



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

Thursday, March 6, 2025
1:00 PM– 2:30 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.

EMS Medical Directors Committee Chair: Christopher Winckler, MD
Council Liaisons: Gerad Troutman, MD; Sharon Malone, MD; and Taylor Ratcliff, MD
DSHS: Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Christopher Winckler, 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 EMS Medical Directors Committee Statement of Purpose – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's EMS Medical Directors Committee is to promote a robust, responsive, flexible emergency healthcare system that is based on evidence, quality, and safety by board-certified EMS physicians with appropriate authority, compensation, and oversight of all actions of the emergency healthcare system.

5. Review and approval of November 2024 meeting minutes – Christopher Winckler, 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; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) State Partnership update – Sam Vance, LP

9. Discuss the committee review of the *Pediatric Consideration for Consultation and Transfer* document and the addendums referenced in the document:
 - a. Child Physical Abuse Toolkit
 - b. American Burn Association Transfer Guideline
 - c. Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Quality Improvement Plan
10. Emergency Transport Task Force discussion on interfacility terminology – Ryan Matthews and Dr. Sharon Malone, GETAC Executive Committee
11. Committee announcements – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
 - a. 2025 EMS MD Committee priorities
12. Update on North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) wall times – Elizabeth Fagan, MD, Vice-chair
13. Discussion on Practice of EMS Medical Direction under Texas Medical Board Rule 169
 - a. Develop a list of duties and expectations of Texas EMS Medical Directors.
 - b. Provide supporting documentation on the benefits of direct medical director involvement.
 - c. Discuss/list asynchronous EMS programs developed and implemented by EMS Medical Directors.
14. Develop a list of prehospital best practice recommendations utilizing evidence-based medicine and best current practices. Topics include but are not limited to treatment for hemorrhagic shock, mass casualty incidents (MCI) for heat, ultrasound, and sepsis.
15. Discuss acceptable EMS medical director courses.
16. Active participation in GETAC Prehospital WB Transfusion Task Force (PHWBTF) update – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
17. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve EMS medical direction in Texas – Committee Members
18. General public comment – *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
19. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
20. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – Committee Members
21. Announcements – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
22. Review and list agenda items for the next meeting – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
23. Next meeting date – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
24. Adjournment – Christopher Winckler, 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.

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.