 22
 - GETAC Council Meeting – Monday, November 22nd at 4pm
 - Moreton Building RM M100



GETAC Provides Recommendations to DSHS



GETAC Meeting Dates for 2022



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2022 GETAC Dates for Considerations

1st Qtr

- Feb 4th
- February 11th
- Feb 18th (booked by State Child Fatality Review Team Committee Meeting 7a-3p)
- Feb 25th

2nd Qtr

- May 6th
- May 13th
- May 20th
- May 27th

3rd Qtr

- Aug 5th
- Aug 12th
- Aug 19th
- Aug 26th

4th Qtr

- All Thursdays & Fridays are currently open
- October



GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022



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GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee

Lynn Lail, RN, Chair

Shawn Salter, RN, Council Liaison



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Air Medical & Specialty Care Transport Committee Statement of Purpose

- *“” 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.*

2022 Proposed Committee Priorities

- Creation of a core Air Medical MIST Group
- Review of 25 TAC Chapter 157 Rules affecting the AM&SCTC Committee with a specific focus on Quality Improvement
- Continued work on the Critical Care Transport Capability Matrix – Facilitating use among the RACs
- Continued focus on safety through the use of a “Safety Moment” at the beginning of each meeting

GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Cardiac Care Committee

James McCarthy, MD, Chair

Gerad Troutman, MD, Council Liaison



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Cardiac Committee 2022 Priorities

- Continue to research funding opportunities to support a strong data collection system such as CARES and NEMESIS
- Continue to develop and support a culture of safety among all aspects of EMS
- Enhance and educate the pre-hospital system on patient care based on current science and evidence-based practices for cardiac patients
- Continue to evaluate the cardiac equipment needs for the pre-hospital system in Texas.



GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

Eric Epley, NREMT, Chair

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



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Disaster Committee 2022 Priorities

- COVID/Pandemic response, what to keep, what are gaps
- Strengthen utilization of RMOCs
- EMTF program
- Severe weather impacts (hurricanes, winter weather, etc)
- Healthcare/EMS staffing shortage/Alternate Staffing Models for Disaster/Pandemic

Disaster Committee 2022 Priorities

- Response 'Box Alarm' concept w/ TDEM
- PIV-I TDEM cards for State Disaster Response
- Resiliency
- Texas EMS Wristband program

GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Emergency Medical Services Committee

Jeff Mincy, LP, Chair

Mike DeLoach, Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, LP, Darrin Rudolph,

Dudley Wait, LP, Council Liaisons



EMS Committee 2022 Priorities

- Develop and support a workforce recruitment and retention program
- Continue to develop and support a culture of safety among all aspects of EMS
- Review and enhance the EMS rules to meet the needs of the workforce and patients we treat and transport daily
- Promote innovative partnerships providing first response and emergency services availability for underserved and rural areas of Texas.
- Educate governmental leadership and the public on the importance of a strong dependable emergency healthcare system.



GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

EMS Education Committee

Macara Trusty, LP, Chair

Lucille Maes, LP, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Council Liaisons



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EMS Education Committee 2022 Priorities

- Improve access to initial EMS Education Programs.
 - Promote Advanced EMT (AEMT) courses.
 - Consider possible “bridge” from AEMT to Paramedic.
 - Continue working on “open enrollment” AEMT and Paramedic courses.
- Increasing safety & well-being focus for EMS education programs
 - Consider Driver training concepts
 - Consider Mental Health and Resiliency education.
 - Consider Nutrition/Meal planning information.
- Enhance the EMS education rules to meet the needs of the workforce and the patient that are treated and transported daily.



GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

EMS Medical Directors Committee

Heidi Abraham, MD, FAEMS, Chair

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



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EMS Medical Directors Committee 2022 Priorities

- Continue to research funding opportunities to support a strong data collection system such as CARES and NEMSIS
- Continue to develop and support a culture of safety among all aspects of EMS
- Review and enhance the EMS rules to meet the needs of the workforce and patients the Texas EMS system treat and transport daily
- Promote innovative partnerships in providing medical oversight is availability for underserved and rural areas of Texas.
- Continue to educate leadership and the public on the importance of a strong dependable emergency healthcare system.
- Enhance patient care on the current science and evidence-based practices



GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee

Shelli Stephens-Stidham, MPA, Chair



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FY'22 Priorities & Initiatives

INJURY PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

*Emphasis Area 1:
Leadership*
Goal: Promote leadership that advances injury and violence prevention by October 2022.

Strategies:

Promote the use of the Standards and Indicators for [Model Level I and II Trauma Center Injury and Violence Prevention Programs](#) and [Texas Hospital-Based Injury Prevention Program Core Components for Level III & IV Trauma Centers](#).

Develop and update position statements on evidence-based injury and violence prevention.

Disseminate white papers and advocacy materials to stakeholders that justify the need for injury and violence prevention programs.

Indicators of Progress:

of downloads/requests for National and Texas standards and indicators documents

new position statements developed

position statements updated

white papers and materials developed and disseminated

resource guides/fact sheet materials developed and disseminated

of non-committee members participating in committee meetings.

Emphasis area 2: Data

Goal: Increase the accuracy, availability, and dissemination of injury and violence data to stakeholders by October 2022.

Strategies:

Work with DSHS to ensure that a data report that details the top 3 mechanisms of injury (unintentional and intentional) is provided each year to the IP & PE by the fourth quarter GETAC meeting.

Work with DSHS to create and disseminate a one-page data brief on injuries and violence in Texas annually.

Work with DSHS to create and provide a template for displaying and sharing local/regional/RAC data.

Indicators of Progress:

Development and dissemination of data report

Development and dissemination of one-page data brief

Development and dissemination of local data template

Emphasis area 3:
Workforce
Goal: Strengthen
the IVP
workforce by
October 2022.

Strategies:

Increase the use of the [Core Competencies for Injury and Violence Prevention](#) by providing and promoting competency-based training opportunities annually.

Provide assistance and Subject Matter Expertise to DSHS on securing funding and building statewide infrastructure for injury and violence prevention.

Disseminate resources/tool kits on evidence-based and/or evidence-informed prevention strategies for the top 3 mechanisms of injury hospitalizations and deaths in Texas.

Promote and disseminate materials on [shared risk and protective factors](#) approaches to injury and violence prevention.

Provide access to best evidence-based prevention strategies to increase an individual's capacity for a safe and healthy lifestyle by disseminating information through the Injury Prevention & Public Education Committee and state and regional injury prevention networks.

Indicators of Progress:

of training opportunities promoted

Resources/tool kits provided on the top 3 mechanisms of injury hospitalizations and deaths in Texas

of dissemination emails

of visits to social media pages

of trainings offered

of participants attending trainings

of evidence-based presentations at IP & PE Committee meetings

of grants applied for and received by DSHS

*Emphasis area 4:
Collaboration and
Coordination*

Goal: Facilitate collaboration among injury and violence prevention professionals and advocates by October 2022.

Strategies:

Align goals and unify efforts of injury prevention professionals and advocates by providing opportunities for cross-collaboration.

Facilitate networking opportunities at virtual and in-person GETAC meetings.

Promote opportunities to collaborate with non-governmental agencies on policies, legislation, and regulations that address injury and violence prevention.

Indicators of Progress:

of networking opportunities

of individuals attending networking opportunities

of collaborative opportunities

GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Pediatric Committee

Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Cassie Campbell, RN, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Council Liaisons



Pediatric Committee

- **2022 Priorities and Initiatives**

- ED Pediatric Readiness
- Pediatric Concussion/Head Injury Initiative
- Magnet/Battery Ingestion Initiative
- Review of state trauma data for future initiatives (Suicide prevention)

GETAC Pediatric Committee's Statement of Purpose:

To work collaboratively with entities involved in prehospital and emergency pediatric care, to promote pediatric injury and illness prevention, and to improve the outcomes of our vulnerable pediatric patients by developing evidenced based strategies for high-quality practice in order to deliver safe, compassionate, and effective care.

GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Stroke Committee

J. Neal Rutledge, MD, FACR, CAST, Chair

Karen Pickard, RN, Council Liaison



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Stroke Committee 2022 Priorities

- Approval of 157.133 revision (Advanced thrombectomy ready hospital certification)
- Develop pediatric transport protocol recommendations with help of Pediatric Committee
- Develop pediatric stroke facility criteria recommendations with help of Pediatric Committee



Stroke Committee 2022 Priorities

- Champion 15-minute goal for hospital EMS pickup for transfers
- Make recommendations for NEMESIS required data fields in stroke
- Develop and implement Stroke State Statistics with data requests from certified stroke hospitals, NEMESIS, etc for performance improvement, epidemiology and GETAC/RAC validation/promotion.



Stroke Committee 2022 Priorities

- Help with EMS Education training, develop/facilitate FAST CE, VAN CE, and Pediatric Stroke CE certifications
- Develop First responder (Police/Fire) education / FAST certification
- Work on public education (Stroke/EMS transport/Prevention) communities in need



GETAC Committee Priorities for 2022

Trauma Systems Committee

Stephen Flaherty, MD, Chair

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



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Trauma Systems Committee

- Trauma Rules
 - Monitor progress of rules through translation to legislative language
 - Receive public comments on the formal rule
 - Consider expressed points of view
 - Advise on any recommended changes

Trauma Systems Committee

- Rural trauma care
 - Assess needs of rural facilities
 - Recommend actions to close gaps impeding optimal care for the injured in rural Texas

Trauma Systems Committee

- Regional Advisory Committees
 - Facilitate RAC development as a key element of the trauma system
 - Assessing and monitoring care
 - Determining regional needs

Trauma Systems Committee

- Trauma Center Designation
 - Monitor designation process
 - Develop and implement a designation review committee

EMS Trauma Systems Update

Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, Director



Rule Revisions Update

- TSA Rule 157.122 – RCO
- Stroke Rule 157.133 – RCO
- Neonatal Rules – Move to RCO in December
- Trauma Rules – TAC 157.125
- Denial, Suspension – TAC 157.128
- Funding – 157.130 and 157.131
- RAC Rules – 157.123
 - Moving to RCO in December



Rule Timeline

- Rules Notification Form (RNF) completed and submitted
- 12-09-2021: Draft rules submitted for informal comment
- 12-10-2021: RCO reviews draft rules; comments
- 2 weeks of informal comment
- 01-10-2022: Programs considers stakeholder comments
- 02-08-2022: Program routes rule packet to RCO office after leadership approval
- 02-18-2022: RCO sends packet to budget
- 04-14-2022: RCO sends rule packet to SEPA for review and Dec. PR approval



Rule Timeline

- 03-18-2022: RCO sends rule packet to legal for review
- 04-01-2022: RCO sends packet to Office of the Governor for review
- 04-22-2022: RCO submits rule packet to HHSC Executive Council liaison
- 05-19-2022: Presentation to HHSC Executive Council
- 05-27-2022: RCO submits rule packet to the Office of the Executive Commissioner for approval
- 06-08-2022: RCO submits information to the Texas Register for public comment (31 calendar days)
- 07-26-2022: Program reviews comments and prepares adoption rule packet



Rule Timeline

- 10-04-2022: RCO submits information to Texas Register for adoption
- 10-21-2022: Texas Register issue date of adoption
- 10-24-2022: Rule effective date
- 01-01-2023: Hospitals implement rules
- 03-01-2023: Designation surveys include new rules



Moving Forward

- Exploring the development of “Exceptional Items”
- Educational Programs (TOPIC, Rural Trauma Team Development, DMEP, ISS Scoring, System PI for RACs)
- Continue with Monthly Assistance Calls
- Compliance Documents for Rule Implementation



