

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

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
The Westin Austin at The Domain
11301 Domain Drive, Austin, Texas 78758
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Called to order at 1032 by Chair, Belinda Waters. Roll called and quorum present. Belinda welcomed new members to the committee. Members introduced themselves. Belinda thanked Sally Snow for her long-time dedication and service to this committee. GETAC Vision and mission read by Belinda.

Motion by Ron Mlcak to approve minutes from November meeting with second from Charles Jaquith, approved.

GETAC Chair Comments

Dr. Robert Greenberg discussed change of venue for GETAC meetings, increase in cost and value of attendance at GETAC meetings. Discussion regarding development of Pediatric Committee Statement of Purpose and need it submitted by October 2020, it should be similar to the GETAC Strategic Plan.

The proposed draft of the Trauma Resource Document for the trauma rules revision is on the DSHS website and have been sent out.

Plan to change the format of position statements from committee. We have found some have become outdated. They should be part of the Strategic Plan.

Upcoming 2020 GETAC meetings:

- May 19-22 in Austin at the OMNI Hotel
- August 18-21 in Austin at the Westin Domain
- November 20-23 in Fort Worth

Committee Liaison Assignments and November Reports:

Belinda thanks those who have volunteered to fill the open liaison positions.

- Air Medical – Gabe Marsh will be the liaison, no pediatric issues reported
- EMS – Verne Walker continues as the liaison, no pediatric issues reported
- EMS Education – Charles continues to be liaison, no issues at November meeting but in conference call they did discuss emphasis of skills for pediatrics
- Injury Prevention – Christi Thornhill is the new liaison, no pediatric issues reported
- EMS Medical Directors – Dr. Lincoln will be the liaison, Joe reported no pediatric issues
- Stroke – Jeff Mills will continue to be the liaison, plan to put pediatric stroke on May agenda
- Trauma Systems – Belinda Waters will continue to be the liaison, discussed Stop the

Bleed initiative in the schools and the legislation regarding that initiative, discussed the High Risk Population Receiving Facility Transfer Guidelines, a guideline developed due to some rural hospitals closing and overcrowding in Level 1-3 hospitals. Document has red category where needs immediate transfer, yellow category where patient may wait at referring facility for up to 6 hours and green category where rural facility should be able to care for these patients and it includes pediatric specifics. **Belinda will email it out to committee members.**

- RAC Chairs – Ron Mlcak will continue to be the liaison, no pediatric issues
- Disaster Preparedness – Chrissie Richardson will continue to be the liaison, the committee is moving forward with the statewide ID bands, a taskforce will be working on the details of the project and two ID bands were brought to our committee for review which the plastic one is preferred, implementation will be done by the RACs with a deadline for spending funding is June 2021.
- Cardiac – Joe reminded us we didn't have Cardiac Committee listed, **Belinda will send request for a liaison for this committee.**

Belinda reminded all liaisons we are to approach the microphone during General Public Comment to request if there are any pediatric issues/concerns we need to bring back.

EMSC State Partnership Update

Belinda reported Fatma is out but sent a brief update and explained the purpose of this project is to ensure EMS and EDs are prepared to care for children. Reminder of EMSC EMS Survey which was sent to EMS agencies in January and will close March 31st. For anyone who did not receive it, the link to participate is emscsurveys.org. Joe will check with Fatma to find out if it was supposed to go to all EMS agencies or targeted ones. Once he receives answer it will be sent to RAC Directors and they will forward to their EMS agencies to ensure a large percentage complete the survey.

The Hospital Pediatric Readiness Project plans to launch in June 2020. We do have applications from pilot hospitals and will have more information in the May meeting as the assessment dates are closer.

EIIC Update

Belinda defines EIIC as EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center, which has two current initiatives (PQRC and PECC) we will be discussing.

Pediatric Quality Improvement Collaborative (PQRC) is a project developed to improved pediatric care in EDs, it involves 20 large facilities in the nation and each of those facilities has about 10-13 affiliate facilities under them. Their goals/bundles include: 1) All patients weighted in kilograms 2) Development of a standardized notification process for reporting abnormal vital signs 3) Ensuring interfacility guidelines are patient and family centered 4)

Establishing a disaster plan which includes children. Plan to have information collected by April 2020.

Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Collaborative (PECC) shows an Emergency Care Champion in an EMS agency and in the ED will improve pediatric care. This started with state partnership with 56 EMS agencies and has now been rolled out to hospitals. They have specific goals to meet and continue to work on this initiative.

Update on Texas School "Stop the Bleed" Initiative

Due to legislation passed last June bleeding control education must be offered to students and staff 7-12th grade. Christine Reeves is the Texas Stop the Bleed Coalition Chair and there will be a meeting tonight after the RAC chairs meeting.

TSA L and M has trained 13,620

Individuals and has had success due to EMS assisting with training and all classes are scheduled through the RAC.

