

## MEETING MINUTES

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Friday, May 23, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Call To Order:** Chair Ed Racht, MD, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present included: Ed Racht, MD; Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido; Joan E. Shook, MD; Fred Hagedorn, MD; Pete Wolf, EMT-P; Maxie Bishop Jr., LP; Ronny Stewart, MD; John L. Simms; Mario Segura, RN; Gary D. Cheek, RN, EMT; Raymond P. Holloway; Shirley Scholz, RN, CCRN, EMT-P, CMTE; and Kris J. Gillespie. Members absent were: F. E. Shaheen III, EMT-P, and Marti VanRavenswaay.

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Pete Wolf and seconded by Mario Segura to approve meeting minutes from March 7, 2003, with a correction to 10:00 a.m. for time started. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.*

**Chair Report:** After welcoming everyone, Dr. Ed Racht discussed the following: EMS Week, May 18-23; Governor Rick Perry's appointment of Tarrant County Commissioner Marti VanRavenswaay to the County EMS Provider seat vacated by Judge Arlene Marshall; the potential for much change as a result of the current legislative session; the committees' discussions of committee membership and terms of appointment, and the need for the committees to develop draft recommendations for membership and terms at the August GETAC committee meetings and to review those recommendations at the November GETAC meeting; the motion from the last meeting to appoint a task force to address specialty care coverage issues in trauma facilities and a request for anyone interested in participating on the task force to contact Dr. Racht or the Bureau of Emergency Management (BEM); an update on Strategic Plan, which is planned for the next meeting; and the Texas Department of Health (TDH) state preparedness council, of which Dr. Racht is a member.

**TDH Staff Reports:** Richard Bays, associate commissioner for Consumer Health Protection, reported on TDH legislative issues; TDH budget issues for FY03-05; the state comptroller's recommendations for consolidation of agencies under the Health and Human Services Commission.

Kathryn Perkins, bureau chief, BEM, reported on implementation of National Registry (NR) testing; the 2003 legislative session; the Strategic Plan continuing education; and BEM budget issues.

In the absence of Ernest Oertli, bureau chief, Bureau of Epidemiology, Carol Wright, program administrator, reported on staffing changes in that bureau; the status of the TRAC-IT project implementation and training opportunities; and the 2003 legislative session.

### **Standing Committee/Task Force Reports:**

**Pediatric Committee** – Dr. Joan Shook reported that the committee discussed the following: recommendations from the April 16<sup>th</sup> Combined Pediatric/Trauma Systems Committee Meeting and the assignments to committee members to further develop recommendations into action items for a later meeting; draft process for trauma facility designation of children's hospitals; follow-up from the mail-out from the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics of *Care of Children in the Emergency Department: Guidelines For Preparedness* to all hospital administrators, emergency department (ED) medical directors, ED nurse managers, trauma nurse coordinators and Regional Advisory Councils (RACs).

**EMS Committee** – Mr. Pete Wolf reported that the committee discussed the following: status of NR testing implementation; the first draft of §157.11 EMS Provider Licensing rule revisions; staff recommendations for other provider licensing rule revisions, which will be publicized; the NR requirement that registered nurses (RNs) and other health care professionals seeking paramedic certification must achieve basic certification prior to paramedic, which will also be publicized by BEM staff.

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**Education Committee** – Mr. Maxie Bishop reported that the committee discussed the following: Strategic Plan goals related to encouraging young people to consider EMS as a career option; status of NR testing implementation; the NR requirement that registered nurses (RNs) and other health care professionals seeking paramedic certification must achieve basic certification prior to paramedic, which will also be publicized by BEM staff; the committee’s vote to continue utilizing the I-85 EMT-I curricula; and request for BEM staff to do some research into the I-99 curricula.

**Injury Prevention** - Mr. Mario Segura reported that the committee discussed the following: final printing of the Injury Prevention Resource Manual to be posted on the BEM website; additional work done on the draft injury prevention strategic plan, which will be posted for comment on the BEM website; and planning for injury prevention activities at the 2003 Texas EMS Conference in San Antonio.

**Trauma Systems** – Dr. Ronny Stewart reported that the committee discussed the following: the Lead Level III essential criterion for back-up coverage by orthopedic surgeons, and a request for BEM staff to draft language that addresses low volume facilities for the next meeting; the draft of *Essential Criteria Deficiencies in Designated Trauma Facilities* and the draft policy of *Trauma Facilities: Capabilities and Role of Texas General (Level III)*, and a request for BEM staff to finalize for the next meeting; the current draft of the essential criteria and the draft of a RAC “survey” process with a request for BEM staff to develop these documents into rule language for the next GETAC meeting; recommendations from the April 16<sup>th</sup> Combined Pediatric/Trauma Systems Meeting; and the draft process for trauma facility designation of children’s hospitals.

**Medical Directors Committee** – Dr. Fred Hagedorn reported that the committee discussed the following: status of NR testing implementation; the initial staff report on the beta test of the Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP); the process for developing a position paper that addresses what constitutes a patient for EMS; and continued progress by the Texas College of Emergency Physicians (TCEP) on development of the Texas medical director course.

**Rural Task Force**– Mr. Pete Wolf reported that the task force discussed the following: developing a “manual” that could be utilized for orienting newly elected municipality leadership about EMS; and the potential availability of FY 2004 funding for EMS from Texas’ second year distribution from the Hospital Development program, particularly in those counties without a hospital.

**Air Medical Task Force**– Mrs. Shirley Scholtz reported that the task force discussed the following: the draft air medical activation criteria document, which the committee hopes to finalize at its next meeting; and the fact that the completion of this document may satisfy that task force’s charge.

**Research Task Force** – Dr. Folden reported that the task force discussed the following: the task force’s charge; priority areas for work of the task force; and a plan to establish an e-list group.

**Discussion of Reports/ Public Comment on Action Items:** GETAC members discussed the staff, Committee, and Task Force reports. Public comment was heard on the above issues.

**Action Items:** No action items.

**General Public Comment:** Public comment was heard on a number of issues.

**Meeting Dates for 2003, August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, were announced.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.