STROKE COMMITTEE AUGUST 19, 2015
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:

- Update from TCCVDS and RAC update by Darrel Pyle– State hospital data collected from the Rider 97 initiative was reviewed. Limitations imposed by facility anonymity and number of participating hospitals were discussed. The need for more RAC feedback and participation was emphasized. Alternate data collection tools in use by multiple RACs were lauded.
- Review and suggestions regarding GETAC's strategic plan - no recommendations.
- Stroke education workgroup discussion centered on various field assessment tools that were sensitive to LVO needed for expedited transport. Four major scales appear to work best (LAMS, LEGS, RACE, and abbreviated NIHSS). Meeting with the education committee resulted in suggesting that the stroke section be added to the current medical requirements and putting together a video program that medical directors can use.
- Dr Cravens Transport bypass workgroup severity adjusted triage criteria for hospital bypass report was discussed. It was voted to recommend it be published on the GETAC web site and further feedback solicited.
- TAC 97.11,12 Control of communicable diseases produced no recommendations.

Action Items/Motions:

- Publish Severity Triage Criteria Bypass Recommendations on GETAC website.

Public/Committee Comments:

- Comment that level III support stroke center certification needs financial support
- Comment that rules are needed rather than contracting for RACs to implement and monitor stroke systems of care.

Announcements:

- September 28th K-100 stakeholder draft rules will be released
- Next meeting Saturday November 21, 2015
- TCCVDS Rider 67 meeting to follow GETAC August 21, 2015.

August 21, 2015

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE / DATE