

## Meeting Minutes

### Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

February 16th, 2018

8:00 AM

Wyndham Garden

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Austin, Texas, 78741

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Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council member attendance at the February 16<sup>h</sup>, 2018 meeting:

COUNCIL MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	COUNCIL MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Barnhart, Jeffery (Jeff)	X		Harbert III LP, Jodie	X	
Beeson D.O., Jeffrey	X		Isbell, Robert		X
Clements, Michael (Mike)	X		Matthews LP, Ryan	X	
DeLoach, James (Mike)	X		Pickard RN, LP, Karen	X	
Dickerson, Linda W.		X	Scholz RN, Shirley		X
Eastridge M.D., Brian	X		Tyroch M.D., Alan	X	
Faske, Sheila	X		Vezzetti M.D., Robert		X
Greenberg M.D., Robert	X				
STAFF MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	STAFF MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Crocker, Colin	X				
Guerrero RN, Jane G.	X				
Huss, Jon		X			
Schmider, Joseph	X				

### Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Robert Greenberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Dr. Greenberg:

1. Read the Vision and Mission statements;
2. Took roll and asked Council members to introduce themselves;
3. Asked for public comment and reminded attendees about the public comment sign-in sheet process.
4. Gave an overview of the 2018 EMS Summit in Amarillo, held January 19 - 20.

5. Announced National Stop the Bleed Day is March 31.
6. Announced planning for the GETAC Retreat scheduled for October 2018.

### **Opening Public Comment**

Rachel Schramka (Regional Sales Manager, Z-Medica, LLC) commented there was bleeding control product information at the front table.

### **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The Council moved to approve the November 2017 Council meeting minutes.

### **State Agency Reports**

#### **Associate Commissioner Report, DSHS Consumer Health Improvement**

Jane Guerrero, RN (Director, DSHS Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination) reported testifying at a Senate Appropriations Committee meeting in January. The topic of the meeting was the Driver Responsibility Program (DRP). She reminded the Council the uncompensated trauma fund and the Texas trauma system were partially funded via fees from this program and said efforts to repeal, replace, or revise the DRP would likely continue next legislative session. She commented that while legislators understood the importance of the DRP to the trauma system, changes to the DRP were likely coming.

Ms. Guerrero reported the state hiring freeze has been lifted and the Office of EMS Trauma Systems has posted a number of open positions.

### **GETAC Committee Action Item Reports**

#### **Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee:**

Lynn Lail gave an update for the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee. She said the committee continued to focus on defining basic roles, functions and committee purview, especially concerning specialty care transport. There were no action items for the Council.

#### **Cardiac Care Committee:**

Dr. Greenberg reported neither Dr. Smalling nor Dr. McCarthy had action items for the Council.

#### **Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee:**

Dr. Emily Kidd (committee member) gave a brief report on committee activities. Active shooter response, evacuation, destination, and tracking during disasters, and special populations in disasters continue to be priorities for the group. There were no action items for the Council.

**EMS Education Committee:**

Jodie Harbert (committee chair) reminded the Council the EMS Education Summit will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi on April 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mr. Harbert asked Council to add a review of continuing education requirements from Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 157 for all levels of EMS personnel to the Council agenda for May 2018. Council agreed.

**EMS Committee:**

Committee chair Dudley Wait said a committee workday would likely be scheduled for some time in either March or April. Areas of specific focus for the workday will be the use of lights and sirens by EMS personnel during emergency response and transport situations and EMS agency response standards where community-level contracting is concerned. There were no action items for the Council.

**Injury Prevention & Public Education Committee:**

Mary Ann Contreras (committee member) reported the committee had a productive workday in El Paso in January. The May workday meeting will be postponed due to scheduling issues. There were no action items for the Council.

**EMS Medical Directors Committee:**

Dr. Greenberg said Dr. Jeff Jarvis (committee chair) was absent but had sent in a report. There were no action items for Council.

**Pediatrics Committee:**

Sally Snow, RN, (committee chair) reported Dan Dao at the Texas EMS & Trauma Registry gave an informative report on pediatric transfers. She asked the Council for permission to further analyze the pediatric transfer issue by requesting more detailed reports from the Texas EMS & Trauma Registries. The Council approved the request.

