



GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Committee: Pediatrics

Date of meeting:

November 19, 2016

Committee discussion items needing council guidance: (Please do not recount entire committee agenda and/or related discussions):

-Strategic plan discussion:

Clinical Care objectives

- a. Identify high priority clinical areas for dissemination of current information including best evidence and practices, clinical and operational standards, and opportunities for education that leads to improved competency and outcomes
- b. Advocate for the designation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as an essential public service
- c. Reducing preventable illness and injury while improving efficiency and timeliness from onset of illness/injury to definitive care
- d. Deliver the highest quality care across the continuum of the Emergency Healthcare System
- e. Utilize evidence-based / best practice metrics to assess and improve all elements of the Emergency Healthcare System and provide public transparency of that data to all stakeholders

Performance Improvement objectives

- a. Reduce the disability and mortality in patients from time sensitive medical conditions and injury managed in the state of Texas
 - Reduce the disability and mortality in patients across the continuum of emergency care
- b. Develop comprehensive processes to enhance performance improvement of Emergency Healthcare Systems

Global: all populations vs age extremes; please keep references to age extremes

Items referred to GETAC for future action:

May meeting: discussion on implementation strategy for voluntary Facility Recognition program endorsed by the council. Work continues within a national QI collaborative and concurrently with state stakeholders

November meeting: participation announcement for National Pediatric Readiness Project QI Collaborative

Announcements (Next scheduled meeting, etc.):

Diana Kraus and Julie Lewis rotated off
Sam Vance resigned and State Partnership program director is Joe Santos

New chair, Macias rotates off December 31, 2016

**Other details of items discussed and reasons for supporting the verbiage of the strategic plan proposal are available on the companion full minutes

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