

Meeting Minutes

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

August 18th, 2017

8:00AM

Wyndham Garden Austin

3401 Interstate 35 Frontage Road

Austin, Texas, 78741

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Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council member attendance at the August 18th, 2017 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. Asked Council members to introduce themselves;
3. Reminded attendees about the public comment sign-in sheet process;

4. Thanked the Council and attendees for their willingness to start the meeting at 8:00AM instead of 9:00AM. Asked Council members for feedback regarding the start time. All in attendance approved of the earlier start.
5. Reminded the Council of the upcoming GETAC Retreat on October 5th and 6th (Wyndham Garden Austin).

Public Comment

- Jeff Mincy suggested moving forward with the survey process for Comprehensive Clinical Management Approval and Comprehensive Clinical Program (CCMP) and asked that the corresponding administrative rule (Texas Title 25 Texas Administrative Code § 157.39) not be reopened for review or change. Jonathon Sell said the Texas EMS Alliance could “handle the CCMP survey process as it stands”.

-A representative from the Texas Suicide Prevention Council requested a representative from GETAC attend their upcoming meeting on August 22nd

-Linda Dickerson announced she was stepping-down from her role on the Council and thanked all involved for their dedication and service. Dr. Greenberg presented Linda Dickerson with a certificate of service and flowers.

Review and Approval of May 2017 Minutes

The Council moved to approve the May 2017 meeting minutes.

State Agency Reports

Associate Commissioner Report, DSHS Division of Regulatory Services

Jane Guerrero, RN (Director, DSHS Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination) reported the Division of Regulatory Services will be renamed “Consumer Health Improvement” on September 1st, 2017.

Ms. Guerrero reported the current number of trauma designated facilities was 288. She also noted the number of designated stroke facilities had increased to 155. Director Guerrero said revision of rules governing stroke, trauma, and regional advisory councils (RACs) remain a priority for DSHS.

Director Guerrero reported approximately \$319K of Extraordinary Emergency Funds (EEFs) were tentatively still available and encouraged entities in need to apply.

Joseph Schmider (Texas EMS Director, DSHS) gave a brief update on the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Jon Huss was introduced as the new Associate Commissioner for the Consumer Protection Division of the Department of State Health Services.

Associate Commissioner Report, Environmental Epidemiology and Disease Registries Section

Dr. Manda Hall introduced herself as the associate commissioner for Community Health Services, the new division housing disease registries. Dan Dao (Manager, Texas & EMS Trauma Registries) gave an abbreviated update on National EMS Information System implementation. Mr. Dao reported implementation of the web services data submission client was still ongoing and the Council will be updated as the system evolves.

GETAC Committee Action Item Reports

Air Medical Committee:

Ms. Shirley Scholz (committee chair) had no action items for the Council.

Cardiac Care Committee:

Dr. Richard Smalling (committee chair) had no action items for the Council.

Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee:

Mr. Eric Epley (committee chair) asked for permission to continue work on Dr. Jason Aydelotte's study examining hospital emergency preparedness communication. Mr. Epley suggested updating the Council at the November meeting and said he would send Council a project description. Council agreed to review the project at the November 20th, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Epley asked Council consider combining and/or aligning the Texas Department of Emergency Management and GETAC meetings in May, 2018. Dr. Greenberg said he would explore the issue with Chief Nim Kidd and Mr. Epley and report back to Council in November.

Mr. Epley gave a brief presentation on the San Antonio Community Collaborative and said he would update the Council as the effort continued to develop.

Education Committee:

Jodie Harbert (committee chair) had no action items for the Council.

EMS Committee:

Committee chair Dudley Wait had no action items for the Council.

Injury Prevention Committee:

Committee chair Shelli Stidham asked the Council to review and approve the Injury Prevention Committee's document aligned to the goals in the *Strategic Plan for the Texas Emergency Healthcare System*. Council agreed to review the document and address the issue on the November agenda. Colin Crocker agreed to post the document to the DSHS GETAC Injury Prevention webpage for review.

Medical Directors Committee:

Chair Jeff Beeson, D.O, had no action items for the Council

Pediatrics Committee:

Sally Snow, RN, (committee chair) requested the Council review progress of the Pediatric Readiness Project at next GETAC meeting in November. Council agreed to put a progress review/update item on the November 20th, 2017 GETAC agenda.

Stroke Committee:

Neil Rutledge, M.D., (committee chair) asked that the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery's Emergent Large Vessel Occlusion guidelines and the GETAC RAC Transport Plan be posted to the committee's webpage by the DSHS. The Council agreed and asked Colin Crocker to post both documents.

Trauma Systems Committee:

Jorie Klein, RN (committee chair) requested Council review and possibly endorse the American College of Surgeons palliative care guidelines. She also suggested each committee review palliative care guidelines. Council approved the request and asked committee chairs place palliative care document review on each of their respective agendas for November. Colin Crocker agreed to post the documents to the committee's DSHS webpage and disseminate to committee chairs and Council members.

GETAC Liaison Summary Reports**Texas EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation (TETAF):**

Courtney Debower of TETAF gave a brief update. She presented a legislative update on bills concerning EMS and trauma. She said TETAF was also continuing to build their process for the neonatal intensive care unit survey process.

Emergency Medical Services for Children:

Joseph Santos had no report as EMSC was meeting later in the day.

Preparedness Coordinating Council:

No update given

GETAC Mental Health Task Force:

Jeff Barnhardt updated the Council. He said the group continued to develop and various law enforcement associations showed interest in the task force's work, as had the Texas Organization of Community and Regional Hospitals.

Other Council Actions:

Agenda item #23; “Update from the ad hoc workgroup to assess the possible designation or verification of all emergency departments, regardless of affiliation” was discussed by the Council. Although Jeff Barnhart made a motion to develop a task force at the May 2017 Council meeting, no lead was named. Dr. Greenberg suggested revisiting the issue at the November 20th, 2017 Council meeting.

Dr. Greenberg reminded all in attendance that the GETAC committee selection process would open approximately two weeks early this year on August 21st. The application period will be from August 21st – September 17th. Committee selections will be deliberated in early October.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Greenberg adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 noon.