

## MEETING MINUTES

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council  
Thursday March 23, 2000, 1:35 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.  
Capitol Building, Senate Hearing Room E1.028  
Austin, Texas

**Members Present:** Edward Racht, MD, Chair; Raymond P. Holloway; F. E. Shaheen III, EMT-P; Peter D. Wolf, EMT-P; Maxie Bishop, Jr., LP; Lance Gutierrez, RN, LP; Gary D. Cheek, RN, EMT; John L. Simms; Judge Arlene N. Marshall; Frederick N. Hagedorn, MD; Mario Segura, RN; Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido; and Pattilou P. Dawkins. One position, representing an Urban Trauma Facility, remains vacant.

**Members Present:** Joan E. Shook, MD

### **Meeting Overview:**

Welcoming remarks were made by Dr. Edward Racht.

Richard Bays, Associate Commissioner for Health Care Quality and Standards, briefed the council on the results of the Stakeholders Meeting held on March 8, 2000, regarding proposed rules 157.32 and 157.33 (see attached report).

Public comment was heard on the above issues.

### **Action Items:**

*A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen and seconded by Raymond Holloway to recommend the following changes to proposed rule 157.32:*

*1. Adopt the New National Standard Curriculum for paramedic education but with these stipulations:*

- A. Set paramedic certification education at a minimum of 625 hours plus EMT B course.*
- B. Omit from the rule the language of the Higher Education Board.*
- C. Maintain current EMT-I education requirements.*

*All council members were in favor; the motion passed.*

*A motion was made by F. E. Shaheen, and seconded by Gary Cheek and amended by John Simms to recommend the following changes to proposed rule 157.33:*

- 1. Eliminate re-certification exams for all certificate levels.*

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*2. Continue to maintain the current continuing education hours for recertification in the current categories (includes 12 medical subjects) with the addition of a maximum of 8 hours allowed for EMS operations.*

*3. Eliminate re-certification skills listing at the state level and adopt local skill competency testing.*

*4. Eliminate the current two-year continuing education reporting requirement and adopt a four-year continuing education reporting requirement.*

### *Amendment*

*5. Develop a mandatory standardized QI program which includes competency criteria and must be approved by the Bureau of Emergency Management within 3 - 6 months (this timeframe may be extended if necessary).*

*The final vote was 11 for and 3 against; the motion passed.*

### **General Public Comment:**

There were public comments regarding the need for any standardized QI program to be workable for all EMS providers and that EMS personnel work in other places besides on an ambulance, so a re-certification must address the needs of all certificants.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.