



**TETAF Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call  
Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. CDT  
Meeting Minutes**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The conference call meeting was called to order by Dr. Brian Eastridge at 2:35 p.m.

**2. Board Member Roll Call – Dinah Welsh**

Present:	Scott Christopher	Absent:	Courtney Edwards
	Brian Eastridge		Lisa Hutchison
	Raj Gandhi		Kathy Rodgers
	Robin Garza		Lori Vinson
	Jim Parisi		
	Lisa Price		
	Ricky Reeves		
	Craig Rhyne		
	Bobby Saunders		
	Dudley Wait		
	Hilary Watt		

A Quorum is established at the opening of the meeting.

Dinah Welsh, Brenda Putz and Courtney DeBower were also in attendance.

There were no affiliate members recognized being in attendance.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on Governance Proposal**

Ms. Dinah Welsh opened with TETAF has received a second proposal proposal for \$125,000 from Orlikoff & Associates. The original proposal from Integrated Healthcare Strategies (IHS) was for \$53,500. The Board was informed that both groups have a lot of experience, both have worked with similar groups like TETAF. Ms. Welsh stated that Jamie Orlikoff shared that some of the challenges laid out by TETAF are similar to those of other groups he has worked with. Ms. Welsh commented that IHS performed a lot of research before submitting their proposal and submitted a thorough proposal. They have expressed a lot of interest in working with us and have followed up multiple times. There was concern voiced that Orlikoff may not have the same time available to us. Dr. Eastridge shared that there may not be enough value added to justify the higher price from Orlikoff. Dr. Rhyne reported that his organization has worked with Integrated Healthcare Strategies for the past 5 years and stated he has had positive experiences. Mr. Dudley Wait moved that TETAF secure the services of IHS, which was provided a second by Dr. Raj Gandhi. There was no opposition voiced to the motion. Mr. Wait proposed a reorganization committee be created to work with IHS for validity of process and ability to decrease workload of staff. Ms. Welsh suggested a call between the Board and IHS to discuss moving forward and how best the Board or a reorganization committee could support the process. All agreed that the staff of TETAF should be protected and ensure the process is seen as a project of the board, not a staff-led process. It was also unanimously agreed that TETAF move quickly and arrange something in the next few days.

#### **4. TETAF Legislative Update**

Ms. Welsh shared an update on the legislature, and reported that the House is considering their budget today. She stated the RAC rider is still in play. Ms. Welsh commented that TETAF's biggest concern is that we're at the point in the session when people are looking desperately for any pool of funding available. She emphasized that we need to protect what we already have. The Board members were informed that yesterday, Dr. Gandhi and a trauma patient from Houston traveled to the Capitol to testify on the Driver Responsibility Program and the trauma funding it provides. Ms. Welsh stated that HB 1407 was also heard this week. This bill would use \$1 from the state traffic fine to create a new fund for Local Project Grants and rural EMS education. She commented that discussions continue on SB1224, Senator Miles' stroke bill. This bill has not been set for a hearing. And finally, HB1148, the RAC administrative cooperative bill has passed the House and is waiting to be referred to committee in the Senate.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Jim Parisi and Ms. Welsh informed the Board members that the financial reports will be covered in detail during the May 2017 meeting. The Board was informed that the NICU survey fees are starting to come in. Ms. Welsh also commented that RAC subscription fees are in from all RACs except four.

#### **6. Secretary's Report**

Mr. Scott Christopher laid out the February 10, 2017 draft minutes for consideration. Mr. Ricky Reeves made the motion to pass these minutes as presented. Dr. Craig Rhyne provided a second for the motion. There was no further discussion. There was no opposition to the motion.

#### **7. Open Discussion**

There was no additional topics discussed.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Brian Eastridge at 3:02 p.m.

***Courtney DeBower***  
***Scott Christopher, Secretary***