

## Meeting Minutes

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

August 26, 2016 9:00 am - 12:12 pm

Wyndham Garden Austin

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Table 1: The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council member attendance at the August 26, 2016 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
Clack LNFA, Renee			Schmider, Joseph	X	
Crocker, Colin	X				
Guerrero RN, Jane G.					
Perkins RN, Kathryn	X				

### Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Robert Greenberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. All members were present. Dr. Greenberg:

1. Read the Vision and Mission,
2. Read a letter from Mike Click, RN, former Council member and acknowledged his service to Texas,
3. Announced that the DSHS Website has resumed function,
4. Announced application window for Committee membership,
5. Announced the GETAC Retreat scheduled for 10a-2p on 10/25 at Seton

Medical Center Williamson County,

6. Confirmed with the Council and stakeholders that the November GETAC meeting (in conjunction with the annual Texas EMS Conference) would be moved to 4pm.

### **Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

The May 13, 2016 meeting minutes carried.

**MOTION:** Dr. Alan Tyroch motioned to approve the May 13, 2016 minutes.

**SECOND:** Dr. Brian Eastridge

### **Agenda Item 3: Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regulatory Services**

Kathryn C. Perkins, Assistant Commissioner for the Division for Regulatory Services, reported on the transformation changes based on the Sunset Report passed last legislative session. Ms. Perkins also shared there will be a major transformation of programs across the Health and Human Services Enterprise on 09/01/2016.

Ms. Perkins informed the Council that Regulatory Services will cease to exist on 09/01/2017. A new division will be created called, "Public Health Operations". Additionally, a new council will be created known as, The Executive Council.

Ms. Perkins reported the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for her division is close to being submitted. The exceptional item to replace Tobacco dollars is included. Also, 4% cuts as directed by the Governor's office are included. There may be 10% cuts, but these are not final yet. The first hearing on the LAR will be in September. Dates will be given to stakeholders when available.

Ms. Perkins reminded the Council not to use state or federal dollars for travel or meetings when looking for a new funding source for the EMS Trauma System.

Ms. Perkins noted EMS Rules are currently available for 30-day public comment. A public hearing is scheduled for Friday 09/09/2016 at the main DSHS campus. All DSHS replies are required to be in written format.

### **Agenda Item 4: Assistant Commissioner Report, Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section**

Heidi Bojes, PhD, Director of Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section, reported on the Injury Program's activities and current status of the Texas EMS Trauma Registries System. The Injury Program has focused effort on three main items:

1. Provide educational opportunities for EMS and Trauma Personnel
  - a. The program contracted with Texas EMS Trauma and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) to provide EMS data management training. The program also provided 13 scholarships or travel reimbursements. Additionally, DSHS Staff participated in Hospital Data Management training.
2. Improve the Injury Programs visibility by disseminating data to include linked data
  - a. Program staff provided hands on registry training. Since the last GETAC meeting, DSHS conducted 4 webinars. For questions or suggestions for a webinar contact the registry operations support team at [injury.web@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:injury.web@dshs.state.tx.us). The epidemiology team produces two annual reports that will be posted on the webpage.
3. Improve EMS Trauma Registry System.
  - a. Continuing work with hospitals, EMS and their vendors to adopt the XML submission process. New forms are required for vendors.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Assistant Commissioner Report, Division for Regional and Local Health Services**

Mr. Bruce Clements, Director of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section reported on working with the Federal Government on the revision of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) capabilities. There was a need to reduce the capabilities and to change the way the capabilities were stated so HPP would not be a target for elimination. The new capabilities will be implemented next Spring along with the rollout of the reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA). Next spring applications will be accepted for HPP contractors for the following five years.

#### **Agenda Item 6: GETAC Committee Summary Reports**

1. **Cardiac Care Committee:**

Dr. Richard Smalling recounted that a Report from the Action Registry was given and the main gap is the prehospital phases. Dr. Smalling requested a workgroup be created of members from the Cardiac Committee, EMS Committee, and Medical Director's Committee. Dr. Greenberg stated this will be a task force of GETAC. James McCarthy, MD was tasked with chairing and organizing this task force with the respective committees.