Sally Snow asked agenda item #8 (“Review Dr. Lillian Liao’s recommendation from Pediatric Committee requiring all schools to have Stop the Bleed kits) be reworded to “Review Dr. Lillian Liao’s recommendation all school districts *encourage* Stop the Bleed training for all teachers and teachers aids participating in *all schools* and that hemorrhage control kits be placed in those schools located with the automated external defibrillator”. The Council endorsed the concept. Dr. Greenberg asked the issue be placed on the May 2018 Council agenda for continued discussion and possible rewording of the request.

Ms. Snow also requested the Council’s support for investigating the feasibility of implementing a cloud-based imaging service statewide to facilitate sharing of images between referring and receiving facilities on transferred patients. The Council approved the creation of a work group to examine the issue. Dr. Greenberg asked that representatives from the Trauma Systems Committee, the EMS Committee, and the Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Committee also be involved. Belinda Waters (Pediatric Committee) will lead the group.

**Stroke Committee:**

Neil Rutledge, M.D., (committee chair) was absent and no report was given.

**Trauma Systems Committee:**

Jorie Klein, RN (committee chair) reported ongoing efforts to collaborate with the Texas & EMS Trauma Registries and fill data requests more effectively.

Ms. Klein asked Council for permission to start a grass-roots effort to address active shooter response and prevention issues. The Council approved the request. Dr. Brian Eastridge will lead the task force and will solicit participation from the Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Committee, the EMS Committee, Pediatric Committee, and the Trauma Systems Committee. Dr. Greenberg suggested law enforcement participation as well.

**GETAC Liaison Summary Reports**

**Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF):**

Dinah Welsh gave a brief update on the overall mission of TETAF. She reported TETAF would survey 91 trauma facilities in the current fiscal year. She also stated TETAF would complete 110 neonatal intensive care unit surveys by May 2018. Maternal child health surveys will begin in Summer 2018.

Ms. Welsh announced an upcoming TETAF data management course scheduled for March 22 – 23 in Richland Hills, Texas. She also announced Dr. Ed Racht as the new TETAF chair. She encouraged anyone wishing to serve on a TETAF council to contact chair@tetaf.org.

**Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC):**

Joseph Santos gave an update on EMSC activities, including the Pediatric Readiness Project.

**Preparedness Coordination Council:**

No update given

**Texas EMS & Trauma Registries:**

Dan Dao (Manager) gave a brief presentation on the registry. He stated that there were 149,541 trauma records submitted to the registry in 2016. Shock records information organized by demographics, transfusion procedures, and Glasgow Trauma Scores were included as well.

**GETAC Mental Health Task Force:**

Jeff Barnhardt said the group did not meet this quarter.

**GETAC Data Management Work Group:**

Jorie Klein reported asked for greater participation in the work group. She reported the standing meeting time for the group will continue to be Thursdays of GETAC week from 12:00PM to approximately 1:30PM.

### **Other Council Actions:**

The Council asked Dan Dao (Manager, Texas EMS & Trauma Registries) to determine whether freestanding emergency departments are reporting EMS and trauma data to the Texas EMS & Trauma Registries or any other group at HHSC. Mr. Dao agreed research the issue and report any findings at the May 2018 Council meeting.

The Council asked if Dan Dao could attend Texas Quality Improvement Program meetings in the future. Mr. Dao agreed and said it would help him and his staff understand the clinical context of trauma data requests.

Eric Epley asked to update the Council on the RAC Data Collaborative effort at the May 2018 Council meeting. Council agreed and Dr. Greenberg instructed the issue be added to the May 2018 Council agenda.

Dr. Greenberg instructed resource documents provided at the meeting concerning Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST)/Physician's Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) be posted to the DSHS webpage as an informational resource. He also asked the issue be included in the May 2018 Council agenda for review and further discussion.

The Texas Suicide Prevention Council (TSPC) report was postponed. Dr. Greenberg said the two councils would continue to coordinate schedules and attempt to schedule future updates. He asked the TSPC report be added to the "GETAC Liaison Summary Reports" section on future Council agendas and meeting minutes. Jessica George from Parkland Hospital is the liaison for the TSPC.

### **Closing Public Comment:**

Dudley Wait mentioned that Ricky Reeves represented the EMS community on the state's Workgroup for Mental Health Access for First Responders. He asked the Council if updates from Ricky Reeves on this group's progress be included on upcoming Council agendas for the next several quarters. Dr. Greenberg agreed and asked an update from Mr. Reeves be added to liaison reports for May 2018 Council agenda.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Dr. Greenberg adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:10 AM.