

GETAC Committee Reports

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Trauma Systems Committee

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Hereford Regional Medical Center

- Panhandle...Level 4
- Kati Alley PhD, RN ED Director and TPM
- 2 trauma rooms, pedi room, psych room, 7 treatment rooms
- EMS is hospital based



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- John Peter Smith, Fort Worth...Level 1
 - Raj Ghandi, Danielle Sherar and Cassie Lyell
 - Serves a population of 2.5 million
 - 5 ACS verifications
 - Lead center in a regional pre-hospital blood program



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- New Committee Members
 - Jennifer Carr, RN
 - Elizabeth Scherer, MD
 - Dawn Koepp, MSN
 - Aileen Ebadat, MD

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- **Trauma rules process**

- Anticipating formal public comment period to open in July
- Plan an additional committee meeting to provide education on the rules prior to the opening of the formal comment period.
- Plan workgroup meetings during the comment period to provide timely advice to the department on comments received

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- **Trauma System Assessment**

- Funding
 - Presentation by Dr. Tyroch to staff of the Governor was successful
 - Are there future education opportunities for the committee to consider?
- System surveillance – clinical performance
 - Recent data product reviewed
 - Identified number of severely injured patients managed at a Level 4 facility appears higher than expected
- Trauma system designation surveillance
 - Developing approach
- RAC development surveillance
 - Developing a RAC survey regarding funding

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2023 Committee Priorities

- Trauma rules
 - Assist the Department in assessing public comments
 - Recommend changes to facilitate approval and implementation of the new rules
- Funding
 - Identify opportunities
 - Develop education products
- Trauma system monitoring
 - Designation process
 - Distribution of resources
- Data analysis
 - Develop standard reports
 - Provide initial assessment of reports to inform the Council
- RAC development

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- Items needing Council guidance
 - Workgroup would like to provide trauma system finance information to key state leaders
 - Committee to add an additional full virtual meeting to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions about the new rules
 - Committee to add virtual or hybrid workgroup meetings during the formal comment period to assess any comments and provide recommendations to DSHS
 - Approval to request data from DSHS on the following
 - Key performance indicators characterizing severely injured patients managed at Level 4 trauma centers
 - Assess variances to the Best Practice Guidelines for pelvic fracture management. Determine and measure key performance indicators to be determined by the workgroup.

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Items referred to the Council for future action

None