By November, Stroke and Cardiac Care Committee will have suggestions regarding which National EMS Information Systems data points and/or elements should be examined for the purposes of a state assessment.

**2. Stroke Committee:**

Dr. J Neal Rutledge requested guidance from GETAC on how to upload information up to the website. Dr. Greenberg reminded Dr. Rutledge that the Committee page is a subset of the GETAC and therefore the Council needs to approve content before posting.

Dr. Rutledge interpreted data from a PowerPoint regarding Stroke Facilities. The Stroke Committee made a recommendation for four different certifying agencies to be accepted by the State for designation of stroke facilities.

**MOTION:** Dr. Jeff Beeson

**SECOND:** Dr. Alan Tyroch

The motion was approved to include the four certifying bodies in the draft rules for level three stroke certification that leads to designation.

**3. Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee:**

Mr. Eric Epley reported that budget requests were made to continue the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force program. The Governor's task force created an Infectious Disease Response Unit, IDRU. Workgroups from each region of IDRU will meet in September for the first time to develop their process.

Mr. Epley informed the Council AmBuses will need replacing due to the high mileage on many of the current vehicles. Will need legislative action to support a fleet replacement cycle.

Mr. Epley reported on the initiative for standardized and plain language alerts inside of hospitals. The Committee suggested voluntary adoption of the Texas Hospital Association's white paper on plain language. Dr. Greenberg stated this will be on the agenda for the next GETAC Meeting for endorsement.

Mr. Epley updated the Council on the Stop the Bleed.org effort.

**4. EMS Committee:**

Mr. Dudley Wait reported on the committee's attempt to get an update on Chapter 157 Rules as posted in the Texas Register. However, DSHS staff informed the Committee they may not comment on it during the rule-making 30-day public comment period. Mr. Wait notified GETAC of an update from the EMS and Trauma Registry. Mr. Wait brought a Draft EMS Summary Report for 2014 in Texas on the trauma runs submitted through the EMS Registry. The Committee is working with DSHS staff to get the draft report on the EMS page on the DSHS website.

Mr. Wait reported DPS will no longer be doing narcotic or controlled substance licensing for EMS agencies in the state of Texas as of 09/01/2016. Dr. Greenberg stated that effective 09/01/2016 Texas no longer requires a separate controlled substance registration. DEA is all that will be needed. Mr. Wait shared with the Council that there is a workgroup to assist persons in the EMS industry with substance abuse. This workgroup will review programs already in place in Texas and to reach out to State EMS Officials in other states. By November they want to have a blueprint to bring to GETAC. By February they want to have a working project. The workgroup that was assigned by GETAC on investigating transfer patients being moved by private vehicle has not met.

Mr. Wait reminded the Council that the final date for the free online medical director's course is 08/31/2016. After that date the online version will require \$250 fee.

**5. Air Medical Committee:**

Ms. Shirley Scholz reported on quality improvement metric measures and whether they are being used so the process can be standardized for all regional advisory councils.

The Committee is working on drone safety information for the general public. The Committee will also work on disaster planning.

**6. Education Committee:**

Education Committee Chair Jodie Harbert reported that the Education Committee is working on a free "train the public course" at the EMS Conference regarding what EMS is and their function.

The joint task force of the EMS, Medical Directors, and Education Committees have met to focus on community health. The task force is working on a curriculum that will be ready in February. October 13th is the next workgroup meeting that will look at CEs for all education levels.

The Committee voted to support the Pediatric Facility Recognition Program.

The Committee reviewed the DSHS Self Study Template for Education Program for Self-Study Review. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the EMS Equipment Education List.

Announcement: There will be a DSHS Coordinator Course April 19-21<sup>st</sup> and the EMS Education Summit for 2017 will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Galveston at the Moody Gardens.

Dr. Greenberg confirmed the Education Committee's four requests;

Upload the Education Equipment List, the Site Visit Documentation, the Self Study Review for comment, and provide a link to the DSHS Community Healthcare Worker course on the Education Committee page on the DSHS website.

