



AGENDA

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Cardiac Care Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Thursday, March 6, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix South Ballroom

6505 N Interstate 35

Austin, TX 78752

This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Teams. Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council.

Cardiac Care Committee Chair: James McCarthy, MD
Council Liaisons: Gerad Troutman, MD, and Peter Marocco
DSHS: Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
GETAC Vision: A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.
GETAC Mission: To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.
4. Review and approval of November 2024 meeting minutes – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
5. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
6. EMS/Trauma Systems update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director
7. EMS & Trauma Registries (EMSTR) data presentation – Jia Benno, MPH

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Emergency Transport Task Force discussion on interfacility terminology – Ryan Matthews and Dr. Sharon Malone, GETAC Executive Committee
9. 2025 committee priorities - committee
 - a. Partner with DSHS using emergency medical services (EMS) transfer data to identify key delays in the chain of survival for cardiac emergencies.
 - b. Work with regional advisory councils (RACs) to identify the percentage of public safety answering points (PSAP) centers providing instructions and barriers to implementation.

- c. Provide recommendations guiding regulatory and legislative decision-making relevant to the Texas Emergency Healthcare System.
 - d. Partner with DSHS using EMS transfer data to identify gaps in automated external defibrillator (AED) use prior to EMS arrival.
10. Consideration for recruitment of volunteer networks – Committee members
 11. Stakeholder Update: Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council (CVD Council) – Julie Ketelsen
 12. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve acute cardiac care in Texas – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
 13. General Public Comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
 14. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
 15. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
 16. Announcements – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
 17. Review and list agenda items for the next meeting – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
 18. Next meeting date – James McCarthy, MD, Chair
 19. Adjournment – James McCarthy, MD, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, February 28, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking of as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, February 28, 2025, and include the name of the person commenting.

Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.

Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Jorie Klein, DSHS, at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov.

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