EMS System Update

Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director



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Legislation 87R Signed

- SB 199---AED Education Requirement: **proposed rules submitted**
- SB 790 --- EMS billing study: **starting this fall TIB**
- SB 1876 ---Medical Director Protocol: **submitted Rule Notification Form and reviewing an amendment to 157.11 at November GETAC.**
- HB 161: **under consideration**



Staffing Data

number of unique personnel submitting patient care records

Year	Unique ID on PCRs	EMS Providers submitting PCRs	Number of Licensed EMS Providers	Percent of EMS Providers submitting PCRs	Number of personnel per EMS Providers applications	Number of certified licensed personnel	Percent of personnel working for an EMS Providers per application	Percent of certified personnel submitting PCRs
2019	31,418	578	748	77.27%	36,826	68,461	53.79%	45.89%
2020	30,992	599	748	80%	36,448	71,778	50.78%	43.18%
2021 YTD 8-13-2021	20,776	541	757	71.47%	38,093	75,733	50.30%	27.43%

* PCR: patient care record

Introduced House Bill 161**21.7 Million Dollars for Recruitment , EMS Education for underserve areas of Texas**

Wellness Wednesdays

- Wellness message going out each Wednesday to the EMS workforce continues.
- Suicide and substance abuse continue to go up for First Responders.

Hotline number:

1-833-367-4689

(1-833-EMS-inTX)



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Designation Update

Elizabeth Stevenson, BSN, RN, Designation Programs
Manager



Designated Facilities by Program

Trauma (301)

Level I – 19

Level II – 25

Level III – 64

Level IV – 193

IAP – 16

Total: 927 Designations

Stroke (176)

Level I - 37

Level II – 120

Level III – 19

Neonatal (227)

Level IV - 22

Level III – 60

Level II – 61

Level I – 84

Maternal (223)

