

May 2021

From the CEO: The Final Stretch



In the months ahead, there are chapters coming to a close. We have entered the final month of the 87th Legislative Session and the final weeks will be jam packed with activity. The next few months will also be filled as we conclude the maternal designation cycle that ends in August. We are grateful to have this activity that we did not have at this time last year.

The state budget is now headed to a conference committee and the TETAF Advocacy team continues its work to level funding for the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and EMS. Additionally, there are many bills we are working on with legislators to ensure they will help our trauma, emergency care, and perinatal systems.

We are still on track to survey 80% of the maternal hospitals designated in Texas by the end of this cycle. I believe this is worth mentioning again because it takes tremendous work and earning the respect from our hospital partners to accomplish this. I am proud of our team and the exemplary work they do.

Lastly, it is important to recognize that May is a month filled with recognitions that include National Trauma Awareness Month, Stroke Awareness Month, Stop the Bleed Month, Nurses Month, EMS Week, and National Hospital Week. We will be sharing helpful information for all of these recognitions on our social media pages.

We are grateful for all of you who are answering the call to ensure we have a strong trauma and emergency health care system for Texas.

Thank you for all you do.

Stay well,

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87th Legislative Session

The House and Senate have passed their versions of the budget, but did not agree to concur, and it will now go to a conference committee to work out any differences between the two versions of Senate Bill (SB) 1. The Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and EMS are at level funding in the Senate version of SB 1 and the funding is still in Article 11 as pending plus in the House. The TETAF Advocacy team has worked hard all during the legislative session to ensure funding is maintained for the RACs and EMS, including developing a rider to level funding for EMS and RACs.

Additionally, the EMTF rider is in the Senate version of SB 1 and is in Article X1 in the House version of SB 1. The TETAF Advocacy team is working to ensure that it is funded and the \$10 million in federal funds is new money and not being pulled from other sources.

Deadlines are quickly approaching and May 13 is the last day for a second reading of bills in the House.

TETAF is working with legislators on several bills focused on the RACs, trauma care, and perinatal care. We invite you to join our Legislative Workgroup meetings are held every Friday from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. CST. through the legislative session. If you have not yet registered to attend one or all of our weekly calls, we invite you to register via the button below.

[Register for the TETAF Legislative Workgroup Meetings](#)

GETAC Quarterly Meeting

The rescheduled quarterly meeting of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meeting was held on Friday, April 9.

The Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Rule 157.123 regarding RAC requirements and Trauma Rule 157.125 are open for revision. Stakeholder comments will be accepted through the GETAC quarterly and council meetings. The revisions for the Trauma Service Area (TSA) 157.122 Rule and Stroke Rule 157.133 are with the Rule Coordination Office and public comments have been integrated.

If you were not able to attend the virtual meeting on April 9, you can [view the meeting here](#).

The second quarter meeting will be virtual on June 18, 2021.



Jennifer Anderson Joins TETAF Team

The TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services team continues to grow. We are pleased to introduce Jennifer Anderson as our business administrator. Jennifer brings more than a decade of nonprofit business administration experience.

Welcome to the TETAF team Jennifer!



May is National Trauma Awareness Month

Injury is the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 1 to 44 years old representing 59 percent of all death in the United States. Knowing methods to prevent traumatic injury is key to improving statistics like this.

May is [National Trauma Awareness Month](#) and this year's theme is, "Safe and Secure: Safety is a Choice, Prevention is Key." All month, TETAF will share helpful prevention information on our social media pages.

Stroke Awareness Month in May

May is also Stroke Awareness Month. About 80 percent of strokes are preventable and knowing the signs of a stroke can make a life-saving difference. As we recognize National Trauma Awareness Month, TETAF will also share important information on stroke prevention and care during May. Additionally, it is also [National Blood Pressure Education Month](#).

Learn more about stroke awareness on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).



Stop the Bleed Month and Day

May is [Stop the Bleed Month](#) and May 20 is Stop the Bleed Day nationwide.

Additionally, Governor Greg Abbott will recognize May 20 as Stop the Bleed Day in Texas.

Significant strides have been made in prevention in the last two years. During the 86th Texas Legislative Session, House Bill (HB) 496 was passed which mandated bleeding control kits in every

school and requiring all Texas public and charter school personnel to participate in Stop the Bleed training.

More than 1 million people have completed a Stop the Bleed course. Check with your Regional Advisory Council (RAC) to find out more about courses in your area.

EMS STRONG

This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities

EMS Week is May 16-22

National EMS Week is May 16-22, 2021. In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the life-saving roles they have in our communities.

This year's theme is, "This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities."

Learn more on the [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians website](#).

May is Nurses Month

This year's theme for Nurses Month is, "Nurses Make a Difference." Nurses Month will once again coincide with the Year of the Nurse.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) Enterprise extended the [Year of the Nurse and Midwife](#) into 2021 because of the impact of the pandemic.

Learn more about Nurses Month on the [American Nurses Association website](#).



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In the Spotlight

Whether it is the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) or our hospital partners, we are proud to see these organizations and individuals in the spotlight for their efforts in trauma care:

[Amarillo hospitals demobilizing RAC nursing staff](#)

[The Hospitals of Providence holding special events for Stroke Awareness Month](#)



Mark Your Calendar

[Trauma Registry Professionals Day](#) - May 5

[National Hospital Week](#) - May 9-15

[Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke meeting](#) - May 14

[Texas TQIP meeting](#) - May 18

[Stop the Bleed Day](#) - May 20

[GETAC quarterly meeting](#) - June 18 (New date)

[TETAF Board of Directors meeting](#) - June 22

[Perinatal Advisory Council](#) - June 23

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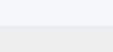
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