



September 2018

TETAF Governance Update

The TETAF Board of Directors and the appointed Councils (visit the TETAF [website](#) to see a full list of Council members and their roles and responsibilities) have been meeting to continue the TETAF governance update process.

The Governance Council has made numerous recommendations to strengthen the revised [bylaws](#) passed last year by the TETAF RAC membership. Recommendations include revised foundation purposes, changing the name of the "Councils" to "Committees" and clarifications to the process and procedures for both the Board and the General Assembly.

Once complete, recommendations will be made available to all stakeholders for review and comment prior to adoption at the General Assembly meeting December 14 in San Antonio.

The TETAF Board will not meet in November due to conflicts with the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) [annual meeting](#) in Anaheim and the [Texas EMS Conference](#) in Fort Worth. Instead, the Board will meet December 13 in San Antonio in conjunction with the annual RAC Retreat and the annual TETAF General Assembly meeting.

Registration for the various December meetings will be made available soon.



Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Comment on Trauma, Stroke Rule Revisions

DSHS has scheduled additional stakeholder meetings to review the state rules regarding trauma and stroke designation in Longview, Austin, Weslaco, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Arlington and Houston.

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Upcoming Legislative Hearings

As the legislature prepares for the 2019 legislative session, committees are beginning to meet regularly to hear from invited witnesses on issues of importance. TETAF is actively following upcoming hearings on the budget and maternal morbidity and mortality.

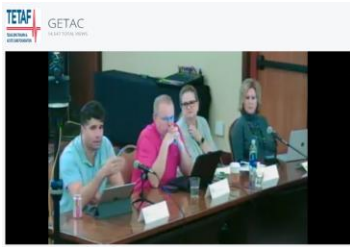
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Perinatal Team Completes First Maternal Care Survey

The TETAF Perinatal Team recently completed their first maternal care survey in El Paso. Learn more about our newest verification survey process on the Texas Perinatal Services website and sign-up for the [perinatal newsletter](#) today for the latest news!

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GETAC Committee Applications Accepted Until Sept. 24

DSHS is now accepting applications to serve on the various committees of the Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council. Members with appointments expiring at the end of 2018 must reapply to continue serving in 2019.

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Don't Miss the Final TETAF Hospital Data Management Course of 2018

[Registration](#) is now open for the TETAF Hospital Data Management Course October 11-12 in [Belton](#). Registration fees increase October 1 so don't delay.

[Learn More](#)



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

In recent years, suicide prevention and mental health awareness have taken on a larger role in the Texas emergency healthcare community. TETAF encourages all stakeholders to utilize and share the various suicide prevention resources available online.

[Learn More](#)



DSHS Releases Hurricane Harvey After Action Report

The Department of State Health Services has released their Hurricane Harvey After Action Report (AAR). The AAR for Hurricane Harvey reflects a post-incident review of state-level public health and medical preparedness and response activities.

[Read the Report](#)



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PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: Linda Fonseca, MFM, Jennifer McAdams, MSN, RN and Kathleen Rassmusen, OB/GYN prepare for the maternal verification survey at Medical City Dallas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 11-12 | TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (Belton) |
| November 16-18 | TQIP Annual Scientific Meeting and Training (Anaheim) |
| November 17-19 | Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (Fort Worth) |
| November 18-21 | Texas EMS Conference (Fort Worth) |
| December 13 | RAC Retreat (San Antonio) |
| December 13 | TETAF Board Meeting (San Antonio) |
| December 14 | TETAF General Assembly Meeting (San Antonio) |