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AGENDA

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Meeting
Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)**

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Wyndham Garden Austin

3401 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

10:30 A.M.

Dudley Wait, EMT-P, BBA, Chair

Chief Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, LP, GETAC Liaisons

Call to Order/Roll Call Dudley Wait, EMT-P, BBA, Chair

Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements Dudley Wait, 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.

Recognition of new members Dudley Wait, Chair

Review and approval of November 2017 meeting minutes Dudley Wait, Chair

Discussion and possible action on the following items: Committee Members

1. Current status and possible recommendations for increased use of advanced directives (not prehospital Do-Not-Resuscitate) and Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST)/Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POLST) forms in the emergency health care system Dudley Wait, Chair

2. Update on the EMS personnel jurisprudence exam Dudley Wait, Chair

3. Update and potential recommendations from the workgroup formed to examine the usage of lights and sirens by EMS personnel Dudley Wait, Chair

4. Update and potential best practices recommendations from the workgroup formed to examine EMS agency response standards in contracts at the community level Dudley Wait, Chair
5. Update from the DSHS Texas EMS and Trauma Registries
6. Update on Federal EMS issues relating to the National EMS Advisory Council, the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS, and the National Association of State EMS Officials Dudley Wait, Chair
7. EMS for Children Update
8. Update from the EMS Committee and Medical Directors Committee joint work group to develop a state-approved process designed to rehabilitate EMS personnel with substance abuse problems and reintegrate them into the EMS Workforce Dudley Wait, Chair
9. Developments regarding uniform unit identifying markers for EMS vehicles Dudley Wait, Chair
10. Plain language for EMS; should EMS follow the lead of the hospitals and develop a statewide, standard system of dispatch and alert codes? Dudley Wait, Chair
11. Recommendations for the *EMS Agenda 2050* (<http://emsagenda2050.org/>) March 1st, 2018 public meeting in Dallas Dudley Wait, Chair
12. Reminder of new committee names and to include Council liaisons in all committee communications, work products, and documents Dudley Wait, Chair
13. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve emergency medical service provision in Texas Dudley Wait, Chair

General Public Comment

(Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion)

- Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report Committee Members
- Announcements Dudley Wait, Chair
- Review and list agenda items for next meeting Dudley Wait, Chair
- Next meeting date Dudley Wait, Chair
- Adjournment Dudley Wait, Chair