TETAF Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
July 27-28, 2018
Hotel Van Zandt
Austin, TX

Present: Jeff Beeson
Eric Epley
Nilda Garcia
Wanda Helgesen
Kenneth Mattox
Edward Racht
Craig Rhyne
Lori Robb
Dudley Wait
Peyton Ware

Absent: Scott Christopher
Donald Jenkins
Jorie Klein
Kathy Perkins
Darrell Pile
Ricky Reeves
Danny Updike

TETAF Staff: Dinah Welsh, Brenda Putz, Courtney DeBower, Carla Rider.

Also Present: Consultants Kelly Prchal and Dan Mayfield from Gallagher Integrated Healthcare Strategies, Attorney Jennifer Claymon and Lobbysists Brian Yarbrough and Janiece Crenwelge.

1) The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM on July 27 by Chair Edward Racht. Brief introductions were made by the board and those in attendance.

2) Chair Racht welcomed the consultants from Gallagher Integrated Healthcare Strategies (IHS) to present to the board and lead a strategic planning discussion.

3) Led by IHS, the board reviewed the adopted governance model, based on the proposal presented last year. There was a discussion on board responsibilities, legal and fiduciary duties, Council priorities and responsibilities and common stumbling blocks and challenges faced by nonprofit boards.

4) IHS then led the board through a discussion on the strategic landscape, including threats, stressors, concerns and opportunities for the next three to five years.

5) Each of the Councils provided a brief update on meetings held and plans moving forward.
6) The lobby team from Erben & Yarbrough provided an update on the legislative climate in Texas.

7) After lunch, the team from IHS continued the strategic planning discussion with a deep look at the mission of TETAF and the various revenue streams.

8) The board adjourned the work session for the day and reconvened on July 28 at 8:00 AM. For the July 28 meeting, only the board and TETAF staff were present. Dr. Nilda Garcia was not in attendance for the second day of meetings.

9) The board reviewed notes from the previous day and held a discussion on action items and priorities.

10) It was determined that the board will focus primarily on revising the mission, visions and guiding principles or goals of the foundation. The Governance Council was tasked with presenting recommendations for updates to the bylaws. The advocacy agenda for next session will reflect the mission, vision and goals adopted by the board. Further discussion and possible action to occur at the August 21 board meeting.

11) Additional priorities will include a full review of the hospital survey verification process and time devoted to evaluating the program development of the foundation, including what TETAF currently does and what it will do/provide in the future.

12) The board adjourned with instructions to the Councils to prepare further updates and recommendations as needed for the August 21 meeting in Austin.