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## Save-the-Date: Trauma & Emergency Healthcare Day at the Capitol & GETAC 2017

The 2017 Trauma & Emergency Healthcare Day at the Capitol will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 21, prior to the start of the Feb. GETAC meetings. Advocates from throughout the state are invited to Austin to meet with lawmakers and share their first-hand knowledge of the lifesaving Texas Trauma & Emergency Healthcare System. Please plan to attend this important advocacy opportunity. Registration will be available soon. Contact Courtney DeBower with any [questions](#).

2017 GETAC Meetings have been scheduled for:

Feb. 22-24 (Austin)

May 10-12 (Austin)

Aug. 16-18 (Austin)

Nov. 18-20 (Fort Worth)

Other important upcoming dates include:

Tuesday, Nov. 8 - Election Day

Monday, Nov. 14 - Pre-Filing of Bills for 2017 Legislative Session Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Start of 2017 Legislative Session



*2015 Trauma & Emergency Healthcare Day at the Capitol attendees with Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.*

## **TETAF Invites RACs to Host “Legislator Lunches”**

As we near the 2017 legislative session, TETAF encourages each RAC to meet with their local state lawmakers and has created a “Legislator Lunch” package which will be made available shortly after the election. The package contains numerous resources, including an updated list of all state senators and state representatives by RAC.

The “Legislator Lunch” is intended to be an informal opportunity to educate lawmakers on the trauma and emergency healthcare system, what a RAC is, their role in the community and the needs of both the RAC and the system. Remember, lawmakers meet with a large and diverse constituency, and may require multiple interactions with a RAC to develop a good understanding of their responsibilities and needs!

TETAF encourages each RAC to look at their calendars ASAP and save 2-3 dates that work for their leadership in early December or early January. If hosting the event in January, Fridays are recommended, as lawmakers are more likely to be back in the district. Allow an hour and a half for the meeting and lunch.

In addition, the TETAF Legislative Workgroup continues to meet regularly via conference call, with occasional in-person strategy sessions. The main mission of the workgroup is to prepare stakeholders to advocate for the legislative priorities recommended by the workgroup and approved by the TETAF Board of Directors. The workgroup is also an excellent opportunity to brainstorm with other stakeholders about individual priorities. To join the workgroup, contact [Courtney DeBower](#).

## November General Meeting to Take Place in Dallas

## **During GETAC/Texas EMS Conference**

The November TETAF general meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 20, in Dallas. The meeting will take place in the same room as the day's GETAC meetings, at approximately 5:30 p.m. An agenda will be provided on the TETAF website prior to the meeting.

### **TETAF Quarterly General Meeting**

**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016**

**Hyatt Regency**

**300 Reunion Blvd**

**Dallas, TX**

**5:30 pm**

Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend. Please contact [Courtney DeBower](#) with any questions.

## **Associate Commissioner Kathy Perkins to Retire, TETAF Thankful for Her Service**

Department of State Health Services Associate Commissioner, Division for Regulatory Services, Kathy Perkins has announced her retirement effective November 30, 2016. In her 27+ years working for the state, Ms. Perkins has worked tirelessly to support and advocate for the trauma and emergency healthcare system.

"Kathy's legacy will long be felt and her shoes will be impossible to fill," said TETAF CEO Dinah Welsh. "She has truly made a difference in the lives of so many Texans."

In her announcement, Ms. Perkins encouraged all of her colleagues to "continue the great work that you are doing and the advocacy for public health. What we do for the citizens and visitors of this state every day is often unrecognized or not appreciated, but we know in our hearts that it is truly important."

Ms. Perkins is a friend and colleague to many and will be missed greatly by the TETAF community.



*DSHS Associate Commissioner Kathy Perkins will retire Nov. 30.*

## **Texas Perinatal Services Update**

TETAF welcomed 25 highly qualified neonatal physicians and nurses to the Texas Perinatal Services Program surveyor training on Oct. 10 and 11. Attendees were welcomed by TETAF CEO Dinah Welsh

and Perinatal Program staff Brenda Putz, Holly White and Kathy Clayton reviewed TETAF requirements, expectations and the roles and responsibilities of the TETAF surveyor.

TETAF was also joined by Texas Department of State Health Services staff Jane Guerrero and Elizabeth Stevenson, who provided an in depth review of the TAC 133.181-190 with lengthy discussions on the determination of compliancy to the defined criteria in the rule. The surveyors received 12 hours of in class training.

TETAF would like to thank St. David's Medical Center South for hosting the course and catering the event.