Level IV – 32

Level III - 43

Level II - 94

Level I – 54

Total Participating Facilities: 334

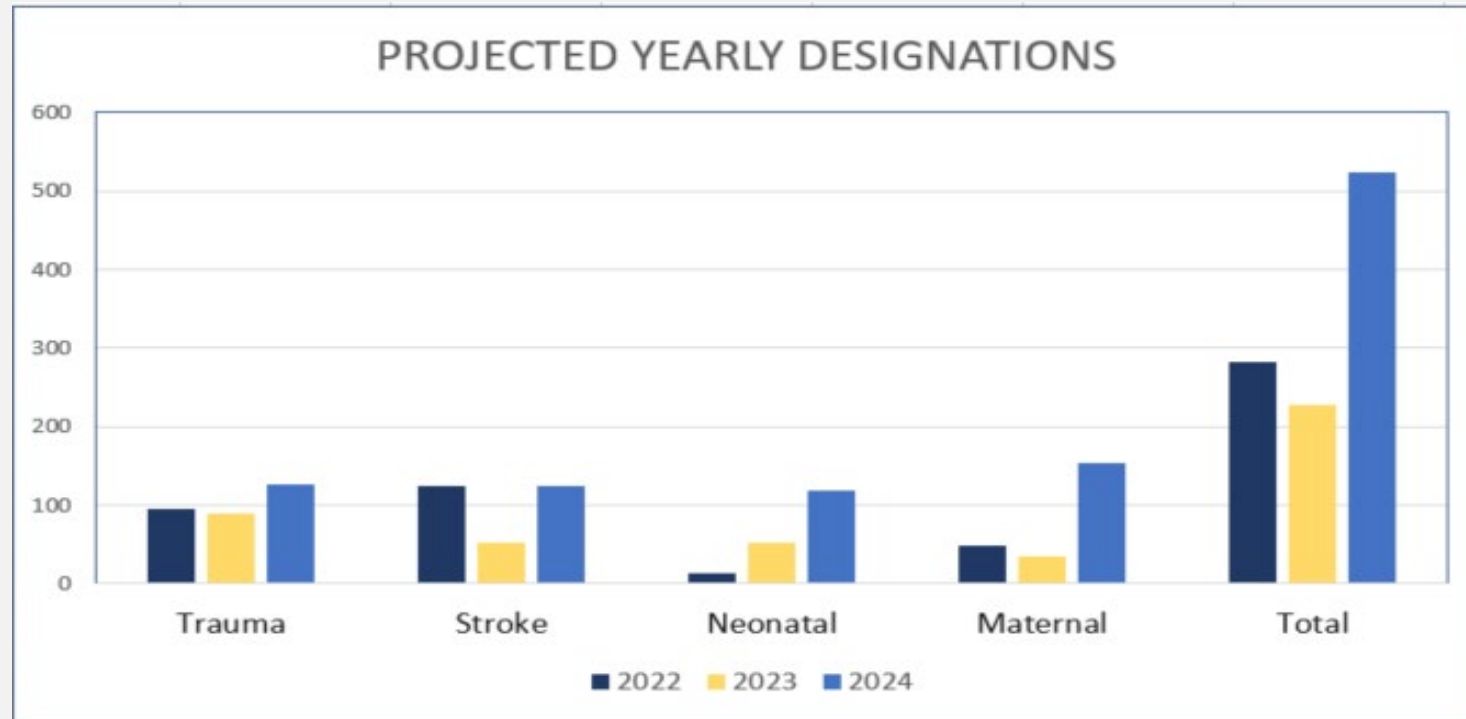


Number of Facilities by Awarded Designations

Awarded Designations	Number of Facilities – Total 334
All – Trauma, Stroke, Neonatal and Maternal	124
Trauma, Neonatal and Maternal	75
Trauma	73
Trauma and Stroke	28
Stroke, Neonatal and Maternal	16
Neonatal and Maternal	9
Trauma and Neonatal (Children’s Hospitals)	4
Stroke	4
Neonatal (Children’s Hospital)	1



Projected Designations



EMS/Trauma Systems Funding

Indra Hernandez, Trauma Systems Specialist



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Grants/Funding/Contracts Updates

- FY 2020 Uncompensated Trauma Care (UCC) applications are due no later than October 20, 2021
- FY 2022 EMS-CO-RAC contract amendment is being processed by Contracts Management Section (CMS)
- 87th Texas Legislative Session, 3rd Special Session (Funding bills)
 - HB 2 – medical staffing, infusion centers, monoclonal antibody treatments
 - HB 140 – Firearm Injury Prevention Research (\$10M for health-related institutions); med surge staffing (\$100M); retain and attract staff necessary to handle surges (\$1B)
 - HB 161 – med surge staffing infusion center, monoclonal antibody treatments’ EMS staffing (\$21.7M)
 - SB 8 - medical staffing, infusion centers, monoclonal antibody treatments



DSHS Texas EMS and Trauma Registry Update

Petra Baumann, Manager



Actions on Initiatives, Programs, and Potential Research



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Recess – October 15th at 0800



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Revisions to the Texas Emergency Healthcare System Strategic Plan and Standard Operating Procedures as Required by 773.012(I)



Discussion of Rural Priorities



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Discussion of Rule Revision Priorities



EMS Rule Plan

- Fall 2022: Education Rules 157.32/33/34/38/39/43/44
- Winter 2023 Operation: 157.03/11/12/ 13/14
- Summer 2023 Disciplinary: 157.16/36/37

- Ongoing: 157.02 Definitions



Discussion of Possible Actions or Initiatives, and Potential Research to Improve the Emergency Healthcare System in Texas



General Public Comment



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Review and List Agenda Items for the November Meeting



Announcements

Next Council Meeting Dates:

- November 22, 2021 at 4 pm – *in person with Texas EMS Conference*
- *M100 Moreton Building*

Adjournment

Thank you!