



AGENDA

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:30 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.

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Chair: Lynn Lail, RN, LP
Council Liaisons: Shawn Salter, RN, and Danny Ramirez, EMT- P
DSHS: Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, 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 Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee (AM&SCTC) statement of purpose – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair

AM&SCTC Statement of Purpose: To collaborate with individuals and organizations to promote and enhance the overall safety, quality of service, and level of care to patients being treated and transported by air medical and specialty care transport providers.

5. Review and approval of November 2024 AM&SCTC meeting minutes – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD
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. Reports from AM&SCTC members assigned to attend other GETAC committee meetings – Committee Members

9. Discussion and review of a safety moment – Committee Members
10. Emergency Transport Task Force discussion on interfacility terminology – Ryan Matthews and Dr. Sharon Malone, GETAC Executive Committee
11. 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
12. 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
13. Update on statewide implementation of, and RAC Chair education on, the utilization of the dedicated Air Medical asset page in Juvare. – Curtis McDonald
14. Update on the GETAC Strategic Plan as it pertains to the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee (AM&SCTC) in 2025
 - a. Updates on 2024 Priorities
 - i. Pediatric Airway Management by Air Medical & Specialty Care Providers
 - ii. Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper Education
 - iii. HEMS Specific Mental Health Awareness
 - b. Introduction of 2025 Priorities
 - i. Pediatric Stretcher Securement by Air Medical, Ground Medical, & Specialty Care Providers
 - ii. Fatigue Risk Management Program Necessity, Standards, & Value
 - iii. No Surprises Act (NSA) & Air Medical Asset Utilization Education
15. Discussion, review, and recommendations for initiatives that instill a culture of safety for responders, caregivers, and the public with a focus on operations and safe driving practices – Committee Members
16. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve air medical and specialty care transport service provision in Texas – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
17. General public comment – Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.
18. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
19. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting– Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
20. Review and list agenda items for the next meeting – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
21. Announcements – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
22. Next meeting date – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair
23. Adjournment – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair

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.