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TETAF is hiring a full-time RN position to join the TETAF Survey Service Line. Under the direction of the TETAF Director, the Perinatal Program Manager will support TETAF in the further development and maintenance of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) survey process, the Maternal Child (MATCH) survey process as defined by the rule and the education service line as it pertains to NICU and MATCH education and/or program development.

More information and a list of job requirements is available [online](#). Resumes may be sent to [Brenda Putz](#).

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TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services Program is excited to announce that we have started scheduling



surveys for 2017. Kathy Clayton and Kim Dally are working diligently to ensure your survey is scheduled as soon as possible. Look for communications from this team soon as they coordinate and schedule your hospital survey.



**Texas Perinatal Services**

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## ENA Mandated TNCC/ENPC Instructor Updates

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) recently released newly updated administrative procedures, effective Sept. 1, 2016. To locate the new document, go to the [ENA home page](#), hover over the purple Education tab, and click on ENPC/TNCC in the dropdown menu. Then choose either ENPC Administration or TNCC Administration from the menu on the top right of this landing page. You will find the new administrative procedures posted at the top of both pages.

Just below the new administrative procedures is a document called “Key Changes and Clarifications” which explains the changes and clarifications that have been made in the new procedures. This is not intended to substitute reading the entire document, but to help bring important information to your attention.

All faculty, course directors and instructors are required to review the new administrative procedures.

Posted below the newly updated administrative procedures, you will find a link called “Click here to confirm I read/understand the 9/1/2016 Administrative Procedures.” Once you have read the new administrative procedures, click on this link and fill in the brief information requested.

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The TNCC/ENPC Instructor class has undergone a revision and all current instructors are required to review the new instructor path online modules in ENA’s new learning platform, ENA LEARN. Directions for accessing the ENPC and TNCC instructor path modules are posted in both the *Course Directors Only* and *Course Instructors Only* sections of the website. As a current instructor, there is no charge to access the new modules.

Included in the new *Course Instructors Only* section of the website is the information that instructors need to teach in provider courses. Materials now available include:

- Provider course lecture slides
- Provider course skill station teaching scenarios
- New Instructor Path Guide
- Short skill videos or ‘Hacks’

Please contact TETAF’s Education Division Chair [Courtney Edwards](#) with any questions.

## **Registration Extended for Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies Conference**

Registration has been extended until Nov. 10 for Healthy Beginnings 2016, the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies conference taking place in Austin Nov. 15-16. Registration is \$100 or \$50 for current students and is available online at [healthybeginnings2016.org](http://healthybeginnings2016.org).

Supported by the Texas Department of State Health Services Title V Maternal and Child Health Section, the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) is a multidisciplinary network made up of health professionals throughout the state. TCHMB's mission is to advance health care quality and patient safety for all Texas mothers and babies, through the collaboration of health and community stakeholders in the development of joint quality improvement (QI) initiatives, the advancement of data-driven best practices, and the promotion of education and training.

This conference is for perinatal health professionals looking to expand their skills and advance evidence-based practices at institutional, community and state levels, to learn more about TCHMB and DSHS initiatives and engage with other stakeholders about the important issues of maternal and infant care in the state of Texas.

Continuing education credit for multiple disciplines will be provided for this event.

Contact [tchmb@utsystem.edu](mailto:tchmb@utsystem.edu) or 512.499.4397 with any questions.

## **ICYMI: Updates to Texas Trauma Center Application & Survey Process**

TETAF and the Department of State Health Services have partnered to streamline the trauma center application and survey process for Texas trauma centers. Effective June 1, trauma centers should submit an abbreviated DSHS application for designation 12 months in advance of expiration. At the same time, the trauma center should go to [www.tetaf.org/services/](http://www.tetaf.org/services/) and submit a "Request for Survey" (RFS) form. TETAF staff will then contact the trauma center directly to coordinate a survey date.

The new TETAF Pre-Survey Questionnaire (PSQ) should be submitted to TETAF six months prior to the survey date. During this transition year, if a trauma center has already completed the previous version of the DSHS application, that application will be accepted and utilized by the surveyors.

TETAF has created a [timeline](#) to assist you in the new process. We welcome your questions and recommendations as we quality assure this new process over the next several months. Contact [Brenda Putz](#) with any questions or suggestions.

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## Upcoming Meetings

A full list of educational opportunities and upcoming meetings can be found on the [TETAF website](#).

**Nov. 19-21 – Governor’s EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (Dallas)**

**Nov. 20 – TETAF General Meeting (Dallas)**

**Nov. 20-23 – Texas EMS Conference (Dallas)**

\* Please submit any additional educational opportunities to [Courtney DeBower](#).

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