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Meeting Minutes

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

February 12, 2016 9:00 am

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Council Members

| Attendance | Name | Position (representing) |
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| | Nora Castañeda-Rivas | Public Member |
| X | Mike Click, RN | Rural Trauma Facility |
| X | James (Mike) DeLoach | County EMS Provider |
| X | Linda W. Dickerson | Public Member |
| X | Robert D Greenberg, M.D. | Emergency Physician |
| X | Jodie Harbert III, LP | EMS Educator |
| X | Ryan Matthews, LP | Private EMS Provider |
| X | Jeffrey Beeson, D.O. | EMS Medical Director |
| X | Karen Pickard, RN, LP | EMS Volunteer |
| X | Shirley Scholz, RN | EMS Air Medical Service |
| | James D. Williams, Lt. | Fire Department |
| X | Brian Eastridge, M.D. | Urban Trauma Facility |
| X | Alan H. Tyroch, M.D. | Trauma Surgeon |
| X | Robert Vezzetti, M.D. | Pediatrician |

Department of State Health Services Staff

| Attendance | Name | Position |
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| X | Kathryn C. Perkins, RN | Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services |
| | Renee Clack, LNFA | Director, Health Care Quality Section |
| X | Jane G. Guerrero, RN | Director, Office of EMS and Trauma Systems Coordination |
| X | Joseph Schmider | State EMS Director, Office of EMS and Trauma Systems |
| X | Colin Crocker | State Trauma Director, Office of EMS and Trauma Systems |

Reading of the Vision and Mission Statement

GETAC Interim Chair Dr. Robert Greenberg read the vision and mission statement.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Wyndam Garden in Austin, Texas. A quorum of the members was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Robert Greenberg, and seconded by Linda Dickerson to approve the meeting minutes from November 2015 and January 27th rules meeting. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.

Chair Report and Discussion

No report was given.

Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regulatory Services

Kathryn C. Perkins, Assistant Commissioner reported that Senate bill 202 and 200 passed. The recommendations propose eliminating or consolidating 72 agencies, boards, commissions, councils, and programs, and would result in a positive fiscal impact to State. Follow the transformation on the HHSC website. Tobacco Endowment funds amount is 1.4 million for this year. They will continue to work on contracts. Texas Legislature will give you notices.

State EMS/Trauma System Report, Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination

Elizabeth Stevenson gave an update for Jane Guerrero, Director of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination. Update on Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157. At the the Febuary meeting for the Health Services Council work session, DSHS will them notice that the 16 sections related to EMS are going to be presented at the May meeting. Our gaol is to have these 16 sections to be effective by the end of the caldander year. We are expecting the Nenonatial rules to be adopted by May of this year.

Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Disease Control and Prevention Services

Heidi Boyce reported for Commissioner Zumbrun. She reported on management changes and staffing levels to the EMS/Trauma Registries. They will contine to support the Trauma systems. They will contine to hold webinars for trainings

Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regional and Local Health Services

No report was given

Standing Committee / Task Force Reports

Air Medical Committee

Shirley Scholz reported reviewed the revisions to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rules in Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157. They reviewed recommendations of Pediatric Recognition Program and consider combining workgroup recommendations for Advanced Life Support/Basic Life Support into one list. *No action was required for this agenda item.*

Cardiac Care Committee

Dr. Smalling introduced the new committee members Lisa Rovedo and Jeff Mincy. Dr. Smalling reported the continuing progress in improving pre-hospital ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) data collection and potential impact on improving STEMI care. Review and approve proposed pre-hospital data collection elements for the Heart Attack and Stroke Data

Collection Initiative.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee

Joe Palfini gave an update on the Texas Disaster Medical System (TDMS), Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) and Infectious Disease Response Unit (IDRU) workgroups.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Education Committee

Jodie Harbert reviewed the progress on Texas effort (based on the Hartford Consensus III and the Stop the Bleed projects); Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157.

No action was required for this agenda item.

