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Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

Monday, March 6, 2023

8:00 AM CDT

Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair

Ryan Matthews, LP, Vice Chair

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

Public participation will also be available at:
DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78752

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Call to Order

2023 Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Strategic Planning Retreat



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Roll Call

Council Members:

- If attending virtually, please have your camera on during today's meeting.
- For members in the room, please remember to speak directly into the microphone so that online participants can hear your comments.



Vision and Mission

Vision:

*A unified, comprehensive, and effective
Emergency Healthcare System.*

Mission:

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



Moment of Silence

Let's take a moment of silence for those who have died or suffered since we last met.



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GETAC Travel Reimbursement

Bridget Nwachukwu, Manager
Fiscal Division



Standard Operating Procedures

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Executive Committee

- Process for defining this committee

Standard Operating Procedures



Professionalism

- Process for defining and responding to unprofessional behavior during a GETAC or GETAC Committee meeting

Standard Operating Procedures



Open discussion of Standard Operating Procedures



Liaisons to Committees

Discussion



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Lunch

Strategic Plan Review Assignments

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Introduction

Strategic Plan

- Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair



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Emergency Healthcare Overview

- Ryan Matthews, LP, Vice Chair
- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Jeff Barnhart



Clinical Elements

Prevention

- Cassie Potvin, RN
- Peter Morocco
- Ruben Martinez
- Lucille Maes, LP



Clinical Elements

Clinical Care

- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Gerad Troutman, MD
- Taylor Ratcliff, MD
- Della Johnson, RN
- Kate Remick, MD
- Ryan Matthews, LP



Clinical Elements

EMS Medical Direction

- Ryan Matthews, LP
- Gerad Troutman, MD
- Taylor Ratcliff, MD
- Sharon Malone, MD
- Shawn Salter, RN
- Chief Billy Lail, EMT-P
- Chief Mike Clements, EMT-P



Clinical Elements

System Integration

- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Judge Mike Deloach
- Mike Clements, EMT-P
- Jeff Barnhart
- Kate Remick, MD
- Shawn Salter, RN
- Cassie Potvin, RN
- Gerad Troutman, MD
- Taylor Ratcliff, MD
- Chief Danny Ramirez, EMT-P



Clinical Elements

Emergency Preparedness

- Sharon Malone, MD
- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Shawn Salter, RN
- Jeff Barnhart
- Ryan Matthews, LP
- Pete Morocco
- Chief Danny Ramirez, EMT-P
- Kate Remick, MD
- Gerad Troutman, MD
- Chief Billy Lail, EMT-P



Clinical Elements

Performance Improvement

- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Kate Remick, MD
- Jeff Barnhart
- Shawn Salter, RN
- Cassie Potvin, RN
- Della Johnson, RN
- Lucille Maes, LP
- Alan Tyroch, MD



Infrastructure

Communication Systems

- Taylor Ratcliff, MD
- Gerad Troutman, MD
- Chief Danny Ramirez, EMT-P
- Chief Mike Clements, EMT-P
- Sharon Malone, MD
- Chief Billy Lail, EMT-P
- Pete Morocco



Infrastructure

Information Systems

- Ryan Matthews, LP
- Sharon Malone, MD
- Jeff Barnhart
- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Chief Mike Clements, EMT-P
- Cassie Potvin, RN
- Della Johnson, RN



System Support

Public Education

- Pete Marocco
- Karen Pickard, RN, LP
- Judge Mike Deloach
- Kate Remick, MD
- Ruben Martinez
- Lucille Maes, LP



System Support

System Legislation and Regulations

- Brian Eastridge, MD
- Jeff Barnhart
- Kate Remick, MD
- Ryan Matthews, LP
- Taylor Ratcliff, MD
- Gerad Troutman, MD
- Sharon Malone, MD
- Shawn Salter, RN
- Chief Mike Clements, EMT-P



System Support

System Funding

- All



Strategic Plan Review Summary

- Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair



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Texas Performance Improvement Plan

Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, Director



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Update: Governor's Office Meeting

Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair



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Committee Priorities

GETAC Committee Chairs



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Air Medical & Specialty Care Transport Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Safe & effective statewide ground to air communication
- Finalize/materialize the Air Medical Strike Team (MIST) concept and process

Prevention

- Statewide educational campaign to mitigate the risks of air medical transport for responders, patients, and fellow air medical providers

System Integration

- Real-time status reporting by all air medical providers, in all 22 regions in the State

Performance Improvement

- Standing agenda item that promotes sharing best practice, transparency, and capabilities that support process improvement statewide.

