



## JUNE 2020

### From the CEO: Shaping Our Future



We are almost half way through this leap year and none of us knew on January 1 that we would start the month of June rearranging our plans for the remainder of 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to change how we plan for our future.

Last month, TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services started surveys again, and June looks to be a busy month with rescheduled surveys and those that were already scheduled. I am thrilled to say that TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services has exceeded its goal of contracts for maternal care surveys.

We continue to keep our hospitals and surveyors in mind during the survey rescheduling process. If the hospital chooses to move forward, we then provide the surveyors an opportunity to accept the schedule or not. Our surveyors and staff are following all universal precautions and we greatly appreciate the work they are doing during this time.

The pandemic has also led to delays of interim committee hearings and even without the hearings there is no doubt that the legislature is already recognizing the budget challenges that lie ahead. TETAF continues to visit with legislators and with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to discuss the needs of trauma, emergency, stroke, neonatal, and maternal care systems in Texas.

Additionally, our TETAF Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting in May via Zoom before dozens of our stakeholders who joined the virtual meeting. Using Zoom gave TETAF the opportunity to share our work with those who would otherwise be unable to attend an in-person meeting in Austin.

We are here to help all of you with any challenges you are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether it is advocating those needs on the political forefront or our team can assist in other ways, it is important that we support each other through this crisis.

Regards,  
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### GETAC Update

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) will host a virtual meeting on Friday, August 21 in place of the August meetings that were to be held in Austin.

Details for this meeting are still in discussion and will be shared once more information is available.



### Texas EMS Conference

The 35th Annual Texas EMS Conference will be held November 22-25 in Fort Worth. Early bird registration is available until July 31.

[Register for the Texas EMS Conference](#)

### COVID-19 Response by the Regional Advisory Councils

The Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) across Texas have all responded to needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is a glimpse of the work by some of the RACs:

**North Central Texas Trauma RAC (NCTTRAC)** - CBS 11 Dallas/Fort Worth - [Stay-At-Home Orders Effective in Tarrant County, But Coming Weeks Critical](#)

**Border RAC** - KTSM-TV (NBC) El Paso - [City of El Paso Works to Combat N95 Mask Shortages Through Innovative Methods](#)

**Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC)** - [City of Rio Grande City Facebook post thanking CBRAC for face shields, respirators, masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.](#)

**Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC)** - [Chambers County Emergency Management Facebook post thanking for PPE.](#)

### Virtual Trauma Program Manager Course



The American Trauma Society will host a Virtual Learning: Trauma Program Manager Course July 18-19. There are member and non-member rates. Space is limited to 20 people per course.

[Register for the Virtual Trauma Program Manager Course](#)



### TETAF Resources

The American Burn Association (ABA) released its National Burn Repository 2019 Update with a Report of Data From 2009-2018.

You can view this and many more trauma, EMS, NICU, pediatric, geriatric, and acute care resources on the TETAF Resources page. We have also included a COVID-19 resource section with a variety of materials to reference during the pandemic.

[View the TETAF Resources Page](#)

### Perinatal Advisory Council - June 16

The next Perinatal Advisory Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be virtual. More details will be announced soon on the [Texas Health and Human Services website](#).

### Next Perinatal Forum: June 24

TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) hosts its next Perinatal Forum on June 24 at 11:00 a.m. The topic will be team communication.



### Texas Perinatal Services

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Texas EMS Trauma &  
Acute Care Foundation

If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact [Carla Rider](#) to register.

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