

RAC-G Pediatric Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2025
Time: 11a-12p
Location: UT Tyler Health Science Center H building Room 209 & Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

Dr. Catherine Goetz & Greg LaMay-Co-Chairs

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| 1. Call to Order | Dr. Goetz & Greg LaMay |
| 2. Introductions / Roll Call | Dr. Goetz |
| 3. Reading of the RAC-G Mission Statement
and the GETAC Pediatrics Committee
Statement of Purpose | Greg LaMay |

RAC-G Mission Statement

The Piney Woods Regional Advisory Council-Trauma Service Area G (aka RAC-G) Operates as a not-for-profit entity which serves as a link between area hospitals, pre-hospital providers and local, state and federal agencies in matters of trauma, healthcare and disaster preparedness and response

GETAC Pediatrics Committee Statement of Purpose

To work collaboratively with entities involved in prehospital and emergency pediatric care, to promote pediatric injury and illness prevention, and to improve the outcomes of our vulnerable pediatric patients by developing evidence-based strategies for high-quality practice in order to deliver safe, compassionate, and effective care

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| 4. Texas Emergency Pediatric Readiness Project | Dr. Goetz |
| https://txena.org/texas-pediatric-readiness-improvement-project/ | |
| 5. Texas Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Education Series-Greg LaMay | |
| https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/Calendar/TX%20PPRP%20Education%20Series%20-%20PW.pdf | |
| 6. How can this Committee help
your facility with ER readiness
related to the new Trauma rules | Dr. Goetz |
| 7. Summary of Action Items | All members |

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8. Next meeting date

All members

9. Adjournment

Dr. Goetz & Greg LaMay

In person Dr Catherine Goetz, Heather Moses, Greg L

Via Teams Stacy Shipp, Brittany Ray, Kevin Jones, Nikki McAndrew, Da'Marion Greenwood, Helen ((Mid Cast Crockett), Rance Craig, Loretta (RAC-G), Candice Hawkins, Debbie Stroud

- Read the RAC-G Mission Statement and the GETAC Pediatric Committee Statement of Purpose
- Held introductions
- Started with Agenda Items 4 & 6 - Texas Emergency Pediatric Readiness Project
 - Dr. Goetz asked Brittany Ray if there have been any updates to the expectations for trauma designated ERs to implement the new trauma rules. Brittany says there is no new content from a surveyor perspective from the state, however, GETAC meetings will be the 1st week of March and we will learn more at that time.
 - **Link to the GETAC public meeting dates:**
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council> **GETAC Pediatric committee meeting 10:30 am Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (link to video meeting will be made public on the website 1 week before)**
 - **Link to the most recent GETAC Pediatrics Committee Meeting minutes:**
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/emstraumasystems/GETAC/PDF/PEDI-GETAC-Agenda-NOV-2024.pdf>
 - Kevin Jones said that had done a couple of pediatric sims, but it has mainly been equipment related.
 - **Link for free pediatric ER simulation modules:**
<https://www.emergencysimbox.com/>
 - Rance mentioned that they are using the intubation module kits.
 - Discussed Broselow carts/kits
 - Nikki mentioned that all Good Shepherd hospitals have Broselow carts / kits
 - If your facility has a NICU their equipment is not compatible with the Broselow bags / kits.
 - Heather Moses recommended communicating with the various response teams to make sure everyone is on the same page on the compatibility of equipment.
 - Discussed that other RACs are providing Broselow carts through grant-funding to facilities that need help with procuring a cart. This is a

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good thing to look into for our RAC, depending on need based on the gap analysis (see below). ER representatives in attendance had carts already.

- Discussed special pricing for mannequins for RACs, depending on need and interest, this may be something the RAC can procure
- Brittany Ray shared a tool for ER Peds Readiness gap analysis. Facilities are encouraged to fill out and track progress prior to updating the formal Pediatric Readiness Score. Brittany will share this with interested facilities.
- We discussed Peds ER Readiness topics from the Asthma portion of the Respiratory Distress PowerPoint from the Texas Pediatric Readiness Education Series.
- ***Link to Impacts Collaborative.***
<https://www.impactscollaborative.com/ed-resources>
- ***Link to Texas Pediatric Readiness Education series:***
<https://utexas.app.box.com/v/txpripeducationseries>
- There was some discussion on presenting a Pedi topic at the General Assembly meeting, Loretta mentioned that if this was something of interest we should consult Dr. Desai. Dr. Goetz will reach out to Dr. Desai about potential topics. We will discuss and vote on a topic and presenter at the next committee meeting if Dr. Desai is interested.
- Discussion of pediatric vitals integration into facility EHRs. If there is no integration of standards for normal vs abnormal vitals by age, some of the facilities use Badge buddies (for ER nurses).
- If people are interested in Badge buddies let Brittany Ray know how many you need.
- Discussed Agenda item 5
 - Pre-hospital uses the Handtevy system, maybe a presentation on that can be done
 - Concerns discussed that the Handtevy system does not interface directly with Broselow system
 - Discussed that the Pediatric Readiness standards for EMS are still in their infancy, but it would be great to get more EMS presence on the Pediatric Subcommittee to discuss the standards and other pediatric pre-hospital topics.
 - Loretta recommended reaching out to Pre-hospital and Air Medical for inclusion/assignment of members to the Pediatric subcommittee.

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Action items:

- Badge Buddies for ER nurses (facilities will email Brittany if interested)
- Investigate possible grant funding for facilities that may need help procuring Broselow carts (if need demonstrated on needs assessment, Dr. Goetz will do this before the next meeting).
- Encourage facilities to complete needs assessment for the RAC via Gap Analysis worksheets presented by Brittany (facilities will email Brittany for link).
- Reach out to Pre-hospital and Air Medical for inclusion/assignment of members on this committee. (Greg will do this before the next meeting)
- Procure mannequins at discount RAC price based on facility need (facilities will email Dr. Goetz if interested).
- Dr. Goetz will discuss a pedi presentation for a future General Assembly with Dr. Desai. We will discuss and vote on a topic and presenter at the next committee meeting if Dr. Desai is interested.

Other Links that were shared during the meeting

Emergency Department Pediatric Resources <https://www.impactscollaborative.com/ed-resources>

Texas Pre-hospital Pediatric Readiness Education Series
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/Calendar/TX%20PPRP%20Education%20Series%20-%20PW.pdf>

Texas Pediatric Readiness Education Series <https://txena.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/TX-Pediatric-Readiness-Education-Series.pdf>