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DSHS Reviews Feedback for Trauma Resource Document

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) [set a timeline](#) for the process of revising the [current trauma rules, TAC 157.125](#), which were adopted in 2006. The timeline allows for public comments through 2020 with the rules to be effective in April 2021.

DSHS continues to review feedback collected via email and during a trauma system stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, September 10 in Austin. The purpose of the feedback is to expand the information collected in the Trauma Resource Document that has been in progress since 2018 and will be used to revise the current trauma rules.

The resource document was reviewed line-by-line with several areas discussed at length. TETAF will notify you when the DSHS team updates the Trauma Resource Document and makes it available on its website for review and comments.

This meeting was well attended by stakeholders including TETAF's Dinah Welsh and Brenda Putz, TETAF board members, TETAF surveyors, and RAC leaders. Plus, all levels of trauma program managers and registrars, trauma medical directors, and hospital leadership attended the meeting. Additionally, there was representation from the Texas Leadership Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and other interested stakeholders.

Click the button below to view a draft of the modifications discussed during the meeting.

[Review Trauma Resource Documents](#)

Senate Bill 500 Funding Discussions

TETAF and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) leaders held two brainstorming meetings via Zoom in September regarding how best to maximize the \$2 million in "emergency" funds appropriated to trauma and the emergency health care system from Senate Bill (SB) 500.

A survey was shared with RAC leaders to gather ideas for using the funding and to determine whether the dollars should be distributed statewide with a single project focus for all RACs or divided for use by individual RACs.

During the RAC meeting in Austin last month, RAC leaders continued the discussion. TETAF has now sent a second survey to RAC leaders. Those survey results will be scored and then discussed during a Zoom call this month.

Ideas that have been discussed include a statewide trauma patient band tracking program and all RACs to participate in the RAC Data Collaborative.

[SB 500 Funding - Previous Survey Results](#)

Three of Five New Appointees to GETAC Serve with TETAF

Five Texans accept new roles to the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC). Three of the appointees have served in vital positions with TETAF. Governor Greg Abbott appointed Dudley Wait, Jorie Klein, Cassie Campbell, Lucille Maes, and Darrin R. Rudolph to GETAC. Their council duties begin January 1, 2020.



"Our foundation works closely with GETAC and we are pleased that Governor Abbott appointed such an astute group to the council," said Dinah S. Welsh, president and CEO of TETAF. "We look forward to building upon established relationships and cultivating new ones with the appointees."

Dudley Wait, of Schertz, is the current vice chair of the TETAF Board and is the MEDCOM division director for the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC). As a paramedic for the City of Schertz, Wait is filling the newly created paramedic position on GETAC.

Jorie Klein, of Dallas, will fill the new trauma nurse position created on GETAC and she is also the founding chair of the TETAF Board of Directors from 2008 to 2016. Klein then served an additional year as a board member from 2017 to 2018. She also currently serves as a trauma surveyor for TETAF. Klein is senior director of trauma at Parkland Health and Hospital System. She is also an immediate past chair of the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council, where she continued to work with TETAF after serving on the board.

Cassie Campbell, of Salado, is a registered nurse filling a new emergency nurse position on GETAC and is a trauma surveyor for TETAF. She is also the director of nursing trauma and child protection team at Baylor Scott & White McLane's Children's Medical Center.

The governor also appointed Lucille Maes to GETAC. Maes, of Angleton, has a long history of serving as a leader of the East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Advisory Council (RAC) leader and has worked closely with TETAF for many years. Maes fills a newly created position to GETAC as a representative from a stand-alone emergency medical services agency in a municipality or taxing district. She is a member of the Texas EMS Alliance and the American Ambulance Association. She is a former member of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians and National EMS Management Association.

Prior to these appointments, Governor Abbott also appointed Darrin R. Rudolph, of Longview, to fill one of the two general public positions on the council. Rudolph is the owner of Rudy's Transport Services of East Texas and serves as pastor of Greenhill Baptist Church.

For more information about the GETAC appointees, please visit the Governor's news release.



Trauma Leaders Review Trauma Center Data

During the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) meeting held in Austin in September, more than 30 trauma surgeons, trauma program managers, and trauma registrars reviewed the Spring 2019 TQIP Report on trauma center data.

Level I and Level II trauma centers in Texas meet quarterly to review the outcome of the data and then collaborate to identify and share best practices to improve the outcomes for trauma patients in Texas.

Additionally, Garrett Hall, BSN, CSTR presented during the meeting and focused on unplanned return to the OR and unplanned admission to the ICU.

TETAF sponsors this collaborative effort as part of the TETAF mission.

Focused on Trauma Care

TETAF is proud of the focus Texas has on providing the best trauma care every day. There are many days those efforts make the news.

[Memorial Hermann Pearland](#) recently made the [Houston Chronicle](#) for its designation as a Level 4 trauma facility.

Do you have a story to share? We want to hear from hospitals, RACs, and EMS providers. Send it to TETAF's Erin Moore at emoore@tetaf.org.

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Next Perinatal Forum - October 28

Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) hosts its next Perinatal Forum on Monday, October 28 at 11 a.m. The topic will be, "Lessons Learned from a Level II Maternal Care Survey." If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact [Carla Rider](#) to register.



Upcoming Events

Did you know that you can share your organization's trauma and emergency health care related events on the TETAF website? Visit our [calendar of events page](#) to [submit your event](#).

October 11 - [Implementing Perinatal Quality Improvement](#)

[Conference](#)

November 12 - [Perinatal Advisory Council \(PAC\) meeting](#)

November 24-27 - [Texas EMS Conference](#)

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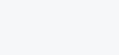
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