**7. Injury Prevention Committee:**

Committee Chair Shelli Stidham reported the committee is still working on the *Evidence Based Strategies to Prevent Distracted Driving* document. They will prepare a position statement on childhood drowning prevention for the next GETAC meeting in anticipation of legislation in the 2017 session.

**8. Medical Directors Committee:**

Chair Jeff Beeson, DO reported the committee discussed cardiac registry to enhance survival (CAREs). Dr. Beeson wants CAREs to be carried over to the next agenda in addition to the update on progress to develop a sample medical director's provider agreement.

**9. Pediatric Committee:**

Committee chair Dr. Charles Macias reported on the Facility Recognition Program. Dr. Macias stated that the specific request by the Pediatric Committee is that there be a two-phase approach to the voluntary program. Phase one is the endorsement of the concept of the program and phase two will a detailed implementation plan in the Summer of 2017. He then asked the Council to endorse the Facility Recognition Program. A motion carried to endorse the Voluntary Pediatric Facility Recognition Program.

**MOTION:** Dr. Alan Tyroch

**SECOND:** Mr. Jodie Harbert III LP

Dr. Macias discussed the proposed merger between the Pediatric Committee and the Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council. Dr. Greenberg stated that no action was necessary by GETAC as the only necessary action was to have a standing report by EMSC Advisory Council on the Council agenda. Dr. Macias agreed to have an implementation schedule ready for review by the November GETAC meeting.

Dr. Macias reported on the partnership with the EMSC Innovation Improvement Center. He also stated he was sensitive of the need to separate state partnership program activities from those of the EMSC Advisory Council.

Announcement: Facility Recognition Stakeholder meeting at Dell Children's Hospital on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am -3pm.

**10. Trauma Systems Committee:**

Ms. Jorie Klein reported that the Committee is focused on data such as EMS runs and identifying existing gaps in current data sets. The Committee recommends a Burn Center Workgroup. She also suggested adopting the position statements of the National Academy of Sciences National Trauma Systems Committee is necessary.

The Committee had a successful Level 4 Trauma Facility **Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC)** workshop and will provide another session to Level 4 peronnel free of charge at the EMS Conference. The Committee also intends to offer a Stop the Bleed “Train the Trainer” class at the EMS Conference.

Dr. Greenberg verified the Trauma System Committee’s request of the Council to review the *National Academy of Sciences National Trauma System Report* and the ACS position statements for next meeting. He also confirmed the request to review a report on the reorganization of the Trauma System Registry and the request to create a Burn Center Workgroup. The Council said they supported the Burn Center Workgroup created by Dr. Brian Eastridge.

GETAC agreed not to proceed with the trauma facility assessment survey concept in support of the Committee’s recommendation. The motion carried to endorse the Trauma System Committee to conduct a statewide analysis of the Texas Trauma System needs regarding trauma facilities per trauma service area using the ACS’s Committee on Trauma scoring methodology document.

**MOTION:** Dr. Alan Tyroch

**SECOND:** Dr. Jeff Beeson

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

Ms. Dinah Welsh explained TETAF’s function in relation to GETAC as well as TETAF’s involvement in providing survey services, education, and advocacy. TETAF is undergoing an interim study. Three legislative funding priorities were presented for the upcoming session.

**12. Freestanding Emergency Department Task Force:**

Dr. Greenberg gave a brief review of the history and charge of the Freestanding Emergency Department Task Force. He clarified and

reiterated that there is no current authority to designate Freestanding Emergency Departments by DSHS.

The FSED Task Force chair, Dr. Emily Kidd, reported on the need to provide guidelines for EMS agencies and EMS Medical Directors on which facilities might be appropriate to receive EMS patients. The guideline includes three categories for facilities.

Dr. Greenberg recommended the guidelines be made available for review and stakeholder comment on the DSHS GETAC website. It will be brought to Council in November for further discussion and possible endorsement.

**Agenda Item 7: Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

**Agenda Item 8: Adjournment**

Dr. Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.