



## AGENDA

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

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom  
6505 N Interstate 35  
Austin, TX 78752

*This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Microsoft Teams.*

**Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at**  
[www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).

Christi Thornhill, RN, DNP, Chair  
Cassie Potvin, RN, Kate Remick, MD, Council Liaisons  
Jorie Klein, RN, DSHS

1. Call to Order – Christi Thornhill, RN, DNP, Chair
2. Roll Call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements – Christi Thornhill, RN, DNP, Chair
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. Reading of the GETAC Pediatric Committee Statement of Purpose – Christi Thornhill, RN, DNP, Chair
6. **Pediatric Committee's Statement of Purpose:** To work collaboratively with entities involved in prehospital and emergency pediatric care, to promote pediatric injury and illness prevention, and to improve the outcomes of our vulnerable

pediatric patients by developing evidenced-based strategies for high-quality practice in order to deliver safe, compassionate, and effective care.

7. Review and Approval of March 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes –Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
8. GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
9. EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN EMS/Trauma Systems Director

**Discussion and possible action on the following items:**

10. Texas System Performance Improvement (PI) Plan and PI Task Force Update – Kate Remick, MD, Chair
11. 2024 Committee Priorities
12. Committee liaison assignments and reports:
  - a. Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport – Tabitha Selvester, RN
  - b. Emergency Medical Services – Sam Vance, LP
  - c. EMS Education – Charles Jaquith, LP
  - d. Injury Prevention and Public Education – Sondie Epley, RN
  - e. EMS Medical Directors – Erin Lincoln, MD, EMT-P
  - f. Stroke – Crystal “Sophie” Bassham, RN
  - g. Trauma Systems – Belinda Waters, RN
  - h. Regional Advisory Council Chairs – Sally Snow, RN
  - i. Disaster Preparedness and Response – Crissie Richardson, RN
  - j. Cardiac Committee – Crystal “Sophie” Bassham, RN
13. Pediatric Simulation Taskforce Update – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
14. Vote to approve completed pediatric simulation scenarios
15. Texas EMS for Children (EMSC) Update – Sam Vance, LP
16. Update on efforts in Texas School Districts and other entities on “Stop the Bleed” training – Committee Members
17. Update on Pediatric Concussion/Head Injury Education initiative with GETAC Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee – Jessica Naiditch, MD
18. Update on Magnet/Battery Ingestion initiative with GETAC Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee – Tabitha Sylvester, RN

19. Update on Pediatric Stroke Protocols initiative with the GETAC Stroke Committee – Crystal “Sophie” Bassham, RN
20. Workgroup with the GETAC Disaster Committee for the development of pediatric disaster protocols/guidelines for non-pediatric hospitals – Sam Vance, LP
21. Committee Resources Review-Christi Thornhill, RN, DNP
  - a. Child Physical Abuse (CPA) Screening/Management Toolkit
  - b. Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems
  - c. Consideration for Pediatric Consultation and Transfer
22. Update on Pediatric Readiness Preparedness and Simulation – Sally Snow, RN, and Kate Remick, MD
23. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve pediatric emergency healthcare in Texas – Christi Thornhill, RN, DNP
24. General Public Comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair’s discretion.*
25. Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report – Committee Members
26. Announcements – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
27. Review and list agenda items for next meeting – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
28. Next meeting date – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
29. Adjournment – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-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](mailto:deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 PM, June 7, 2024. 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, June 7, 2024, and include the name of the person commenting.

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

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