



**AGENDA**

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)  
Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Meeting  
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Wednesday, March 5, 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](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).*

Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee Chair: Mary Ann Contreras, RN

Council Liaisons: Della Johnson, RN, and Ruben Martinez

DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director, and Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Call to order – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice 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 Injury Prevention and Public Education (IPPE) Committee statement of purpose – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair

*Statement of Purpose: The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's Injury Prevention/Public Education committee is tasked with equitable promotion of safety, reducing injury risk, and fostering a healthy environment for all Texans. The committee will utilize data, research and best practice strategies to define proactive processes, awareness, education of providers, and collaboration with stakeholders to prevent injuries and promote well-being.*

5. Review and approval of November 2024 meeting minutes – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, 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

Committee discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Update on the Social-Ecological models for Suicide Prevention and Safe Firearm Storage
9. Priorities for 2025:
  - a. Promote coordinated capacity expansion of Child Passenger Seat Technicians in the State of Texas- Stewart Williams and Committee Members
  - b. Develop innovative and applicable knowledge content in drowning prevention strategies for public consumption across the State of Texas- Committee Members
  - c. Create a workplace violence position statement paper in which various stakeholders cooperate and build upon shared ideologies and values to enhance clinical performance and reduce injury of healthcare professionals- Committee Members
10. Continued discussions toward community collaboration.
  - a. Other partners; state, local, facility-level collaborations
11. Standing item: Integration of social determinants of health (SDOH) in the role of injury and violence prevention (IVP)
  - a. Concepts of how to operationalize IVP work.
12. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve injury prevention and public education efforts in Texas.
13. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
14. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
15. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
16. Announcements – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
17. Review and list agenda items for the next meeting – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
18. Future meeting dates – Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
19. Adjournment – Mary Ann Contreras, 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](mailto: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.*

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