TSA-Q provides quarterly training, coordinates with ISDs and encourages train the trainer course with parents and PTA members who would be eligible for being an instructor.

Cook Children's has coalition and partners with Ft. Worth Fire Fighter Charities and has completed training for 4,000. Foundation at Cook Children's also has grant to provide teachers in Fort Worth ISD who take training with a stop the bleed kit.

TSA-E sent letters to 19 entities ISDs for explaining training is available, requests can be made on RAC website and also coordinating training with others in region. Preparing white paper on improvised tourniquets and one on chest seals for pediatric and pregnant patients. Will forward papers to state after completed.

Del Sol hospital system in El Paso area providing 8 stop the bleed kits for each school.

SETRAC – 51 school districts with 37 educated so far, 12,504 in schools and 24,506 individuals taught.

TSA-B – Chad Curry is our champion and > 18,000 taught between September and December. RAC has provided stop the bleed kits to schools. Local ENA chapter also assisting with training and funding.

STB website shows Texas leads the nation with > 8,000 instructors and 171,352 trained through December 2019. Reminder Texas ENA has a workgroup on STB and the local chapters

may be able to assist in training.

Child Abuse Taskforce Update

This taskforce met this morning. We started this project because research showed if a Child Abuse Screening Tool is used in an ED they are 5 times more likely to detect abuse if it exists, however there was not one nationally accepted, validated tool. We have done a literature review and plan to present 3 validated ED Screening Tools and 3 validated Management Tools to present to RACs to choose which works best for them. We will have a conference call in April and hope to have a definitive plan to present in May for committee to approve and then in August plan to put it on GETAC Council agenda for approval. We did ensure these will be approved by Child Abuse Pediatricians.

Review of Trauma Data Request from State

This committee requested MOI in pediatric deaths and delay in transfer from referring facilities > 2 hours. Yesterday we received a report from the state on the top 10 MOI in mortalities of all ages with age breakdown and data is from 2012-2016. The reports shows data from Texas and each RAC. The Texas data is presented to the committee and attendees. The leading cause of death age 1-44 remains Unintentional Injury, also noted 3rd and 4th preventable causes of death in age 15-34 are suicide and homicide. This information can help individual RACs and the state with targeting injury prevention. **Joe said we will work on getting it on the website to help coordinate injury prevention. Belinda will send data to RAC EDs.**

Transfers In and Out

This committee had requested data from the state registry on transfers of pediatric trauma patients in and out with a link to the EMS records and to look at patients not transported within 2 hours. Joe reported the state is working with Dell Children's Hospital, they have completed the first analysis and are getting some good data. Will have more information coming soon.

Discussion related to recent Transfer Decision Scheme from Trauma Systems Committee, which has criteria for when patients may be kept at a facility which normally refers their patients in order to prevent overwhelming the urban hospitals. Discussion regarding need to revise PI Audit of patients at sending facilities > 2 hours.

Verify with air medical providers they have a policy to notify pilots if another program has turned down a flight. Pilots will check weather in case there is another route available around the weather. Advise hospitals not to "shop for air medical transport" if one turns them down, it will probably not be safe for the patient to fly. Recommendation for them to consult with pediatric physician to increase comfort with caring for patient until able to transfer. **Discuss with Dr. Remick's for the EMS-C Interfacility Transfer protocol to include recommendation**

for receiving facility to offer consultation if not able to transport.

Review GETAC Strategic Plan

Review Strategic Plan for GETAC, any new topics for our committee and if they would be included in the plan. Joe asked if we would review any needs or changes by October. **Belinda will send it out for review prior to October.**

Initiatives to Improved Pediatric Care

Initiatives, programs and potential research that might improve pediatric emergency healthcare in Texas. Reminder proposed trauma rules will be discussed at Trauma Systems Committee tomorrow and they are on the website. This is still informal period, formal period will be in May when draft will be available for public comment. Noted TNCC had been removed as requirement for ED nurses, advised Guidance Document will be shared with stakeholders and it will have acceptable options listed. The Guidance Document is something that can be changed without having to change a rule. Joe emphasized asking questions up front so it can be addressed before the formal hearings start. **Make recommendation to Liz include webinar for stakeholder meetings regarding the trauma rules.**

General Public Comment

Hillary discussed development of regional pediatric surge plans and their plans to have a MCI in March in the Coastal Bend RAC. She asked if others use children in their disaster drills. Belinda responded they have used children in Lubbock, many are children of hospital staff and need to be prepared for what will occur. They must also have a guardian with them. It has worked very well.

Darrell said he would be very excited to have Best Practice education offerings from this committee. He would like to have a resource library with EBP education on care of pediatrics with the flu, submersions, etc. **Request from Dr. Greenberg if we can have a speaker's bureau.**

Summary of GETAC Meeting Report

- Review breakdown of Trauma Data Report we received
- Best Practice resource library and speaker's bureau

The next meeting will be May 19, 2020.