



**TETAF Board of Directors Minutes
June 25, 2019
Wyndham Garden Hotel Austin**

Present: Jeff Beeson

Eric Epley

Nilda Garcia

Angela Gentry

Wanda Helgesen

Kenneth Mattox

Darrell Pile

Ricky Reeves

Craig Rhyne

Lori Robb

Danny Updike

Dudley Wait

Peyton Ware

Absent: Ed Racht

Scott Christopher

Donald Jenkins

Kathy Perkins

TETAF Staff: Dinah Welsh, Brenda Putz, Carla Rider, Kathy Clayton, and Erin Moore

Also Present: Attorney Kevin Reed and Contract Lobbyist Janiece Crenwelge, Ashley Morgan and Auditor: Pete Allman

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Vice Chair Dudley Wait. Dinah Welsh opened with introducing Erin Moore as the new Communications Director. The Texas Legislative Session has ended and a full report will be given later with support from Janiece Crenwelge and Ashley Morgan later in the meeting.
- 2) Dr. Rhyne presented the financial report sharing the January and February executive summary with gross margin and operating expenses. The March executive summary reported a net change in cash of 31K (positive), gross margin 267k under, due to decreased survey year, operating expenses under 108k. April executive summary showed a year to date net change in cash of 16k (positive), gross margin under 322k, operating expenses under 126k, year to date net income 195k less than budgeted, due to revenue being under budget YTD due to maternal surveys decreased. Employee salary will change with Erin Moore coming on. Maternal surveys will be pushed out due to S.B. 749. Anticipated survey income used to be reported, but, under new rules for accounting cannot put anticipated income so the calculations are different. While it looks like we have had over 100k drop, we are where we expected to be for income. 415K has been put in a deferred asset account for future survey revenue. Future survey income is being placed in deferred revenue when the invoice is actually paid. Account receivables are coming in sooner because invoice is a 60 day turn around. A lot of complicated work has been done and the changes in accounting methods have been moving forward without complications. Dudley Wait asked for the finance committee members to be

named – Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair Craig Rhyne, Kathy Perkins, Peyton Ware, Dave Reimer and Jeff Thibodeaux. Dr. Mattox wants to know how much cash is on hand. EOM 870k cash. What is the monthly burn rate per month? Cash accounts continue to increase with survey revenues received and not yet provided. Finance reports were approved with twelve Ayes, no opposed and Dr. Mattox abstained from voting.

- 3) Dudley Wait introduced Pete Allman, auditor for non-profit organizations. Pete shared that the goal of the audit is to verify financial information is accurate. Audit documents provided to board members. Unmodified audit report, a.k.a. a clean audit report was given. The financial statements month to month have been reported out and are appropriate. Aug 2018 data provided by Pete Allman. Deferred revenue presented with responsibilities to complete deliverables. Change in net was 189K. Accounting policies were unchanged. Finance committee talked about credit risk. If a bank fails then FIDC limits were approved suggested lines, recommend finance committee looking at splitting accounts to decrease risk. Survey process: invoice for survey sent and was originally placed on balance sheet as revenue. New rules have added new disclosure regulations which has 'commitments' relationships. Not an issue to revenue integrity, offsets noted on balance sheet, accounts receivable line item. Eric suggested annual fee pay for survey. The audit documented TETAF as a small company and small employee base, but uses safety financial measures such as CEO has oversight approval for finance and use of expensify to have approval. Darrell Pile suggested having a forecast budget instead of the financials. Money has money well spent, legislative efforts are with good return, Mr. Pile stated he is pleased with work TETAF staff has done. Pete suggested a yearly annual audit. Motion to approve by Wanda Helgesen seconded by Lori Robb for audit report. Kevin Reed states it is money saving to do audit annually. The audit report was approved unanimously with thirteen ayes, no opposed, and no abstentions.
- 4) Advocacy Committee report by Jeff Beeson. Electronic version of the legislative wrap-up went out last week, but the hard copy was passed out at the board meeting. Name ID, credibility was important this session, HB 2048 passing was very important and took everyone in the room. Dinah commended the lobby team for a job well done, even working with a great deal of respect and connectivity throughout May. Driver Responsibility Program passed 16 years ago. While funding has been hugely important to the trauma system HB 2048 repeals the program and replaces the funding with various fines and fees. With passage of HB 2048 ability to focus future discussions on the need for the trauma system and its components is possible instead of just fighting over the DRP. Healthcare funding was poor overall this session, especially with Medicaid funding, therefore, we should celebrate these wins. Janeice gave update and stated we should celebrate the wins this session. Funding releases expectations were asked by Wanda H. Ashley states the lobbyists have asked but was told they are still working on close out of the current fiscal year and determining appropriations of funds. Opportunity for and expectations for the 2mil given are high. Dinah wants data to come back so she can report back to key players to continue advocating for future funding. Audience discussed using 2mil as quality improvements in each RAC. Dudley reinforced Dinah's recommendation to really set goals and understand outcomes of monies given. Dr. Mattox recommends doing this and adding a task force to ensure outcomes are solidified. Wanda suggests that every RAC participates in sharing what each RAC has done with the allocated money. Janiece provided information on the bill and stated DSHS may have ideas on how the monies will be spent and appropriated. General assembly and board will meet in December but should have additional meeting(s) to discuss. Eric Epley suggests a work group meeting in August or late summer (within 3

