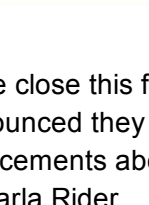
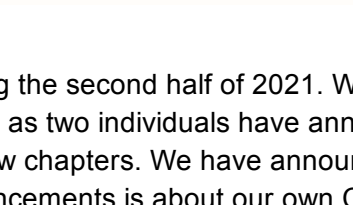


July 2021

From the CEO: Starting a New Chapter



It is hard to believe we are beginning the second half of 2021. We close this first half of the year with mixed emotions as two individuals have announced they are departing their roles and starting new chapters. We have announcements about both below, but one of those announcements is about our own Carla Rider.

Maternal and neonatal care is stronger in Texas thanks to Carla's expertise and devoted work. When Carla joined the TETAF team to lead our perinatal division, she did much more than manage maternal and neonatal surveys. She embraced her role and fueled by her passion for perinatal care, Carla developed educational opportunities to help our hospital partners achieve their goals, which ultimately resulted in better patient care for mothers and babies. Carla, thank you for your years of hard work, many miles of traveling, and for sharing our mission. You will certainly be missed. We wish you continued success.

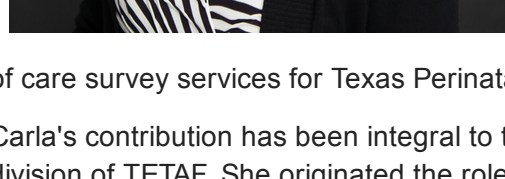
This month, Garrett Hall with Texas TQIP also departs his role and his announcement is also included below. Garrett has been a tremendous asset to TETAF and the trauma industry in Texas.

July will be a busy month as the TETAF Advocacy team prepares for an upcoming special session in the fall. While there will be a special session beginning next week, it is not anticipated that there will be any discussion related to trauma care, emergency care and response, perinatal care, or the budget. TETAF will closely monitor this special session should there be any changes. However, TETAF is preparing to look for any potential opportunities from federal funding during the second special session that has yet to be officially announced.

I am grateful of the work that so many of you do and how we all share the same mission to ensure a strong trauma and emergency health care system. Thank you to all of you and a heartfelt thank you again to Carla for everything she has done to strengthen perinatal care.

Stay well,

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Carla Rider to Depart from TETAF, Leaves Mark in Perinatal Care

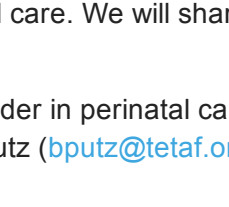
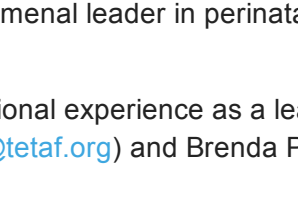
Many of our hospital partners and others may recall when Carla Rider, DNP, MSN, MBA, RNC-LRN, began her work with TETAF as a neonatal surveyor. Later, she joined the team full-time to lead the direction of maternal and neonatal levels

of care survey services for Texas Perinatal Services.

Carla's contribution has been integral to the success of the perinatal services division of TETAF. She originated the role as perinatal program director and her leadership efforts have greatly supported the TETAF mission of providing quality maternal and neonatal care. Through her efforts, Texas Perinatal Services surveys more hospitals in Texas than any other surveying entity. Most recently, as the maternal designation cycle concluded, Texas Perinatal Services surveyed 80% of the maternal hospitals designated in Texas. Carla also launched educational efforts to help hospital partners prepare for surveys, such as the Texas Perinatal Forum and the Texas Perinatal Services Virtual Library.

Texas Perinatal Services wishes Carla all the best as she leaves her role as perinatal program director for TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services in July. Carla has certainly left her mark in improving care for mothers and babies in Texas. Please join us in thanking Carla for a job well done with TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services.

The Next Chapter in Perinatal Care at TETAF



With the departure of Carla Rider, TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services will conduct an extensive search for our next phenomenal leader in perinatal care. We will share more details soon about this role.

If you know anyone who has exceptional experience as a leader in perinatal care, please email Dinah Welsh (dwelsh@tetaf.org) and Brenda Putz (bputz@tetaf.org).

Become a TETAF Trauma Surveyor

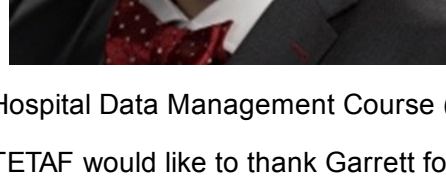
TETAF is seeking trauma surgeons and nurses who are interested in joining our team of experienced surveyors in providing survey services for Texas Level III and Level IV trauma centers.

