

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Minutes**

Monday, November 25, 2019, 4:00 P.M.
Omni Fort Worth Hotel
1300 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Last Name	First Name	Appointed Position	Attendance
Greenberg, MD, Chair	Robert	Emergency Physician - per HSC §773.012(b)(1)	YES
Tyroch, MD, Vice Chair	Alan	Trauma Surgeon - per HSC §773.012(b)(14)	YES
Barnhart	Jeff	Rural Trauma Facility - per HSC §773.012(b)(11)	YES
Campbell, RN	Cassie	Registered Nurse - per HSC §773.012(b)(3)	YES
Clements	Mike	EMS Fire Department - per HSC §773.012(b)(9)	NO
DeLoach, Judge	Mike	County EMS Provider - per HSC §773.012(b)(12)	NO
Eastridge, MD	Brian	Urban Trauma Facility - per HSC §773.012(b)(10)	YES
Faske	Sheila	Public Member - per HSC §773.012(b)(18)	YES
Isbell	Robert	Fire Chief - per HSC §773.012(b)(4)	YES
Klein, RN	Jorie	RN w/Trauma Expertise - per HSC §773.012(b)(15)	YES
Maes, LP	Lucille	Certified Paramedic - per HSC §773.012(b)(17)	YES
Malone, MD	Sharon Ann	EMS Medical Director - per HSC §773.012(b)(2)	YES
Matthews, LP	Ryan	Private EMS Provider - per HSC §773.012(b)(5)	YES
Pickard, RN	Karen	EMS Volunteer - per HSC §773.012(b)(6)	NO
Ratcliff, MD	Taylor	EMS Educator - per HSC §773.012(b)(7)	YES
Rudolph	Darrin (Rudy)	Public Member - per HSC §773.012(b)(18)	YES
Salter, RN	Shawn	EMS Air Medical Service - per HSC §773.012(b)(8)	YES
Vezetti, MD	Robert	Pediatrician - per HSC §773.012(b)(13)	NO
Wait, EMT-P	Dudley	Stand-Alone EMS Agency - per HSC §773.012(b)(16)	YES

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM, by Robert Greenberg, MD, Chair	
	Reading of GETAC Vision and Mission	Read by Robert Greenberg, MD, Chair	
	Approval of GETAC October Minutes	Alan Tyroch, MD Motion to approve	Approved

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		Ryan Matthews, Second	
1	Chair Report and Discussion	<p>Given by Robert Greenberg, MD, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paused for a moment of silence for those that have died or suffered • Review of committee appointments and selections • Review of Council appointments, term expirations, and holdover positions • GETAC Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 19-21, 2020; Austin ○ May 20-22, 2020; Austin ○ August 19-21, 2020; Austin ○ Nov 21-23, 2020; Fort Worth • Future Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for Open Meetings clarification ○ Recording or streaming likely in the future ○ Scripting and more formal meeting etiquette 	
5 A	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) Dinah Welsh	Dinah Welsh gave update	

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4 C	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Eric Epley, Chair Mike Clements, Brian Eastridge, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Liaisons</p>	<p>Eric Epley, gave update Items referred to GETAC for future action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wristband Statewide Program: Provides a unique identifier to improve patient tracking both in disasters and day to day operations. 2. TDEM 'Box Alarm' Concept: Local jurisdiction Opt-in for Automatic Aid for state assets to disaster incidents. <p>MOTION OF SUPPORT by Shawn Salter, Second by Lucille Mays, motion passed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. First Responder Resiliency Summit: Hosted by TDEM & DSHS, build comprehensive first responder mental health system. 	Motion passed
16	Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) wristband project	Eric Epley and Sharon Malone, MD, gave update	
11	Update on the Regional Advisory Council Data Collaborative	Eric Epley gave update	
5 C	<p>GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (TXEMTF) Wildland Fire Support Mission Eric Epley, Mike Clements, Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD</p>	Eric Epley gave update	

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13	Discussion of issues surrounding personnel with mental health or substance abuse problems while on duty	Eric Epley gave update First Responder Resiliency Summit: Hosted by TDEM & DSHS, build comprehensive first responder mental health system	
2	Update from National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)	Donnie Woodyard, Chief Operating Officer NREMT, gave update	
3 B	State Reports Office of Injury Prevention and Texas EMS and Trauma Registry	Pierce Baumann, Manager gave report The "Top 10 Causes of Death" PDF is one of the deliverable items previously discussed. The "Counts Hospital Designation" is a question Alan Tyroch, MD, had at the GETAC retreat. The Texas Health Data Dashboards have been updated with 2018 data and can be found here: http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/EMSRegistry/Demographics http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/EMSRegistry/EMSRunTimes	
14 A	Update on data requests from Texas EMS and Trauma Registry Report identifying the number of patient transfers received by Texas hospitals, the number of those that	Pierce Baumann, gave update	Complete to be sent to Pediatric Committee

