

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)																
EMS Sub-Committee																
ATTENDANCE																
August 21, 2014																
Name	NOV 2010	FEB 2011	MAY 2011	AUG 2011	NOV 2011	FEB 2012	MAY 2012	OCT 2012	NOV 2012	FEB 2013	MAY 2013	AUG 2013	NOV 2013	FEB 2014	MAY 2014	AUG 2014
Dudley Wait	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lucille Maes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eddie Martin	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Brian Petrilla	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
Lon Squyres	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Justin Boyd	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tami Kayea					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Juan Adame										X	X	X	X			X
Jorge Ruiz, Sr.										X	X	X		X	X	
Christopher Alexander														X	X	X
Walter Kuykendall														X	X	X

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30.
2. Review proposed revisions to Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Section 157.11 regarding changes mandated by House Bill (HB) 3556 and Senate Bill (SB) 8 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session, 2013.

Joe Schmider - New rules in place as of August 6. New providers can apply but must meet all new requirements. No new applications received as of Wednesday of last week in preparation of the moratorium ending.

Wait - Medicare is extending their moratorium in Harris County and 12 surrounding counties.

3. Recommendations to DSHS, as required by Senate Bill 8 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislative Session, 2013, regarding the laws and policies related to the licensure of nonemergency EMS transportation providers that would reduce the incidence and opportunities of fraud, waste and abuse.

No new updates.

#### **4. EMS for Children (EMSC) update.**

Sam Vance – Received national data on EMS reassessment. Putting together presentation for February. The EMS recognition program has a draft proposal that they are seeking feedback on from committee. This program will allow EMS agencies to receive Gold, Silver or Bronze recognition based upon the pediatric education and equipment that they carry.

#### **5. Update on status of revisions to the EMS and Trauma Systems rules in Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 157.**

Schmider – Still all internal. Planning on having community meeting; hopefully in October. It would go over concepts and then work to fine tune it after the feedback.

#### **6. Report from the workgroup examining the language in 25 TAC Section 157.11, Requirements for an EMS Provider License, and 25 TAC Section 157.13, Fixed-wing Air Ambulance Operations, regarding patient care issues and/or responsibilities, when EMS ground and air providers are present on the scene of a medical emergency or during a transfer of a patient between air and ground EMS providers.**

Justin Boyd – Schmider sent out a document to the workgroup. It is going to be reviewed as the rule revisions come out. Nothing further until those are assessed.

#### **7. Update on issues on drug shortages and pharmaceutical compounding of drugs.**

Schmider - FDA approved a Denmark company to send saline which has greatly improved the supply of saline in the US.

Kayea – Problem was also improved by change in practice. i.e. agency began carrying saline locks. TRAC said they also had an agency struggling with saline shortage that has gone to saline locks.

#### **8. Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup (TSCRW) Update.**

Jane Guerrero – Workgroup is meeting at 11:30 to review RAC level data that the registry has put together of hospital and EMS data. Agencies will be contacted who are not submitting data to inform them that it will be an issue at their next renewal. The letter will offer assistance for those needing it.

Petrilla – Asked if the committee could get feedback on why the agencies are not reporting; are there hurdles that are preventing them. Discussed need to have all the databases communicate with each other; trauma, stroke, cardiac. Guerrero said the historical issue has been a lack of statute mandate to collect stroke data. Thus, stroke facilities are reporting to an external database; not a state registry. Boyd – EMS submits 100% of data so it would be beneficial to have the other groups pull it from the State registry instead of EMS having to send it out to multiple registries.

Alexander made the suggestions that the RAC's be notified of the agencies who are being sent a letter so they could help facilitate. Katherine suggested that the RAC's could be proactive since they get a report of what agencies are submitting data to the State. Holloway – Have had some glitches in customer support. Do not have resources to set up a “call center”. They have set up a protocol to respond to any emails or messages on the 1-800 line within 2-5 days. Give the protocol a chance to work; however, if you don't get what you need than call her: 512-776-3131. There had been a lot of messages left on a dead end line and it took some time realize what was happening. It has been corrected. The correct number is: 1-800-242-3562 (this is NOT a live number – it is to leave messages). The email address is [injury.web@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:injury.web@dshs.state.tx.us). All the information is on the State website as well. Can set up a date and time to talk as long as it is at least 5 days out. The department number is 512-458-7111 and you can then ask for who you want to speak to. However, it needs to be for urgent matters or the staff will become overwhelmed.

Rob Kline, Project Manager for EMS/Trauma Registry – Nemsis 3.3 All the elements are modeled in the State system to take in the date points from EMS agencies. The data dictionary and codes should be in place in the Fall. The current feedback log is cumbersome and not very readable. In the near future, the feedback will be in the form of a .pdf that will be easy to read and understand. It will go back to the agency that submits the data.

#### **9. Update from Emergency Medical Task Forces (EMTF).**

Victor Wells – EMTF was recently requested by the House Homeland Security Committee to give testimony at the Capital. Have been talking to legislators whenever possible to work on sustainable funding for EMTF. Air Providers are now actively signing TXEMTF-Air MOA. Wait helped set up a list/map of other Ambus locations across the US.

#### **10. Consider alternatives for leftover Extraordinary Emergency Funds (EEFs) other than going to hospitals for uncompensated trauma care.**

Schmider - Once it was determined that there were some funds left over, the State went back and reviewed previously denied requests and granted those. Wait asked that DSHS look back at the wording so that EEF funds could roll over to the next year and not be lost to EMS.

#### **11. EMS patient care reports provided to receiving emergency facilities, as required by 25 TAC; 157.11(m)(9).**

Hospitals are telling the State that patients are being left without any report being left. Asking the EMS Committee to look at the problem. Need to bring in all players.

#### **12. Review GETAC Strategic Plan and make formal recommendations.**

Wait reviewed the recommendations of the EMS Committee. Boyd made a motion to take the recommendations to GETAC Council, Kuykendall seconded, and all members voted in favor.

### **13. General Public Comment**

Katherine – STEMI Texas is coming to Houston. Information will be put on State website.

Brett Hart, DSHS Compliance is going to conduct inspections on tablet (paperless) starting in September. There will not be any paper left after inspection but it will be emailed.

Eddie Martin – Would like to add to agenda next meeting to discuss air medical in that area being contacted directly and not going through 911.

### **14. Review Sunset Commission Recommendations for DSHS**

Wait reviewed the recommendations from the Sunset Commission report. He encouraged everyone to go to the Sunset Commission website and read the report for themselves.

### **15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- a. Air Medical and EMS Joint Discussion regarding Air Medical programs that may be engaging non-EMS and non-Hospital entities to dial them directly in an emergency possibly bypassing the 911 system
- b. Discussions on EMS patient care reports provided to receiving emergency facilities, as required by 25 TAC; 157.11(m)(9).

### **16. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dudley Wait". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dudley Wait, EMT-P  
EMS Committee Chair