Training consists of 8 hours of didactics and additional skills training with the TETAF Medical Record Review Tools and our Survey Report Tools. This classroom training in September includes review of the TETAF survey process, survey tools, and a review of the Texas Administrative Code.

TETAF trauma surveyor interns are required to complete two observation surveys with experienced trauma surveyors.

If you are interested in becoming a trauma surveyor, please review the requirements included with the application document and then **submit an application for consideration by July 7**. Please download the application linked below and once completed, email the application to bputz@tetaf.org.

[Apply to Become a TETAF Trauma Surveyor](#)



Garrett Hall to Leave Texas TQIP

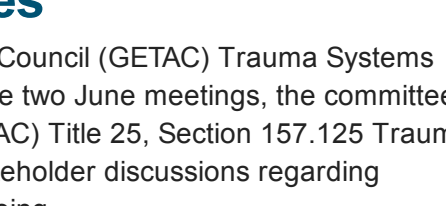
Garrett Hall, BSN, RN, CSTR, CAISS, steps away this month from his role as the Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) collaborative coordinator to relocate to Maryland. Garrett was most recently the director for registry programs with ESO.

Garrett has also served in a variety of other trauma and data roles across Texas. He has also served as the lead for the TETAF

Hospital Data Management Course (HDMC).

TETAF would like to thank Garrett for his tremendous contributions to improving trauma care in Texas and we wish him the best in Maryland.

Texas TQIP Meeting in August



The Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) collaborative will hold its next meeting on August 17, 2021. You can learn more about Texas TQIP at <https://tetaf.org/tx-tqip-about/>.

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Trauma Systems Committee Discusses Trauma Rules

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Trauma Systems Committee meets again on July 9. During the two June meetings, the committee discussed the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 25, Section 157.125 Trauma Facility Designation Requirements. The stakeholder discussions regarding revisions began in 2011 and have been ongoing.

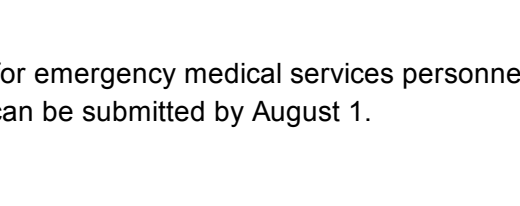
Additionally, the committee held a workgroup meeting on June 23 in San Antonio. TETAF vice president of operations, Brenda Putz, attended the meeting.

The rule revisions are in progress. If you would like to participate in the next Trauma Systems Committee meeting on **July 9 at 3:00 p.m. CST**, it will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. You can [register to join the meeting here](#).

Upcoming GETAC Meetings

The next Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meeting will be September 17, 2021 and it will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. The final quarterly meeting of the year for GETAC will be an in-person meeting November 20-22, 2021 in conjunction with the Texas EMS Conference. More details about these meetings can be found on the [GETAC webpage](#).

COVID Impact on Trauma Centers Study



The Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) is conducting a follow-up study to reassess how the COVID-19 pandemic currently affects trauma centers.

Congress continues to rollout funding opportunities in response to the pandemic and TCAA is exploring opportunities to advocate for funding specifically for trauma centers. This study examines the impact of COVID-19 on the clinical, operational and financial components of trauma centers. Data collected will direct future discussions and specific asks of Congress.

This data is time sensitive and the study **must be completed by July 12, 2021**.

[TCAA Covid Impact on Trauma Centers Study](#)

TETAF Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting



The next quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors will be held on **September 9, 2021**. Save the date and look for more details to be announced in our upcoming newsletters.



TETAF Advocacy Report

TETAF recently released its TETAF Advocacy Report: 87th Texas Legislative Session. This report is a compilation of TETAF's role and efforts during the recent legislative session and the advocacy work TETAF does throughout the year.

The report can be viewed and downloaded at any time on the [TETAF advocacy webpage](#).

STOP THE BLEED™ Training Kit Grant Recipients

Congratulations to all recipients of the Stop the Bleed Training Kit Grant including The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School, Longhorn Stop the Bleed organization. View a [complete list of all recipients here](#).

In The TETAF Spot light

We are proud to see these organizations and individuals in the spotlight for their efforts:

- [All hospitals in Texas required to have emergency generators in case of power outages](#)
- [Driscoll Children's Hospital giving away device to prevent hot car deaths](#)
- [As Fort Bend County population grows, trauma care remains at basic level](#)

