**AUGUST 2020**

**From the CEO: August 17, 2020**

As we move forward with preparations for the upcoming fall conference and other engagements, we continue to work hard to get hospitals that needed to reschedule due to COVID-19 back on track. We also hosted our first virtual surveyor training event in July, and we are planning for more of those in the coming months.

Our staff and surveyors have conducted surveys for our hospital partners on a case-by-case basis, and we have worked hard to get hospitals that needed to reschedule due to COVID-19 back on track. This has been a time of adjustment, learning, and growth. It is hard to believe it has been about five months since all of our lives began to change.

I appreciate all of you who took the time to complete our recent COVID-19 Impact Survey which will give us additional insight into the evolving needs of trauma, critical care, and emergency health care during this crisis.

We are excited to announce that Kerri Reeves joins our team this month as a survey assistant and as an administrative clerk in the Labor and Delivery Unit at St. David's HealthCare in Austin. We look forward to welcoming Kerri to the TETAF team!

**For more information or to contact the organization, please visit the TETAF program best practices, program implementation, community partnerships, and networking course August 15-16. This course will provide a comprehensive overview of trauma care and related acute care at civilian trauma centers.**

The American Trauma Society (ATS) will host a 2-day virtual Trauma Program Manager Course August 15-16. This course will provide a comprehensive overview of trauma care and related acute care at civilian trauma centers.

**TETAF Quarterly Board Meeting**

Join us in welcoming Kerri to the TETAF team!

**Emergency Service Dogs, Inc.**

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**Texas Department of State Health Services**

Vital statistics are important to the health of the people of Texas. They assist in the early detection of trends, and in the formulation, evaluation, and monitoring of public health programs and policies and coordinated with health-related consumer protection, and provide data on the distribution of causes of death and major diseases, and the population served.

**Governor Appoints Five and Names Chair to GETAC**

Welsh, was named to TCAA's Advocacy Committee.

**Funding of the Mission Zero Act grant program was a top federal priority of the Trauma Care Act (MISSION ZERO) Act requires the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to make grants to states and local entities to establish a trauma care system that provides: trauma centers; trauma services; trauma system infrastructure; trauma survival strategies; trauma systems of care; trauma systems of care infrastructure; trauma education and training; trauma systems of care infrastructure; trauma education and training; and trauma systems of care infrastructure.**

Representatives approved by the U.S. House of Representatives in August Ahead

**GETAC Third Quarter Meeting will be Virtual**

The quarterly meeting for the TETAF Board of Directors is scheduled for August 21 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually. Anyone who would like to join the virtual meeting should register through the link below.

**Seeks Public Input**

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) is seeking input on public health program funding for the 2022-2023 biennium through an Electronic Survey System. All information received will be posted on the Texas House, Texas Legislature, and Texas Legislative Information System websites. Anyone who would like to provide input must submit the feedback in a Word or PDF document no longer than five pages to appropriations@house.texas.gov. In the email, please include your contact information.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges in holding public hearings during this crisis. TETAF works hard to conduct business safely during this time that include website updates and some online engagement. From the CEO:

**About us**

Healy Campbell, Mike Clements, Brian J. Eastridge, M.D., and Darrin R. Rudolph to the Chair to GETAC

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