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	exceeded two hours in the transferring facility, to validate those numbers, and link those patient records to EMS records that transported the patient		
14 B	Update on data requests from Texas EMS and Trauma Registry Report of patients under 15 years of age that died in the state of Texas in 2017 by county and cause of death	Pierce Baumann, gave update	Complete to be sent to Pediatric Committee
15	Update from EMS and Trauma Registry concerning updated facility list for EMS providers	Pierce Baumann, gave update, will have dedicated time in coming year to devote to this.	Ongoing, FEB Council item
4 F	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Medical Directors Committee Jeff Jarvis, MD, Chair Sharon Malone, MD, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons	Jeff Jarvis, MD, gave report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request review and approval of position statements: Support for Tx-CARES Drug Assisted Intubation Alan Tyroch, MD motion to approve, Jorie Klein, Second	Approved
6	Review and consideration for a Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (TX CARES) Advisory Statement, www.tx-	Jeff Jarvis, MD, presented Alan Tyroch, MD, motion to approve, Robert Isbell, Second	Approved

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3 A	State Reports Office of EMS Trauma Systems	Jane Guerrero, RN, DSHS gave report Indra Hernandez, DSHS gave funding update	
4 A	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Lynn Lail, Chair Shawn Salter, Liaison	Lynn Lail, RN, gave report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical Care Transport Capability Matrix 2. Safety Taskforce Meeting 3. "Buckle it Up" Campaign 4. Co-Bedding of Neonates in a Disaster Situation 5. Statement of Purpose Development 	
4 B	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Cardiac Care Committee Jamie McCarthy, MD, Chair Robert Greenberg, MD, Liaison	Written report submitted and shared with Council With council agreement, TX CARES to become charge of the Cardiac Care Committee	
4 I	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Stroke Committee J Neal Rutledge, MD, Chair Jorie Klein, Karen Pickard, Liaisons	Written report submitted and shared with Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items in development Statement of Purpose (Legislated) Transport Parameters Recommendation Data/Education/Pediatric Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements TCCVDS Stroke Remediation Conference March 2020 in Houston	

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5 E	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council	No report available	
4 G	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Shellie Stephens Stidham, Chair Shelia Faske, Liaison	<p>Courtney Edwards, DNP, gave update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items needing council guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requesting trauma Registry committee report – data for • Announcements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submersion report: questions updated, education to roll out via RACs 2. Finalizing safe storage of firearms brief to bring council in February 3. Workday meetings and local RAC IP committees 4. Jan-24 Brownsville 5. March 27 Lubbock 6. July 24 Tyler <p>Jorie Klein, possibility to identify opportunities to decrease/reduce Gun/firearm injuries violence</p>	<p>Courtney to f/u with Joe for request</p> <p>FEB Council item</p> <p>Committee will work towards this</p>
4 H	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Pediatric Committee	<p>Belinda Waters gave report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items needing council guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child abuse work group continues to work to produce a resource for screening tools and practice guidelines. 	

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	Sally Snow, Outgoing Chair; Belinda Waters, Incoming Chair Cassie, Campbell, Robert Vezzetti, MD, Liaisons	2. Awaiting data presentation to Council • Items referred to GETAC for future action 1. Peds committee requests posting of two documents: • Joint Policy statement on Pediatric Readiness in EMS Systems and • HRSA Critical Crossroads toolkit for peds psych care in the ED.	Belinda Waters to send to DSHS
5 B	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: EMS for Children (EMSC) State Partnership Fatma Diouf, MPH	Fatma Diouf submitted written report and shared with Council Belinda Waters, RN, gave brief update	Written report shared with Council
4 D	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: EMS Education Committee Macara Trusty, Chair Lucille Maes, Taylor Ratcliff, MD, Liaisons	Taylor Ratcliff, MD, gave update • Announcements 1. January 17 th Workgroup Meeting in Conroe at Lone Star College Montgomery Campus 2. Free Continuing Education Summit to follow workgroup (1/17 from 1700-1900 and 1/18 from 0900-1500) at LoneStar College – Montgomery Campus 3. Texas EMS Educator's Summit, April 24 & 25 th , 2020 in Corpus Christi	
7	Update from the task force on Texas Administrative Code Title 25,	Taylor Ratcliff, MD gave update	FEB Council item

