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AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Pediatric Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78752

This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at
www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council.

Belinda Waters, RN, Chair
Cassie Potvin, RN, Council Liaison
Joseph Schmider, Jorie Klein, RN, DSHS

Call to Order/Roll Call – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statement – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

GETAC Vision:

A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.

GETAC Mission:

To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.

Reading of the Pediatric Committee's Statement of Purpose – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

GETAC Pediatric Committee's Statement of Purpose:

To work collaboratively with entities involved in prehospital and emergency pediatric care, to promote pediatric injury and illness prevention, and to

improve the outcomes of our vulnerable pediatric patients by developing evidenced based strategies for high-quality practice in order to deliver safe, compassionate, and effective care.

Introduction of new committee members – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Review and approval of November 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair

EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

1. Committee Liaison Assignments and Reports
 - a. Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport – Tabitha Selvester, RN
 - b. Emergency Medical Services – Sam Vance, LP
 - c. EMS Education – Charles Jaquith, LP
 - d. Injury Prevention and Public Education – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN
 - e. EMS Medical Directors – Erin Lincoln, MD, EMT-P
 - f. Stroke – Crissie Richardson, RN
 - g. Trauma Systems – Belinda Waters, RN
 - h. Regional Advisory Council Chairs – Ron Mlcak, PhD
 - i. Disaster Preparedness and Response – Crissie Richardson, RN
 - j. Cardiac Committee – Karen Rhodes, RN
2. Update on the GETAC Strategic Plan – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair
3. Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Self-Assessment Discussion and Recommendations
4. Trauma System Performance Improvement Plan Discussion and Recommendations
5. Pediatric Trauma System Assessment Score Discussion and Recommendations
6. EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership and Innovation and Improvement Center update – Sam Vance, LP
7. Update of efforts in Texas School Districts and other entities by committee members for “Stop the Bleed” training – Christine Reeves
8. Update on Pediatric Concussion/Head Injury Education initiative with GETAC Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee – Jessica Naiditch, MD

9. Update on Magnet/Battery Ingestion initiative with GETAC Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee – Tabitha Sylvester, RN
10. Update on Pediatric Stroke Protocols initiative with the GETAC Stroke Committee – Crissie Richardson, RN
11. Update on Pediatric Shock Parameters/Guidelines initiative with the GETAC Trauma Systems Committee – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN
12. Workgroup with the GETAC Disaster Committee for the development of pediatric disaster protocols/guidelines for non-pediatric hospitals – Sam Vance, LP
13. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve pediatric emergency healthcare in Texas – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

General Public Comment – *Comment time may be limited at Chair’s discretion.*

Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report – Committee Members

Announcements – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Review and list agenda items for next meeting – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Next meeting date – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Adjournment – Belinda Waters, RN, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, March 1, 2023. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking of as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible pdf format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5” by 11”, one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS no later than 5:00 PM, March 1, 2023, and include the name of the person who will be commenting.

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Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Jorie Klein, DSHS, at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov.

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