



AGENDA

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Pre-Hospital Whole Blood Task Force (PHWBTF)
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

1:00 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix South Ballroom

6505 N Interstate 35

Austin, TX 78752

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

Pre-Hospital Whole Blood Task Force (PHWBTF) Chair: Eric Epley, CEM, GETAC Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Chair

GETAC: Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair; Ryan Matthews, LP, Vice-chair

DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joe Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements
4. 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.

5. Welcome and introductions – Eric Epley
 - a. Questions from the last meeting.
6. New business
 - a. Legislative updates related to EMS and trauma
 - b. Pre-Hospital Blood Transfusion Initiative Coalition (PHBTIC)
 - i. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) reimbursement updates
 - c. Blood Data Registry
 - d. Spray-dried plasma (SDP) discussion
 - e. Walking blood banks
7. Standing Business
 - a. Financial barriers for blood centers
 - b. Alternative collection processes
 - c. Other barriers
8. Announcements
 - a. 2025 PHWBTF Meeting Schedule

- i. Discuss a mid-quarter virtual meeting date.
- ii. Q2 meeting date: June 3, 2025, at 1:00 PM in Austin
- iii. Discuss a mid-quarter virtual meeting date.
- iv. Q3 meeting date: August 19, 2025, at 1:00 PM in Austin
- v. Discuss a mid-quarter virtual meeting date.
- vi. Q4 meeting date: November 21, 2025, at 1 PM in Fort Worth (aligned with Texas EMS Conference)

9. Adjourn

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments on topics related to Emergency Health Care. Public members 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 27, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you represent or that you will speak 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 an indication that you are speaking 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 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 documentation pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, February 27, 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. People with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Jorie Klein at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.