

## MEETING MINUTES

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Friday, August 29, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – 3:17 p.m.

Call To Order: Chair Ed Racht, MD, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present included: Ed Racht, MD; Marti VanRavenswaay; Joan E. Shook, MD; F. E. Shaheen III, EMT-P; Fred Hagedorn, MD; Pete Wolf, EMT-P; Maxie Bishop Jr., LP; Ronny Stewart, MD; John L. Simms; Mario Segura, RN; Gary D. Cheek, RN, EMT; Raymond P. Holloway; Shirley Scholz, RN, CCRN, EMT-P, CMTE; and Kris J. Gillespie. Member absent include: Rebecca Campuzano-Salcido.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Fred Hagedorn, MD and seconded by Mario Segura to approve meeting minutes from May 23, 2003. All council members were in favor; the motion passed.*

Chair Report: Dr. Ed Racht welcomed everyone and introduced Governor Perry's newly appointed GETAC member, Marti VanRavenswaay, Tarrant County Commissioner, who represents County EMS Providers. Dr. Racht then appointed Ernie Rodriguez as the leader of a workgroup for implementation of SB-1409 (EMS Resource Center Pilot); asked the council to defer discussion on committee membership and terms of appointment and Strategic Plan implementation until the next meeting to concentrate on review of rules; and announced he is representing GETAC on the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Preparedness Coordinating Council and Maxie Bishop is representing GETAC on the Texas Cardiovascular Council.

GETAC members recognized Jim Arnold, Assistant Chief for EMS Regulation, and Texas Association of Trauma Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) recognized Bobbie Broadbent, EMS/Trauma Systems Grants Contract Manager, on their retirements.

TDH Staff Reports: Richard Bays, Associate Commissioner for Consumer Health Protection, was unable to attend the meeting.

Kathryn Perkins, Bureau Chief, BEM, recognized the newly hired EMS zone managers: Kevin Veal, Northwest Zone, and Fernando Posada, Southeast Zone. She also recognized the other retirees from the Bureau and regions: Calvin Blackman, Harold Broadbent, Jack Edwinson, Joyce Franke, Joyce Jaeggli, Wayne Morris, and D. Parkhill. She reported on the new Bureau organizational structure effective 9/1/03; TDH budget issues for FY04/05; key changes of legislation (HB-861, HB-2292, HB-3588, SB-529, SB-530, SB-1131, and SB-692), implementation of National Registry (NR) basic testing; and additional test sites in Dallas and San Antonio.

Ernest Oertli, Chief, Bureau of Epidemiology, reported on staff changes in that Bureau; the status of the TRAC-IT project implementation and training opportunities; and talked about the 2003 legislative session.

### Standing Committee/Task Force Reports:

**EMS Committee** – Mr. Pete Wolf reported that his committee, based on Dr. Racht's request, had tabled all of their discussion on other issues and concentrated on review of the rule drafts that had been listed as action items on GETAC's agenda.

**Education Committee** – Mr. Maxie Bishop reported on the August 12, 2003, Education Committee meeting and discussed the current status of the implementation of national registry testing in Texas, including an excellent report from National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) staff.

**Injury Prevention** - Mr. Mario Segura reported that the committee discussed the following: the final mailout to the RACs of the Injury Prevention Resource Manuals, which is to be posted on the BEM website; the additional work done on the draft injury prevention strategic plan; and the continued planning for injury prevention activities at the 2003 Texas EMS Conference in San Antonio.

**Pediatric Committee** – Dr. Joan Shook reported that the committee discussed the following: developing objectives for RACs related to pediatric emergency care; planning to identify specific equipment that should be required in ambulances; and the plan to attend the October Trauma Systems Committee Meeting to discuss designation of Texas Trauma Facilities.

**Medical Directors Committee** – Dr. Fred Hagedorn reported that the committee heard follow-up of the staff report on the beta test of the Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP), and will be developing “next step” recommendations regarding CCMP at the next meeting.

