



**TETAF Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
The Westin Austin at The Domain
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Jeff Beeson, D.O.
Scott Christopher, BBA, BSN, RN, LP
Angela Gentry, RN, MSN, TCRN
Wanda Helgesen, RN, MSN
Kathy Perkins, RN, MBA
Edward Racht, M.D.
Ricky Reeves, EMT-P
Craig Rhyne, M.D.
Kate Schaefer, RN, CEN, NREMT
Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-LP
David Weisoly, D.O. (Via Zoom)

Absent: Eric Epley, CEM
Nilda Garcia, M.D.
Lisa Hutchins, RN-NIC
Kenneth Mattox, M.D.
Dudley Wait, EMT-P
Peyton Ware, BBA

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

TETAF Contractors: Kevin Reed, attorney, and Ashley Morgan, contract lobbyist

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Craig Rhyne, M.D., chair. Dr. Rhyne welcomed the new TETAF Board members and Dinah Welsh, president and CEO, recognized outgoing TETAF Board members.
- 2) **Approval of January 30, 2020 TETAF Board Minutes** – Danny Updike made a motion to approve the minutes and Ricky Reeves seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3) **Review and Approval of November and December Financials** – Kathy Perkins, treasurer, stated she will provide an overview of the financials at the next TETAF Board of Directors meeting in May.
- 4) **TETAF Committee Appointment Process** – Dinah S. Welsh, president and CEO, provided an update on the application process for TETAF committees. Welsh advised everyone that if they have interest in serving on a committee to apply. She explained the unique time demands for the Advocacy Committee with the next legislative session coming up in months. Welsh explained that the chairs of the Governance Committee and Finance Committee are automatically filled by the TETAF Board of Directors Vice Chair, Dudley

Wait (Governance Committee) and by TETAF Board of Directors Treasurer, Kathy Perkins (Finance Committee). Welsh said an announcement would be made in the next month regarding committee member selections.

- 5) **State Legislative Update** – Ashley Morgan, TETAF contract lobbyist, informed everyone about all of the changes coming up with a new appropriations chair, elections, and a new House Speaker. She stated that the advocacy team is ready to work with those in place and will keep communication going with those the advocacy team has established relationships. Morgan said they will work for more money but will also make sure they maintain what was established during the last legislative session. She said redistricting will take up time during the session. Dinah Welsh reminded everyone that the percentage increase through repealing the Driver Responsibility Program is significant for the RACs and EMS and commended the advocacy committee for their hard work making that happen. Morgan added that currently the advocacy team is monitoring discussions and more action will happen after March.
- 6) **TETAF Update** – Dinah Welsh provided an update on the Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meeting locations. Welsh stated that the meeting will be held at the Omni in May and then possibly back at the Westin at the Domain in August, due to pricing at the Westin in May. The TETAF Board has committed to sponsoring the GETAC meetings this year. Welsh said feedback on this is welcome and she thank the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) for saving TETAF money by providing the AV equipment and STRAC employees for setting it up for this meeting. Brenda Putz, vice president of operations for TETAF, said the survey teams are busy, but there have been a few challenges with CHOWS and system mergers. Putz added that maternal surveys are increasing. Putz added that TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services will begin conducting quality calls after surveys for feedback. Christine Reeves with CTRAC and HOTRAC said some RAC members are attending surveys and asked if RAC executive directors could be added to the valuation. Putz added that Texas Perinatal Services was asked to provide input and help rewrite the SB 749 recommendations during the March 24 Perinatal Advisory Council meeting. Putz stated that a letter that TETAF sent to the Perinatal Advisory Council prompted the invite. She added that TETAF is looking for additional surgeon surveyors and that TETAF is beta testing out-of-state surveyors to potentially help increase the cache of surveyors.
- 7) **Closing Matters and Next Meeting Agenda** – Dr. Craig Rhyne addressed the time change of meetings with the executive meeting to be held prior and for the board meetings to move to 4:00 p.m. to allow those who need to travel back that evening more time and prevent a night’s stay. Lori Robb, with the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum, said that time should allow for 45 minutes to an hour between their meeting and TETAF’s meeting. No one had any objections.
- 8) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.