June 2018

**DSHS Provides Opportunity for Stakeholder Input on Budget Priorities**

On Monday, June 11, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will host an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the upcoming legislative appropriations request (LAR). The LAR is a document submitted by state agencies outlining their budget priorities for the next two years. Stakeholders are encouraged to participate either in person or by submitting written comments.

The department will be receiving comments in Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Harlingen, Houston, Lubbock, Midland, San Antonio, Temple and Tyler.

**What's New With Texas Perinatal Services?**

Have you visited our new Texas Perinatal Services website yet? This program of TETAF provides maternal care and NICU verification surveys, as well as education and support throughout the designation process.
Join the TETAF Legislative Workgroup

The Legislative Workgroup is open to all interested stakeholders and will serve as an opportunity to learn more about the legislative process and how you can get involved! The group will meet via conference call, with more frequent calls as we get closer to the start of the next session in January.

Join Now

Together, We Are Making an Impact!

TETAF recently released our impact report, highlighting some of the accomplishments of the past three years. This has been a time of tremendous growth for TETAF and the opportunities and challenges we have faced have led to a stronger, more dynamic organization.

Learn More

Save-the-Date: TETAF Hospital Data Management Course

The next TETAF Hospital Data Management Course will take place October 11-12 in Belton. More details and a registration link will be available on our website soon.

Learn More
Reminder About Air Conditioning for EMS Providers

The Health & Human Services Commission reminds all EMS providers, both ground and air, that state statute requires all vehicles to be equipped with functioning air conditioning when transporting a patient.

Learn More

$15 Million in Grant Funding Awarded for Mental Health

The state of Texas is awarding up to $15 million in grant funds to 31 organizations located across the state to provide mental health services in their communities.

Learn More

Help Us Grow on Social Media!

Communicate with TETAF online via our social media accounts:

- facebook.com/tetaf.org
- twitter.com/tetaf_org
- facebook.com/texasperinatalservices -- NEW!
PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: On May 1, SETRAC tested the region’s ability to respond to a large scale, multi-location cyberattack and mass casualty incident. The exercise simulated 5 train accidents throughout a 25-county region and included over 180 participating agencies including hospitals, EMS, nursing homes, long-term care facilities and emergency management.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21  TETAF Board Meeting (Austin)
August 21  Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (Austin)
August 22-24  Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (Austin)
August 23  Texas TQIP Collaborative Meeting (Austin)
October 11-12  TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (Belton)