



**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 Racht gave an opportunity for open discussion. No items were brought forward. Dr. Racht 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.