



**TETAF General Meeting Conference Call  
Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 10:00a.m. CDT  
Meeting Minutes**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The conference call meeting called order by Scott Christopher at 10:03 a.m.

**2. Board Member Roll Call**– Jorie Klein/Dinah Welsh

<b>Present:</b>	Scott Christopher	<b>Absent:</b>	Robin Garza
	Brian Eastridge		Jim Parisi
	Courtney Edwards		Lisa Price
	Lisa Hutchison		Lori Vinson
	Jorie Klein		Shae Watson
	Ricky Reeves		Dudley Wait
	Craig Rhyne		
	Kathy Rodgers		
	Robert Saunders		

A Quorum is established at 10:09 a.m.

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

A representative from the Department of State Health Services was not present on the call.

Representatives from the Texas Hospital Association, CareFlight, EMCARE and EMS for Children were present on the call.

**3. RAC Role Call** – Dinah Welsh

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A	RAC C	<b>P</b>	<b>RAC K</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>RAC R</b>
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**4. Division Reports (Brenda Putz)**

- Acute Care – Ms. Lisa Hutchison was present and provided the report. She stated the division is currently conducting an analysis of current stroke rule vs. proposed stroke rule changes. The division will be reviewing for additions / omissions at their next meeting. Ms. Brenda Putz commented that she can coordinate a conference call to get this review completed sooner. Ms. Kathy Rodgers asked if there were many differences. Ms. Hutchison replied that there are many and it will be wise to review the proposed rule slowly and gather as a group for stakeholder input. Ms. Putz states that the timing of the proposed rule updates by DSHS not productive.

- EMS – Robert Saunders was present and provided a report. Mr. Saunders announced that the chapter 157 rule regarding EMS is being reviewed throughout the EMS industry. He stated that the division’s last meeting was in December, and that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1/27/16. Mr. Danny Updike noted that January meeting will be focused on an overview of proposed rule changes.
- Education – Ms. Courtney Edwards was present and provided a report. She stated the division is finalizing planning for the Data Management course in February that will be held in The Woodlands. Ms. Putz announced that there are many TOPIC courses scheduled throughout the state for 2016.
- Injury Prevention – Ms. Robin Garza was not present. No report was provided
- Pediatrics – Ms. Lori Vinson was not present. Ms. Putz reported that the division continues to work with EMS-Children organization on pediatric readiness, but activities have been slowed due to divisional members’ focus on various rule revisions and the NICU designation process development.
- RAC – Ms. Shae Watson was not present. Ms. Robin Gage reported that Ms. Watson has been ill. Ms. Gage will attempt to get an update to TETAF as soon as possible. Ms. Dinah Welsh reported that 15 of the 22 RACs recently met in San Antonio in December. Ms. Welsh reported that the Executive Directors / RAC Chairs at this meeting discussed interim studies and data collection initiatives.
- Trauma – Ms. Lisa Price was not present. Ms. Putz said the division continues to work on the trauma rules revisions. She stated that many of the ‘standards’ in old rule have not been incorporated into the new proposed rule. Ms. Putz reminded everyone that the Uncompensated Care grant application due is 1/29/16. The board members were informed that the Texas Trauma Coordinators’ Forum Strategic planning meeting is this Friday in Plano. Ms. Kathy Rodgers asked if there were plans for more rule revision webinars. Ms. Jorie Klein stated she confirmed with DSHS that the webinars are being planned.

## **5. TETAF Update– Dinah Welsh**

- RAC Monthly Calls  
Ms. Welsh announced that TETAF has begun monthly RAC calls to improve communications and strategic planning among the stakeholders.
- TETAF Board Restructure  
The board members were informed that the activities for the Board restructure have been slowed by holiday activities. The workgroup leaders are discussing a conference call soon to discuss plans to move this activity forward. Ms. Welsh commented that TETAF’s desire is to move methodically and quickly. Dr. Eastridge confirmed this philosophy. Both Dr. Eastridge and Ms. Welsh noted that the restructure is a TETAF priority
- Legislative Initiative for 2016-2017 & Upcoming Hearings  
Ms. Welsh stated that the Trauma Interim study has begun, but no dates have been announced on when the hearings will be held. She said it will likely be after mid-March. TETAF staff is planning visits with legislative staff members to discuss funding shortfalls for all areas of EMS and Trauma. The board members were informed by Ms. Welsh that the wording of the study defines the need to look at the need and adequacy of the funding. She commented that the study charge also specifically charges the legislators to look at RACs, EMS, Hospitals, and EMTF. There are several organizations (THA, CHAT, etc.) currently working on data gathering for this interim study.
  - Drivers Responsibility Program

Ms. Welsh stated that the Senate Transportation Committee has scheduled a hearing on the program. She reported that Senator Nichols chairs this committee and has a good understanding of both sides of the issues. Senator Nichols is sensitive to the impact of doing away with this State income source.

- Legislative Education

Ms. Welsh reported that TETAF has distributed resources to the RACs to share with their legislative representatives. She noted that it will be very valuable to get this information to all the legislators.

- Texas TQIP Update

Ms. Welsh stated that the requests for job applications for the Medical Director and Administrator positions were sent out in December 2015. She stated that the candidates will present to the TQIP meeting in February and the top 2 vote getters from the TQIP meeting will be reported to the TETAF Board and from these four candidates total a decision will be made by the TETAF Board on who will lead the collaborative as the medical director and administrator. The initial Texas TQIP meeting is planned for 2/11/16 (same day as GETAC Trauma Systems). Ms. Welsh announced that TETAF will aid in coordinating the TQIP privacy protection documentation.

- Stop the Bleed

The board members were informed that STRAC has developed a good web site resource. She said that TETAF is working with other individuals and organizations on the best way to role this program out statewide. The Injury Prevention division is focusing on this program.

- Pre-Survey Questionnaire Update

Ms. Putz announced that TETAF is developing an application process/document for Level III and IV trauma facilities, with the goal being that a facility will complete and submit the application approximately 60 days prior to survey. She noted that the hope is to have the Level IV process completed by end of January 2016. Ms. Putz explained the new timelines for document submission.

- NICU Survey Process Update

Ms. Putz stated that the NICU survey and designation process development continues to move forward. She said that there have been many applicants for project team leader and TETAF is planning face-to-face interviews soon. She noted that TETAF hopes to have the position filled this Spring.

## **6. Treasurer's Report – Jim Parisi / Dinah Welsh**

Ms. Welsh announced that Mr. Parisi unable to attend today's meeting. She requested that the Treasurer's Report be deferred to the February meeting. There was no opposition to deferring the report.

## **7. Secretary's Report – Scott Christopher**

Mr. Christopher announced that the draft minutes from the face-to-face meeting on November 2015 have not been posted for review. Ms. Welsh requested that the Secretary's Report be deferred to the February meeting. There was no opposition to deferring the report.

## **8. Open Discussion**

- None

## **9. January Action Items -**

- None

## **10. Next Meetings – Dinah Welsh reviewed the future meetings.**

- Ms. Welsh announced the face-to-face General meeting planned in Austin on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Priorities for Next Meeting** – No Discussion

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Dinah Welsh at 11:39 a.m.

*Minutes Recorded by:  
Scott Christopher, Secretary*