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Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) Conducts Strategic Analysis of Senate Bill 749

Texas Health and Human Services' Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) met on July 31 to begin a strategic analysis of [Senate Bill \(SB\) 749](#). As a result of the bill, the PAC will recommend any modification of the rules to improve the process and method of designating a level of care.

During the meeting, the council discussed the need for additional data, tracked over time, to better determine the outcomes of survey designation and specifically how it improves the level of care. The council wants to review metrics that will provide more insight to why a facility did not meet its designation. Those metrics may include any services the facility may not have, limited population in the area, gestational age of patients, and other additional data or reports related to the rules.

The meeting can be watched on the [Texas Health and Human Services website](#). Documents provided during the meeting include a [Strategic Review Resource Document](#) and a [PAC Consultation Guidance Document](#).

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is required to submit a written report that summarizes the department's review of neonatal care to the Texas Legislature by December 31, 2019. A similar report summarizing maternal care is required by December 31, 2020.

The next PAC meeting to discuss any changes to the rules will be Tuesday, September 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Brown-Heatly building at 4806 North Lamar Boulevard in Austin.

El Paso Tragedy

Our hearts are heavy after the tragedy in El Paso. We know many we work closely with in the Border RAC responded immediately to the needs of patients. From those who lost loved ones to the emergency medical teams caring for the wounded, you are all in our thoughts.

TETAF's Carla Rider to Speak at TNANN Conference

Carla Rider, perinatal program director for TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services, will speak during the Texas National Association of Neonatal Nurses (TNANN) conference in Dallas on Tuesday, September 10. The topic will be neonatal designation.

Rider is on the planning committee for TNANN.

Next Perinatal Forum – August 26

Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) hosts its next Perinatal Forum on Monday, August 26 at 1:00 p.m. If you have not previously joined one of the exclusive, educational online forums, contact [Carla Rider](#) to register.



State Representative John Zerwas Announces Retirement and New Role

State Representative John Zerwas, of Richmond, [announces his retirement](#) from the Texas House of Representatives after 12 years in office. Rep. Zerwas was chair of the House Appropriations Committee and authored [House Bill \(HB\) 2048](#) that repealed the Drivers Responsibility Program and replaced it with fines.

"Representative Zerwas was a tremendous leader for trauma care in Texas," said Dinah Welsh, president and CEO of Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation. "His advocacy for improving healthcare in Texas will be greatly missed in the Texas Legislature and we wish him well in his next venture."

Rep. Zerwas will leave office at the end of September and will begin a new role as the vice chancellor of Health and Human Services for The University of Texas System.

TETAF and TPS Bring National Conference to Texas

The teams at TETAF and TPS announce a renowned quality improvement conference will take place in Texas. TETAF and TPS partnered with the Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement to bring the “Implementing Perinatal Quality Improvement Conference” to [Texas Health Dallas on Friday, October 11](#).

TETAF and TPS hospitals can attend at a reduced price using the registration code TETAFTPSCLIENT to save \$50 off registration fees. This code expires September 5.

Our June TPS Forum presenter and the Institute’s founder, Dr. Debra Bingham, will be the featured speaker during the all-day conference.

Upcoming Events

[August 19](#) – Stroke rules meeting

[September 10](#) – Trauma rules meeting

[September 24](#) – TETAF Board Meeting

[September 25-27](#) – Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

[September 27](#) - Baylor Scott & White Emergency Management Symposium

