



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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
10:30 AM – 12:00 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.

Pediatric Committee Chair: Christi Thornhill, DNP, APRN
Council Liaisons: Cassie Potvin, RN, and Kate Remick, MD
DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director

1. Call to order – Christi Thornhill, DNP, APRN, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Christi Thornhill, DNP, APRN, 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 Pediatric Committee statement of purpose – Christi Thornhill, DNP, APRN, Chair
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.
5. Review and approval of November 2024 meeting minutes – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-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; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Update on the GETAC Stroke Committee initiatives – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
 - a. Stroke triage algorithm rural, urban, and suburban areas
 - b. Pediatric Stroke triage algorithm
9. 2025 committee priorities – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN, Chair
 - a. Develop a pediatric imaging guideline for transferring facilities following the ALARA principles.
 - b. Develop a pediatric transfusion/massive transfusion guideline for transferring facilities and EMS.
 - c. Develop a pediatric guideline for transferring facilities and EMS for pediatric pain assessment and appropriate pain management.
 - d. Request and review data from the state registry and National Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project regarding vital signs and weight in kilograms on pediatric patients.
10. 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 – Open
 - 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
11. Texas EMS for Children (EMSC) update – Sam Vance, LP
12. Update on *Stop the Bleed* training – Committee Members
13. Update on magnet/battery ingestion initiative with GETAC Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee – Tabitha Sylvester, RN
14. Update on sudden cardiac arrest/death in school-aged children– Tabitha Selvester RN
15. Committee resources review – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN, Chair
 - a. Child Physical Abuse (CPA) Screening/Management Toolkit – Christi Thornhill and Sophie Bassham
 - b. Consideration for Pediatric Consultation and Transfer – Sally Snow
16. Update on Texas Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project – Sally Snow, RN, and Kate Remick, MD
17. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve pediatric emergency healthcare in Texas – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN, Chair

18. General Public Comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
19. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN, Chair
20. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN, Chair
21. Announcements – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
22. Review and list agenda items for next meeting – Belinda Waters, RN, Vice-Chair
23. Next meeting date – Christi Thornhill, DNP, RN, Chair
24. Adjournment – Christi Thornhill DNP, RN, 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.

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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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