Cardiac Care Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

1. Partner with DSHS to identify cardiac data elements currently available in the National Emergency Medical Service Information System (NEMSIS) to generate a report to identify gaps in pre-hospital emergency care statewide (Coordinated clinical Care/EMS)
2. Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest – AED access/bystander CPR (Emergency preparedness and response)
3. Telecommunicator CPR (Coordinated clinical Care/EMS)

GETAC Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

1. Evaluate and improve the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force based on real-world responses and data from the field.
2. Improve patient tracking utilizing the Texas EMS wristband along with Pulsara.
3. Support the supply chain/PPE operations & storage for Texas hospitals & EMS agencies in concert with TDEM.

Emergency Medical Services Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

- Resilience / Retention in EMS
- Mental Health of the Workforce
- MCI Response and Readiness

EMS Education Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

- Review/Revise EMS Education Rules to meet the needs of the workforce and the patients that are treated and transported daily.
- Continue to Improve access to initial EMS Education Programs.
 - a. Promote Advanced EMT (AEMT) courses.
 - b. Review and enhance advanced placement and open enrollment opportunities
 - c. Develop guidance document for High School EMT Programs
- Increasing safety & well-being focus for EMS education programs
 - a. Consider Driver training concepts
 - b. Consider Mental Health and Resiliency education
 - c. Consider Nutrition/Meal planning information

Injury Prevention and Public Education

2023 Committee Priorities

- Applying evidence-based practice in suicide prevention strategies
- Safe storage of firearms
- Utilization of the Social Determinants of Health with the implementation of injury and violence prevention strategies

Pediatric Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

Coordinated Clinical Care:

- Disseminate current information on best practices and educational opportunities in the care of pediatric patients
- Develop standards to minimize the time from onset of illness or injury to definitive care in pediatric patients
- Expand the uptake of pediatric readiness in emergency departments

System Integration:

- Work with the RACs to incorporate all patient populations into system design
- Encourage RACs to ensure pediatric issues will be addressed in their agendas, goals, practices, and policies

Performance Improvement:

- Promote and reinforce the fact that robust PI efforts improves pediatric patient outcomes
- Educate and encourage all healthcare systems to maintain a Culture of Safety environment
- Encourage each RAC to integrate a PI process into their emergency healthcare system plan
- Assist DSHS to develop, implement, and maintain a state-wide system performance Improvement committee.

Stroke Committee

2023 Committee Priorities

1. Establish and review a quarterly **quality report** on stroke performance for the state of Texas.
2. Increase access to stroke care by endorsing a **prehospital triage algorithm** the makes recommendations for the rural, suburban, and urban areas across the state of Texas.
3. Establish recommendations for prehospital triage and management, and interfacility transfers for patients with **pediatric stroke**.

Trauma System Committee

- Trauma rules
 - Assist the Department in assessing public comments
 - Recommend changes to facilitate approval and implementation of the new rules
- Funding
 - Identify opportunities
 - Develop education products
- Trauma system monitoring
 - Designation process
 - Distribution of resources
- Data analysis
 - Develop standard reports
 - Provide initial assessment of reports to inform the Council
- RAC development

RAC Contractor Update

Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair

Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, Director



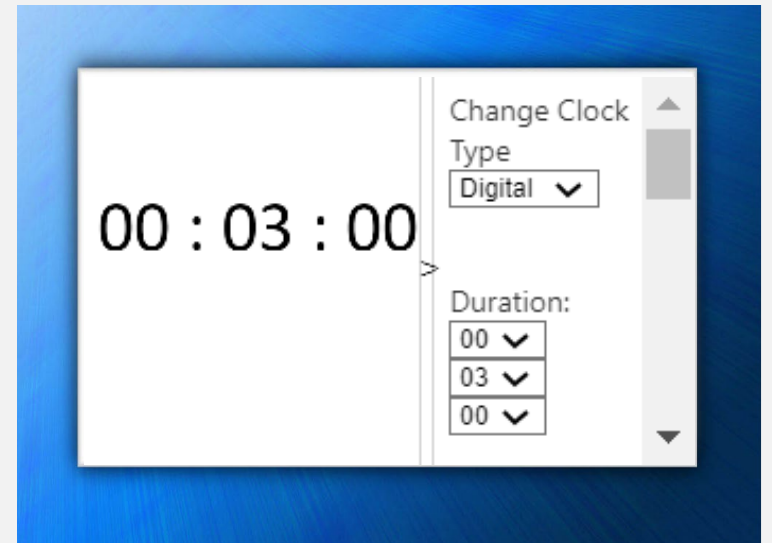
GETAC Open Discussion

Final Public Comment

Three minutes is the allocated allotment of time for public comment.

Please state the following when asking questions or making comments:

- Your name
- Organization you represent
- Agenda item you would like to address.



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Action Items

Adjournment

- Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair



Thank you for all you do to support the GETAC mission to promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System!