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AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Stroke Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix South Ballroom
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78752

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

Stroke Committee Chair: Robin Novakovic-White, MD
Council Liaisons: Scott Lail, EMT-P, FL-C
DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director, and Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Call to order – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Robin Novakovic-White, 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. Reading of the GETAC Stroke Committee statement of purpose – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

Statement of Purpose: The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Stroke Committee's purpose is to promote optimal stroke care and outcomes, aiming to reduce the burden of stroke on individuals, families, and communities and reduce the disparities in stroke care within the state of Texas.

5. Review and approval of November 2024 minutes – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. EMS/Trauma Systems update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

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. New workgroup proposal for post-acute stroke care – Dr. Sean Savitz, Vice-chair
10. Discuss new certification for mobile stroke units – Dr. Sean Savitz, Vice-chair
11. 2024 committee priorities
 - a. Triage and Transport
 - i. Review revisions to prehospital stroke triage algorithm
 - ii. Review Revisions stroke terminology
 - iii. Promote stroke facilities' participation in door-in/door-out (DIDO) layer in *Get With The Guidelines* (GWTG), a hospital-based quality improvement initiative created by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association (ASA)
 - iv. Update DIDO performance measures
 - b. Stroke System of Care
 - i. Review revisions from Dr. Stuart Fraser, leading the pediatric task force on prehospital triage/management and stroke facility criteria recommendation.
 - ii. Update Rural Stroke Workgroup; leads to be determined.
 - iii. Discuss physicians' letter raising patient safety concerns and neuro-interventional coverage.
 - c. Education
 - i. Update from workgroup on professional education opportunities and resources
 - ii. Update on Stroke Coordinators Collaborative
 - iii. Review Stroke Coordinator/Manager Survey on mentorship
 - d. Performance Improvement
 - i. Update on the Texas RAC Data Collaborative (RDC) – Eric Epley and Tracee Rose
 - ii. Update on National EMS Information System (NEMESIS) collaboration
 - iii. Stroke quality performance for Texas presentation from GWTG
 - e. Research
 - i. Update on the GETAC EMS Stroke Survey
 - ii. Update on the study looking at the impact of standardized EMS stroke education.
12. GETAC Stroke Committee workgroup reports
13. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
14. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
15. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
16. Announcements – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
17. Review and list agenda items for the next meeting – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, chair

18. Future meeting dates – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

19. Adjournment – Robin Novakovic-White, 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 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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