EMS Committee

Dudley Wait reported completed committee review of revisions to Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157. Updates were given on EMS for Children, EMS and Trauma Registry and 911 Commission's telemedicine project. They would like to get approval from GETAC to develop a work group on how to rehabilitate EMS personnel with substance abuse problems and reintegrate them into the EMS workforce.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Injury Prevention Committee

Shelly Stevens-Stidham gave an update on the League of Women's Voters request for more comprehensive firearm injury data collection in Texas. Sam Vance provide an update on Emergency Medical Services for Children. The Evidence-Based Texting/Driving Prevention fact sheet is almost complete. The Texas Injury Prevention Leadership Symposium is May2-3, 2016.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Medical Directors Committee

Dr. Beeson, reported on the gaps and/or differences between the Texas Medical Practice Act in the Texas Occupations Code and the Texas Medical Board rules in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 197, entitled: "Emergency Medical Service", and Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157. They discussed the guidelines of Interfacility transport of patients with behavioral disorders. Updates were given on the Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup and the Community Para medicine Taskforce.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Pediatric Committee

Charles Macias reported on Child Fatality Review Teams, including project description of the Abusive Head Injury initiative. Sally Snow gave an update on Child Fatality Review Teams, including project description of the Abusive Head Injury initiative. Updates were given on pediatric data from Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CAREs).

No action was required for this agenda item.

Stroke Committee

Dr. Neal Rutledge reported on Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS) / Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) stroke data collection and Stroke/ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) data collection as funded by the Appropriations Act, Rider 97 of the 83rd Texas Legislature, 2013. H.T.Fillingim reported on Stroke Education Program Workgroup

activities.

No action was required for this agenda item.

Trauma Systems Committee

Elizabeth reported DSHS EMS and Trauma System Rules in Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157, including the process for applying for trauma facility designation. Review the Hartford Consensus III Report as it relates to empowering the public to serve as first responders in intentional mass-casualty and active shooter events.

No action was required for this agenda item.

GETAC Liaison Summaries

Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)

Diana Welsh reported they want to keep the Driver Responsibility program around to help pay for the Trauma system. She challenges every council member to talk to the legislature and explain the challenges about the Trauma and Emergency Health Care System.

EMS for Children State Partnership update

No report was given.

Discussion, public comment, and possible action on the following items

1. Assignment of GETAC committee members to serve as ex officio liaisons for each GETAC committee

Each council member was assigned to a committee.

2. Assignment regarding the development of a position statement addressing privately operated vehicle transports for patients being transferred between facilities to EMS and Medical Directors Committees, for report back at May 2016 council meeting

3. Review of revisions to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rules in Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157

Recommended changes for sections 2, 5, 11 & 12.

4. Information sharing for high-consequence infectious disease

To get a better understanding of how and what is the best way to share information on high-consequences infectious disease to first responders. Three high-consequence infectious disease conferences have been held. Texas need to have a state wide system where local information is kept private with local entities.

No action was taken on this issue.

5. Update from task force on freestanding emergency departments (ED) [Freestanding Emergency centers (FEC)]; other facilities providing emergency care; and the potential for categorization or designation of such entities.

Dr. Kidd reported on the discussions related to FECs related to categorization and/or designation by the state of Texas.

No action was taken on this issue.

6. How to improve the sharing of a medical facility's patient outcome data with Emergency Medical Services providers

Kathryn C. Perkins, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services wrote an open letter to the hospitals and EMS encouraging collaboration and sharing of data. The letter will be posted on the DSHS website by December 1, 2015.

No action was taken on this issue.

7. Review the final edited version of the Pediatric Committee's report titled Pediatric Transfer and Transport Guidelines and accompanying plan of action

No action was taken on this issue.

8. Gaps and/or differences between the Texas Medical Practice Act in the Texas Occupations Code and the Texas Medical Board rules in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 197, entitled: "Emergency Medical Service", and Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157.

Recommended edits to §§157.2 and .5.

9. Update on Texas effort to develop a coalition relating to the empowering of the public to serve as first responders in intentional mass-casualty and active shooter events

10. Discussion and possible approval of revisions to the GETAC Operational Strategic Plan and GETAC Procedural Rules

Every even year they will review the GETAC Operational Strategic Plan. Every odd year they will review the GETAC Procedural Rules. See motions

Motions

Agenda #3 & 8 Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157.

Motion: to change 2 and 3 By Ryan Matthews 2nd by Mike Deloach; remove the work in service as a definition and add the word vehicle where it needs to be added. Motion passed

Motion to change: 11 & 12 by Shirley and 2nd by Ryan Matthews; remove the words: not routinely carried by the provider. Motion passed

Agenda# 10 Motion by Mike Click 2nd by Dr. Eastridge. Every even year, review of the GETAC Operational Strategic Plan. Every odd year, review the GETAC Procedural Rules.

Public Comment

There was one (1) public commenter related to Air Medical issues.

No action was taken on this issue.

Review and List Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Items will be compiled and emailed to the department for processing.

Next Meeting Date

May 11-13, 2016 at the Wyndam Garden in Austin Texas

Item 16: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm