TETAF Board of Directors Minutes
January 28, 2019
Zoom Meeting

Present: Jeff Beeson
    Eric Epley
    Nilda Garcia
    Angela Gentry
    Kenneth Mattox
    Kathy Perkins
    Darrell Pile
    Edward Racht
    Ricky Reeves
    Craig Rhyne
    Danny Updike
    Dudley Wait
    Peyton Ware

Absent: Scott Christopher
    Wanda Helgesen
    Donald Jenkins
    Ricky Reeves
    Lori Robb

TETAF Staff: Dinah Welsh, Brenda Putz, Carla Rider, Debbie Nichols, Kathy Clayton
Also Present: Jennifer Claymon and Kevin Reed with Reed & Claymon

1) The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair Edward Racht.
2) Chair Racht welcomed Angela Gentry, newly elected member to the TETAF Board. Board
   members re-elected to the board for a three-year term are: Scott Christopher, RN, EMT, LP,
   Nilda Garcia, MD, FACS, Kathy Perkins, RN, MBA; and Danny Updike, RN, LP.
3) The Minutes from the November 9, 2018 Zoom Board Meeting and the Minutes from the December
   13, 2018 Board Meeting held in San Antonio were reviewed. A motion was made by Peyton Ware to
   approve the November minutes and seconded by Kathy Perkins. They were approved without
   objection by the board. A motion was made by Kathy Perkins to approve the December 13, 2018
   minutes and seconded by Craig Rhyne. They were approved without objection by the board.
4) Dinah Welsh provided a TETAF Update. Courtney DeBower resigned her position in December and
   applications for a Communications Director have been received. Interviews will be conducted to
   fill the position.
5) Brenda Putz provided the board an update on the survey service lines. Maternal surveys have
   begun and are being scheduled by hospitals. Marketing tools by Texas Perinatal Services have
   been created and the Texas Perinatal Forum is providing updates. Several NICU hospitals were
   designated at a lower level than they sought by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
   DSHS is determining the process for potential re-survey. TETAF continues to meet with DSHS
   regularly to process improve and quality reviews completed continue to be stellar.
6) Dr. Craig Rhyne provided the Treasurer’s Financial Report for November and December 2018.
   Debbie Nichols walked through both months’ financials. Revenue is under budget as surveys
projected are still being scheduled. Dr. Rhyne reminded that Board Financial summaries are posted on BoardEffect. Debbie Nichols was commended by Dr. Rhyne for making changes to the financial reports to make them easier to understand, e.g. parenthesis around negative numbers.

7) Mr. Eric Epley provided a General Assembly Report on the December 13, 2018 General Assembly Meeting held in San Antonio. Elections were held and a RAC retreat was held for the sharing of information between RACs. There was discussion regarding the designating of trauma facilities as well as NICU and the contracting of maternal care facilities with TETAf.

8) Mrs. Welsh provided a report on recent legislative activities at the Capitol and office visits taking place.

   * Mrs. Welsh shared an update on the Driver Responsibility Program and efforts underway to replace the program with alternative revenue sources for the trauma system. She reported the proposal is receiving strong support at the Capitol. Rep. John Zerwas has indicated that he will be filing replacement legislation.
   * HB 871 by Rep. Four Price to expand telemedicine in rural trauma facilities was discussed. TETAf will continue to monitor.
   * TETAf will provide a list of bills that TETAf is tracking to the Board, TETAf Advocacy Committee and legislative workgroup.

9) The board discussed committee structures. Jorie Klein’s departure from the Board opens a vacancy in the chair of the Survey/Verification Committee that will need to be appointed. Open appointments to the committees will be opened to the general membership.

10) At the December General Assembly meeting At Large members were discussed and nominated. TETAf Bylaws call for three At Large appointees to the General Assembly. The three members – David Brown, Robert Duncan, and Joe Straus have not been approached. Further discussion by the Board about these positions will be conducted.

11) Chair Rach took an opportunity for open discussion. No items were brought forward. Dr. Rach encouraged respect between Board members and staff.

12) The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Wyndham Garden Hotel Austin.

13) The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.