months) and was approved by Ricky Reeves. Ricky moved and Peyton second. Convene GA and TETAF Board to develop a strategic planning meeting for use of \$2 million in extraordinary RAC funds. All Aye, no opposed, none withheld. Dinah discussed red light camera repeal, and the fact that with the repeal red light camera funds will no longer flow to account 5111. This reduction in funding to account 5111 was accounted for as HB 2048 was passed and percentages considered for what is allocated to 5111 and general revenue funds. Additionally HB 2048 changed the trauma allocation to hospitals to 94%, EMS to 3% (from 2%) and RAC funds to 2% (from 1%). Telemedicine for level IV trauma passed – opportunity to roll out appropriately (rules will be written by DSHS). TETAF needs to do own loop closure on quality, recommended by Dr. Mattox; reviewed stop the bleed and tourniquet use.

Four new members to be added to GETAC – 2 nurses, 2 EMS. Stop the bleed kit: many came into testify to support the bill – passed. Schools will be required to have the kits and training. Dinah thanked those who came into Austin to support the efforts. Ashley recommends everyone meet their representatives and senators, start the relationships now. Janiece suggested start working toward goals for 2021! Eric suggested the lobby team put out the team goals and outlines. Ashley states August 1, 2020 to have TETAF priorities finalized. Advocacy team commented that the Friday update meetings were very helpful during the session. Dudley thanked the lobbyist team for their work.

5) Mrs. Brenda Putz provided an update on TETAF's service line activities.

- Expect to do 10 NICU surveys next fiscal year.
- Maternal surveys – coming in, and with legislative change in designation deadline expect many surveys to be pushed back.
- Trauma level IV – one closed and 2 dropped designation. When hospitals drop designation, then no one is looking at their quality. Telemedicine – working through.
- Perinatal process – follow up surveys for neonatal, only about 20 hospitals have requested a change in date, 6 are in the next fiscal year.
- ACOG – Dr. Toy sits on the Perinatal Advisory Council and is also the ACOG Medical Director. Concerns have been shared with the state. Legal counsel Kevin Reed – still feels like there is a conflict of interest. Dinah sent letter to Dr. Toy and have not gotten a response. It has been shared that other PAC stakeholders and PAC members have the same concern regarding Dr. Toy's conflict. Next step should be to share concern with HHS and even to the Governor if needed. Next TETAF step will be to have Ed Racht talk with Dr. Toy, then Dr. Mattox to mentor. Eric recommends next TETAF steps- approved, seconded by Dr. Mattox. Motion: Dr. Racht to contact Dr. Toy and then work with Dr. Mattox to talk with him and if that is not successful, then Dr. Racht will inform board and then the next steps will be moved up the chain as Kevin outlined. All in favor aye, no opposed, none declined to vote.

6) Education, Texas Perinatal Forum, Tool kit for level 1, TORCH newsletter, and two webinars are in July, AWHONN Frisco, CE Texas Trauma coordinators, Data management online, PQI in Dallas, and one other DTA, NANN, CNE ongoing and CME provider being researched.

7) Dudley setting goals for next governance committee.

8) Survey Verification Committee update – grievance policy and conflict of interest policy. Peyton raised question about non-disclosure. Kevin suggested approval on the proposed document and

come back to table regarding non-disclosure. Motion by Ricky, second by Jeff. All approved aye, no opposed, none not voting.

- 9) Chair for Survey Verification Committee – Kathy Perkins selected by Chair Ed Racht.
- 10) TQIP report – Lori Robb announced Terry Valentino is no longer in the trauma care service line and has resigned his contract position. Lori provided a brief Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Project Collaborative update. Lori recommends a paid facilitator is still needed to move TQIP forward.
- 11) Next meeting agenda, September 24, 2019, Wyndham Garden Hotel Austin
- 12) Open Discussion
- 13) Adjournment
- 14) The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dudley Wait at 7:31 PM.