



TETAF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018
Wyndham Garden Hotel
Austin, TX

Present: Jeff Beeson

Scott Christopher

Eric Epley

Nilda Garcia

Wanda Helgesen

Donald Jenkins

Jorie Klein

Kathy Perkins

Darrell Pile

Ricky Reeves

Craig Rhyne

Lori Robb

Danny Updike

Peyton Ware

Absent: Kenneth Mattox

Edward Racht

Dudley Wait

All TETAF Staff were present: John Aadain, Kathy Clayton, Courtney DeBower, Debbie Nichols, Brenda Putz, Carla Rider, and Dinah Welsh.

There was a large turnout from the stakeholder community including representatives of the member RACs as well as hospitals, EMS and the Department of State Health Services.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Dr. Craig Rhyne, Acting Chair appointed by Dr. Edward Racht. Introductions were made by the board and those in attendance.
- 2) Dinah Welsh gave an update on TETAF and shared the release of the TETAF Impact Report, detailing the actions of the foundation over the past five years. She also shared that the Councils have begun to meet and that the maternal care survey line has been officially launched.
- 3) Brenda Putz gave a presentation on the survey service lines, including number of surveys conducted/scheduled. There was discussion among the group of ways to increase education offerings, including the signature TETAF Hospital Data Management Course.

- 4) Treasurer's Report/Finance Council Update: Dr. Rhyne shared the financials for January-March, including the P&L statements. Discussion occurred about TETAF savings and potential ways to use those funds to support the system.

Pete Allman, independent auditor for TETAF, shared the most recent audit. He discussed at length the qualitative methods in producing such an audit and declared that no substantive issues were found.

Discussion was had among the board about "positive pay" and the upper limit for checks with a single signature. The finance committee was tasked with reviewing those two items.

Jeff Beeson moved to accept the Treasurer's report, including the audit, Jorie Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5) Secretary's Report: Ricky Reeves gave the secretary's report, sharing the minutes from January – March. Peyton Ware moved to accept the Secretary's Report, Scott Christopher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Discussion took place among the board members about the creation of council portals for sharing information. The TETAF BoardEffect account will be expanded to include council members and create workrooms for those councils.
- 7) Advocacy Council Report: Jeff Beeson chaired a meeting of the council earlier in the day. Discussion arose about state budget deficiencies and priorities for the next session. Ms. Welsh gave a condensed overview of the current climate at the state capitol.
- 8) Survey/Verification Council: Jorie Klein introduced the members of the council to the board and the audience. Discussion took place about surveyor training, webinars and promoting TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services Program. Ms. Klein discussed the possible need to provide surveys for geriatric and sepsis care. There was a small discussion about the selection process for TETAF surveyors.
- 9) Governance Council: Ms. Welsh shared that the Governance Council has not yet met, but that they are gathering information and determining how to proceed.
- 10) Education Council: Scott Christopher chaired a meeting of the council earlier in the day. The council discussed their backgrounds and education, as well as the rules surrounding RACs and EMS. Mr. Christopher reported that the council would like to bring prevention efforts to the public and discussed needs.
- 11) Texas TQIP Update: Terry Valentino, contractor for Texas TQIP, provided an update on the state collaborative.

There was discussion that TETAF has opened a separate account to house the TQIP

dedicated funds. There was also discussion on whether TETAF would continue to pay for collaborative costs and the Finance Committee was tasked with making a recommendation to the full board.

12) The board discussed the proposed board retreat and times/length of stay. Discussion was also had about “homework” and coming prepared to work to the retreat. TETAF staff will send a new Doodle Poll.

13) The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.