



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

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Wyndham Garden Hotel

3401 S. IH 35, Austin, TX 78741

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

10:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1005 by Sally Snow, RN, Chair. The role was called and a quorum was present. The chair read the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements.

The meeting minutes of June 25th, 2019 were approved as submitted. The next meeting of the pediatric committee will take place in Fort Worth in conjunction with [Texas EMS Conference](#) on November 23, 2019.

Dr. Greenburg, GETAC chair, briefed the committee on the legislative action to add new members to the GETAC Council. The Council will grow to 19.

Committee liaison reports were discussed as follows:

A. Air Medical and Specialty Transport -Dr. Lillian Liao was not present for a report

B. EMS -Verne Walker was not present. Charles Jaquith reported no peds issues discussed

C. EMS Education - Charles Jaquith reported no peds issues

D. Injury Prevention and Public Education -Jenny Oliver reported a discussion on E-scooters but nothing pediatric specific.

E. EMS Medical Directors -no peds issues reported by Sally Snow

F. Stroke-Jeff Mills reported that pediatric stroke was discussed with pediatric neurology experts

G. Trauma Systems-Belinda Waters reported that the committee is working on transfer prioritization criteria including pediatrics. Brain Injury guidelines were discussed as well.

H. Regional Advisory Council chairs-Ron Mlcak had no report. Belinda reported that additional survey information was received related to child abuse screening tools.

I. Disaster planning-Crissie Richardson reported that the committee is recommending the use of wrist bands on all patients transported by EMS in an attempt to provide a unique tracking number throughout the EMS, ED and Hospital stay to unify the registry record. The committee expressed unanimous support for this initiative.

Christine Reeves asked the committee to consider requesting a standing agenda item on the other committee to solicit potential pediatric issues instead of pediatric committee members attending meetings and reporting no pediatric issues were discussed. The members of the pediatric committee agreed this might render more information related to pediatric concerns from other committees. The chair will take the request to the Council.

Fatma Diouf, manager, reported for the EMS for Children State Partnership program. She reported that preliminary work is completed for the Voluntary Pediatric Readiness Project. What remains to be completed is facilitator training. A training manual has been drafted. 4 hospitals are preparing to participate in the pilot assessment by summer 2020. Ms. Diouf reported that 4 additional agencies have undergone voluntary EMS Readiness assessment. She further discussed the EMS assessment data collection related to the presence of a

Pre-hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators. She commented that starting in 2020, the assessment will be done annually. The Peds Ready Assessment of Hospitals will take place from June to Sept. 2020.

Sally Snow provided an update on the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center on the Pediatric Quality Improvement Collaborative (PRQC)

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the legislative mandate to provide Texas School Districts Stop the Bleed training for faculty, staff and volunteers. Concerns were expressed by many in light of the published requirements by the TEA and the deadline for approval of courses. Multiple contacts have been made to clarify the requirements. It was noted that school districts must implement Stop the Bleed training by January 1, 2020

Belinda Waters reported on the Task Force to identify a child abuse screening tool. The work of the task force continues and will remain an agenda item. The task force will meet immediately following this meeting.

Sally Snow reported on the discussion with the Texas EMS and Trauma Registry related to pending data requests from this committee. The following information pertains to that request. This report will go to the GETAC council.

- report of patients annually under 15 years of age that died in the state of Texas in 2017 by county and cause of death. (request made to compare to ACS report for 2017) It was pointed out that this report included traffic data and TxDOT data would be relevant. Tx EMS and Trauma registry will request TxDOT data.
- report of patients by age that died in the state of Texas in 2017 by county and cause of death.

The registry reported that what is feasible for this timeline is

- 10 leading causes of death by age group, Texas (2014-2018) provided in a PDF.
- details of 10 leading causes of accidental death by age group, Texas (2014 – 2018) in a word doc.

Note: the formats won't be identical since the report will be for Texas and a specific county. Where the number of deaths by county is less than 5, a RAC level report will be provided. They may be able to create a leading cause of death map by county.

Sally Snow called for discussion related to initiatives, programs and potential research that might improve pediatric emergency healthcare in Texas. The committee was informed that the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum's discussion for free-standing ED's pointed out that the EM doc was removed from the survey team.

The committee was reminded that the next meeting will be in Fort Worth on Saturday Nov. 23, 2019

Sally Snow adjournment the meeting at 11:55am

Submitted by,
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Chair