

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

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
Fort Worth Convention Center, Room 202CD  
1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
Saturday, November 23, 2019  
10:30 A.M.

Sally called the meeting to order at 1034. Sally called roll and had a quorum, thanks to those attending during holiday season. Vision and mission read by Sally.

Motion by Chrissie Richardson to approve minutes from September meeting with second from Jeff Mills, approved.

Recognition of outgoing members. Dr. Greenberg first thanked everyone for the great attendance during the holidays. He thanked Sally Snow for the many years she has dedicated to the Pediatric Committee and GETAC. Announced Belinda Waters has agreed to chair the committee. Recognition and gave certificate given to Christi Reeves and Jenny Oliver.

Sally announced Cassie is the new appointee to GETAC Council representing ENA.

Sally went to first GETAC meeting and was inspired by the work being done. Put together rules for the trauma system and then registry. GETAC and TEMSAC were put into committee meetings. Sally has attending most meetings since that time and will continue to attend meetings. Thank you to everyone who has supported her through the years.

Liaisons are encouraged to go to microphone when attending meetings to see if there are any pediatric issues which need to be addressed.

Dates for 2020 meetings have not been scheduled.

Committee Liaison reports:

- Air Medical – Specialty care teams have been added to committee
- EMS – none known, Chrissie attending for Verne tomorrow
- EMS Education – Charles will ask if anything needed for pediatrics
- Injury Prevention – Safe storage of firearms
- EMS Medical Directors – No pediatric topics or issues
- Stroke – No pediatric topics or issues
- Trauma – Developed draft of four new Best Practice Guidelines (Management guidelines for Open Fracture, TBI, SCI and Pelvic Fracture). Next phase will be taking recommended revisions under review and then will go to the RACs and be available for everyone.

High Risk Population Receiving Facility Transfer Guidelines – a proposal regarding some rural hospitals closing and overcrowding in Level 1-3 hospitals. Document presented includes pediatric specific guideline. Recommendations were taken for review.

Discussion regarding if all patients need to be transferred with same level of urgency and may need to change 2 hour timeframe at referring facilities. Jeff Mills said we need to remind everyone pediatric patients have better outcomes when transported by a specialized pediatric team and this would support allowing EMS to be available to cover their region.

Lengthy discussion regarding inability to get reliable data from state registry.

Trauma Systems Committee encourages people to use an HIE for image and document sharing.

Discussion about the Stop the Bleed legislation which was passed to be included in public and private schools.

- RAC Chairs – No pediatric topics or issues
- Disaster Preparedness – Statewide patient tracking wristbands paper, legislation for funding passed in SB500. Cost is \$.025 per band. Discussion regarding QR code to put in EMR and number placed on MOT for transfer to continue the number. This would help with tracking patients from EMS to referring to receiving facilities.

#### New Business:

VPRP has officially started with 6 hospitals who have applied.

EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center collaborative continues to work on implementing 4 bundles of care. Was supposed to be wrapped at the end of 2019 but has been extended until April 2020.

Update on Stop the Bleed since last meeting. AS long as teaching part 2 including mylar blanket and chest seal it is accepted by TEA. Hilary reported they have partnered with Education Center to encourage those in school who can become instructors and PTA to be trained. Wanda said there are many developing kits for sale and some don't have hemostatic dressing, need to encourage schools to send list of supplies to make sure it is appropriate.

Sally took some questions to the council for what we would like to see in trauma data and that report will be given at the council meeting for us to review.

From the GETAC Committee Retreat it was recommended to develop a Statement of Purpose for the Pediatric Committee. Will add to agenda.

Discussion regarding focus on operations and safe driving practices for EMS. Sally said with the transfer guideline being developed maybe that will help. This is on all agendas for the committees.

Strategic plan recommendations were discussed in June meeting. Some included imaging of trauma patients, standardization of metrics for nurses, RN strike teams

having pediatric education. Initiatives include Pediatric Readiness and EMS Systems publications.

HRSA added to the GETAC website.

Jenny Oliver said at the TQIP conference a new guideline was released regarding Child Abuse, Elderly Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence.

There is a new targeted issues grant, Dr. Remick will work on data registry for pediatric emergencies.

Dr. David Peramontes discussed a paper presented regarding age-specifics on the Handtevy app specifically for pediatrics. It will show what equipment is needed and drug dosages without math any needed. This has been validated.

Dates for 2020 meetings just announced:

Austin: Feb 19-21, May 20-22, August 19-21

Ft. Worth: November 21-23

Joe said just received notice the EMS-C survey has not been sent out yet.

The committee was reminded the next meeting will be in Austin on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sally Snow adjourned the meeting at 11:55am Submitted by, Sally K. Snow, BSN, RN, CPEN, FAEN Chair