



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

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Committee Discussion Items:

1. Committee liaison reports
2. Update on Child Fatality Review Teams: New liaison yet to be identified after Susan Rodriguez' departure. Follow up planned.
3. Position paper on minimizing CT radiation; Rules revision for 2017 radiation regulation updates will be addressed in the February 2015 meeting. Plan to submit to GETAC for approval in fall 2015.
4. Pediatric Facility Recognition program. Advisory council for EMSC has taken this on as an initiative in Texas as well. 2 webinars conducted on recognition programs. Given its success in other states in improving outcomes for children, including mortality, the GETAC pediatric subcommittee will maintain it as an agenda line item and continue to offer support, consultation and outreach to EMSC advisory committee. As national readiness project has shown 83% of emergent care for children to occur outside of children's hospital, the anticipated impact for improvements is expected to be more profound for non children's hospitals. Reports will be provided quarterly for this volunteer program.
5. EMS for Children State Partnership update provided by Sam Vance
EMS reassessment with data to be presented during the Feb meeting
Recognition for pediatric programs documents to be reviewed by the pedi committee for November meeting
6. Update on pediatric transfer guidelines/interfacility transport-review draft document with revisions to be shared with Pediatric subcommittee and disseminated for the agenda for other GETAC subcommittees in the November meeting. If possible, will submit for approval of GETAC in November pending minor changes by other committees, but more likely to submit in February meeting.
7. Update on EMS Clinical Guidelines Project: Sam Vance presented NASEMSO guidelines with NHTSA guidelines process to be released in October. 40 different clinical situations for protocol development by agencies at their discretion.
8. PEGASUS protocols from EMS Evidence Based Guidelines: Spinal mobilization, shock, anaphylaxis/allergic reaction, airway management. To be implemented in Houston in the fall and 6 New England states in the spring to evaluate outcomes.
9. Update on State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR): Statewide transportation assistance registries to alert municipalities for the need for assistance in their area. Exploration of pediatric inclusion and other pediatric inclusive programs. Updates on scope (STEAR includes about 1,000 children) but scope of complex care kids is presumed to be larger. Will explore this issue in more detail in November. Alternative national programs like SNAP that link to local fire departments will be described and demonstrated virtually in November.
10. Quality metrics: An AAP national pediatric prehospital and hospital quality metrics for children in emergent and urgent care settings will be updated quarterly as a national position paper is delineated by AAP.
11. Trauma registry update-tabled for November
12. GETAC strategic plan update. Additional 3 hour work session planned for Nov/Dec. Focus for Pediatric Subcommittee will be on quality improvement. An additional meeting in Nov or Dec, venue to be determined. For public meeting rules (open meetings) the date will need to be set by mid September.

General Public Comment On Discussion Items:

1. Paramedicine scope for pediatrics. Charles Jaquith and Lori from Dallas/Parkland to talk about best practices for pediatric scope. Sam Vance to inform that discussion.

2. Injury and epidemiology surveillance branch: DSHS website, pediatric report. Injury report. Action from this comment: Update to be presented at November meeting. Diana to shepherd the meeting.

Action Items\Motions:

No motions.

Future agenda items:

A Pediatric Transfer Document may potentially be submitted for GETAC approval in November

More likely strategy is a Feb submission. We will know based upon the other subcom comments in Nov.

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COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

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