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	Section 157.39 Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP) progress	Seeing progress with recently completed programs in Williamson County, Angleton, and Coryell County	
4 E	<p>GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Emergency Medical Services Committee Dudley Wait, Outgoing Chair; Jeff Mincy, Incoming Chair Mike Deloach, Robert Isbell, Ryan Matthews, Rudy Rudolph, Dudley Wait, Liaisons</p>	<p>Dudley Wait, gave update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items needing council guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussed Box Alarm concept by Eric Epley with Disaster Committee. Concept was discussed at length and committee agreed to continue to work with the Disaster Committee in making this work moving forward 2. Discussed EMS Wrist Bands. Concept again was well received by those in attendance and EMS Committee was in consensus to continue to support Disaster Committee in implementing this project. 3. EMS Cost Reporting: This new requirement from CMS will be important for agencies to understand and be a part of. EMS committee needs to continue to discuss and assist stakeholders in education and training in how this process will work and what agencies need to do to be compliant 4. EMS use of body cameras meeting is being scheduled for December 9. All those who desired to participate will be invited for this meeting. It will be held in Houston at a location to be announced. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lights and sirens workgroup is nearing completion. Data is holding the final report up, but EMS registry is working diligently to get this completed. 	
8	Update on EMS agency response standards in contracts at the community level	Dudley Wait	FEB Council item
9	Update on usage of Lights and Sirens by EMS	Dudley Wait	FEB Council item
10	Update from task force charged with examining the use of body cameras in EMS Dudley Wait, Mike Clements, Jeff Barnhart, Sheila Faske, Shawn Salter	Monday, December 9 meeting in Houston Discussion of concern of what happens to the video after recorded by EMS,	FEB Council item
4 J	GETAC Committee Action Item Reports: Trauma Systems Committee Jorie Klein, Outgoing Chair; Stephen Flaherty, Incoming Chair	Jorie gave update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items needing council guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referred Best Practice Guidelines 2. Referred Transfer Recommendations • Items referred to GETAC for future action <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abuse Guidelines / Coding • Announcements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Texas STB Coalition Mtg 2-28-2020 1430 	

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	Jeff Barnhart, Brian Eastridge, MD, Jorie Klein, Alan Tyroch, MD, Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Level IV Trauma Center Scope of Service 3. Multisystem Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) 4. Health Discussion regarding Physician Board Certification 	
17 A	Review of Best Practice Guidelines from Trauma Systems Committee: Open Fracture Care	<p>Jorie Klein</p> <p>Alan Tyroch, MD, motion to approve, Shawn Salter, Second</p> <p>Discussion: during discussion, suggested to go back to Jorie Klein and Stephen Flaherty, MD, for further review, edits, and updates</p> <p>Motion did not pass, will return to Trauma Systems Committee and come back to the Council at the February Meeting</p>	FEB Council item
17 B	Review of Best Practice Guidelines from Trauma Systems Committee: Pelvic Fractures	<p>Jorie Klein</p> <p>Alan Tyroch, MD, motion to approve, Shawn Salter, Second</p> <p>Discussion: during discussion, suggested to go back to Jorie Klein and Stephen Flaherty, MD, for further review, edits, and updates</p> <p>Motion did not pass, will return to Trauma Systems Committee and come back to the Council at the February Meeting</p>	FEB Council item

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17 C	Review of Best Practice Guidelines from Trauma Systems Committee: Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)	<p>Jorie Klein</p> <p>Alan Tyroch, MD, motion to approve, Shawn Salter, Second</p> <p>Discussion: during discussion, suggested to go back to Jorie Klein and Stephen Flaherty, MD, for further review, edits, and updates</p> <p>Motion did not pass, will return to Trauma Systems Committee and come back to the Council at the February Meeting</p>	FEB Council item
17 D	Review of Best Practice Guidelines from Trauma Systems Committee: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	<p>Jorie Klein</p> <p>Alan Tyroch, MD, motion to approve, Shawn Salter, Second</p> <p>Discussion: during discussion, suggested to go back to Jorie Klein and Stephen Flaherty, MD, for further review, edits, and updates</p> <p>Motion did not pass, will return to Trauma Systems Committee and come back to the Council at the February Meeting</p>	FEB Council item
18	Review of Regional Transfer Recommendations from Trauma Systems Committee	Suggestion to share B RAC plan as a Best Practice with RAC Chairs as a Best Practice	

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		Concept is good, no action by the Council	
5 D	GETAC Stakeholders Reports: Texas Suicide Prevention Council Christine Reeves	Christine Reeves submitted written report and shared with Council	Written report shared with Council
12	Update from task force charged with examining the scope of mental health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare Jeff Barnhart, HT Fillingim, Robert Greenberg, MD, Joe Kwon, MD	Karen Pickard provided notes from the meeting and shared with Council	Shared with Council
12	Public Comment: Update from task force charged with examining the scope of mental health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare	Kirk Tinker, Galveston County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), spoke in support of continuing work for mental health/behavioral health issues in emergency healthcare	
19	Discussion, review and recommendations for initiatives that instill a culture of safety for responders and the public with a focus on operations and safe driving practices	Ongoing discussion Task Force charged with examining Best Practices for Personnel and Vehicle Safety appointed in October, to update in the new year; led by Shawn Salter and Dudley Wait	FEB Council item
20	Review the GETAC Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare	Ongoing discussion	

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	System and determine if any additions, deletions, or corrections are in order		
	Announcements		
	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M. by Robert Greenberg, MD, GETAC Chair	