



## JANUARY 2020

### From the CEO: A Sharp Vision for 2020



We made tremendous strides in trauma and stroke care and experienced remarkable growth in our first decade as an organization. That growth includes the addition of our division, Texas Perinatal Services, and providing unmatched experience in Texas maternal and neonatal levels of care verification surveys.

As we move forward to the next decade for TETAF and to the 20s on the calendar, we have a greater focus on what needs to be accomplished. This includes continuing efforts to finalize funding from Senate Bill (SB) 500, following [recommendations made to SB 749](#), taking part in discussions with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and others regarding the draft of the [Trauma Resource Document](#), and working with legislators during the interim on several trauma and maternal care issues. These efforts are in addition to the ongoing requests to schedule verification surveys. During the current designation cycle, TETAF surveyed about 80% of NICUs in Texas. We are proud of the work that has been done and our team is ready for the needs ahead of us in 2020.

We look forward to working with all of you in this new year and we're excited about what can be accomplished in trauma, stroke, maternal, and neonatal care in Texas in 2020.

Regards,  
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## Welcome the 2020 TETAF Board of Directors

During the December 12 General Assembly meeting, six nominees were elected to the 2020 TETAF Board of Directors with terms that will expire in 2022. The General Assembly voted to select from the entire slate of 13 nominees with the six highest votes elected to the Board, with the recommendation of selecting at least three nominees from the perinatal group of candidates.

The individuals elected to the TETAF Board of Directors are:

- Jeff Beeson, DO, RN
- Wanda Helgesen, RN, MSN
- Lisa Hutchins, RN-NIC
- Kenneth Mattox, MD
- Kate Schaefer, RN, CEN, NREMT
- David Weisoly, DO

Jeff Beeson, Wanda Helgesen, and Kenneth Mattox will return to the TETAF Board for another term.

New to the TETAF Board of Directors are Lisa Hutchins, David Weisoly, and Kate Schaefer.

With 35 years of maternal child health experience in all levels of care, Lisa Hutchins is currently the assistant chief nursing officer at The Woman's Hospital of Texas. She is a neonatal and maternal care surveyor for TETAF and serves on the perinatal committee for the Southeast Texas RAC (SETRAC).

Kate Schaefer is the trauma program manager and emergency department director at Childress Regional Medical Center. She has also worked as an EMT and flight nurse. In 2016, Kate was named a Texas Nurses Association Great Nurse honoree.

As a nationally-known educator in neonatal medicine, Dr. David Weisoly serves in a variety of roles including as the neonatal ICU medical director at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands. Dr. Weisoly is also the medical director of a large neonatal and maternal-fetal multispecialty practice, founder and director of the Houston Area QI Collaborative, and serves as perinatal chair for the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC).

These individuals will join other members of the board that include:

- Scott Christopher, BBA, BSN, RN, LP
- Eric Epley, CEM
- Nilda Garcia, MD
- Angela Gentry, BSN, RN, TCRN
- Kathy Perkins, RN, MBA
- Edward Racht, MD
- Ricky Reeves, EMT-P
- Craig Rhyne, MD
- Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-LP
- Dudley Wait, EMT-P
- Peyton Ware, BBA

TETAF would like to thank our departing board members Darrell Pile, MHA; Lori Robb, BSN, RN, TCRN; and Donald Jenkins, MD for their years of commitment and service to the TETAF Board of Directors.

The TETAF Board of Directors will hold a strategy meeting at the end of the month and the Board will elect new officers during that meeting.

## TETAF Bylaws Revised

The TETAF General Assembly approved revisions during the December meeting to the TETAF Bylaws. These revisions include:

- In the election for the chair of the General Assembly, the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected to the office regardless of whether the candidate receives a majority of the votes. A runoff election shall be held only in the event of a tie with only the candidates involved in the tie being on the ballot in the runoff election.
- Members of the TETAF Board of Directors who have served one-year or two-year terms to begin staggered terms may serve an additional two full three-year terms and the shorter term is not be considered in determining term limits.
- The TETAF Board of Directors will now elect officers every other year during the first meeting of the year, instead of the last meeting of the year.
- Any member of the TETAF Board of Directors who is elected as an officer, but not eligible to serve as a board member for the full officer term can serve out the full officer term and serve as a board member with vote until the end of the officer term. This person can be counted in any quorum but not counted as one of the 17 members to be elected by the General Assembly.

The revised TETAF Bylaws can be viewed by clicking on the button below.



## REMINDER: Uncompensated Trauma Care Funding Applications Due in February



A reminder from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of EMS and Trauma Systems (OEMS/TS) that the [Uncompensated Trauma Care Funding applications](#) needed to apply for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 funding are due February 28, 2020.

The application information was emailed to all designated and "in active pursuit" hospitals with emailed copies provided to the Trauma Coordinator/Trauma Program Manager.

Included in the application is additional information and eligibility requirements regarding Senate Bill (SB) 500 funds available for rural hospitals and hospitals affected by Hurricane Harvey.

## 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.



For example, the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) was mentioned in a [WFAA-TV story](#) for its efforts providing Stop the Bleed kits. (*Editor's note: The article incorrectly mentions NTRAC, but TETAF verified the correct RAC is NCTTRAC.*)

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](mailto:emoore@tetaf.org).



## 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](#).

February 19-21 - [Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council](#)

(GETAC) meeting

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