**Trauma Systems** – Dr. Ronny Stewart reported that the committee reviewed the following draft policies: *Trauma Facility Designation- HB3588 & Undesignated Facilities in Active Pursuit of Designation, TS-04-A*; and *Trauma Facility Designation- Appropriate Level of Designation, TS-04-B*. The Committee made minor changes to TS-04-B before finalizing. The final policies will be located on the bureau website. The committee decided to have a workgroup in October to address the draft rule revision recommendations regarding designation of Texas Trauma Facilities.

**Rural Task Force**– Mr. Pete Wolf reported that the task force discussed the development of an elected officials’ guide and has made initial contact with the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the development of public service announcements regarding the appropriate utilization of EMS. The task force will be possibly having a work session on the elected officials’ guide during the Texas EMS Conference.

**Air Medical Task Force**– Mrs. Shirley Scholtz reported that the task force finalized “Guidelines for Activation and Selection of an Air Medical Provider.” Additional issues were raised at the meeting and the task force asked Dr. Racht to consider them as a standing committee in the future.

**Data, Information, and Research Task Force** – Dr. Folden reported that the task force discussed the following: structure of task force; the national and state research agenda; data availability/access; and identification of some research issues to develop. The Task Force’s yahoo e-list is activated and they want to begin meeting electronically. Dr. Folden asked the Council for data questions that need to be answered and was given blood shortage and the definition of uncompensated trauma care as two possible questions.

**Discussion of Reports/Public Comment on Action Items:** GETAC members discussed the staff, Committee, and Task Force reports. Public comment was heard on the above issues.

**Action Items:**

*A motion was made by F.E. Shaheen, and seconded by Joan Shook, MD to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.11, with additional changes based on GETAC’s intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Maxie Bishop, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to*

*recommend proposal of the rule §157.12, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Raymond Holloway, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the following rule §157.13, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by FE Shaheen, and seconded by Joan Shook, MD to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the following rule §157.14, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Raymond Holloway, and seconded by FE Shaheen to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.32, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf, and seconded by Kris Gillespie to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.33, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mario Segura, and seconded by Raymond Holloway to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the following rule §157.34, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Shirley Scholtz, and seconded by Marti VanRaveswaay to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.38, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Kris Gillespie, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.40, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by John Simms, and seconded by Ronny Stewart, MD to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.43, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by John Simms, and seconded by Ronny Stewart, MD to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.44, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.49, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Raymond Holloway, and seconded by Marti VanRavenswaay to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157. New Rule Exemption, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Marti VanRavenswaay, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff's plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.123, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Ronny Stewart, MD, and seconded by Kris Gillespie to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.125, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Ronny Stewart, MD, and seconded by Raymond Holloway to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.130, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by John Simms, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.1, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf, and seconded by Kris Gillespie to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.2, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mario Segura, and seconded by Gary Cheek to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.3, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mario Segura, and seconded by Shirley Scholtz to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.4, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf, and seconded by Raymond Holloway to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.16, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mario Segura, and seconded by Kris Gillespie to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.31, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Raymond Holloway, and seconded by Kris Gillespie to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.36, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pete Wolf, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.37, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Maxie Bishop, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.41, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Shirley Scholtz, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.New Audits, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Kris Gillespie, and seconded by Raymond Holloway to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.122, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Maxie Bishop, and seconded by Mario Segura to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.128, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Mario Segura, and seconded by Maxie Bishop to concur with Bureau staff=s plan to recommend proposal of the rule §157.129, with additional changes based on GETAC's intent, to the Texas Board of Health in October. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by John Simms and seconded by Kris Gillespie that GETAC communicate to Commissioner Eduardo Sanchez that, while GETAC agrees with the concept of maximizing state health care funds, any proposal to do so should not be at the expense of the availability of uncompensated trauma care funds. The motion passed unanimously. John Simms will draft the letter and forward it out to GETAC members for review.*

**General Public Comment:** Public comment was heard on a number of issues.

**Meeting Date for 2003, November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, were announced.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.