



February 2018

TETAF Board of Directors Meets in Austin, Elects Officers

The new TETAF Board of Directors met in Austin January 26 and elected officers to serve for the next three years.

Chair: Edward M. Racht, MD
Vice Chair: Dudley Wait, EMT-P
Secretary: Ricky Reeves, EMT-P
Treasurer: Craig Rhyne, MD

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in Austin on February 13 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, prior to the start of the quarterly GETAC meetings.

TETAF Board Meeting
 Tuesday, February 13
 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 3401 S IH 35 Frontage Road
 Austin, TX

The meeting is open to all interested stakeholders. Light refreshments will be served.

2018 Board Members

Jeff Beeson, DO
 Scott Christopher, RN, BSN, LP
 Eric Epley, CEM
 Nilda Garcia, MD
 Wanda Helgesen, RN, MSN
 Donald H Jenkins, MD
 Jorie Klein, RN, BSN
 Kenneth Mattox, MD
 Kathy Perkins, RN, MBA
 Darrell Pile, MHA
 Edward M. Racht, MD
 Ricky Reeves, EMT-P
 Craig Rhyne, MD
 Lori Robb, RN, BSN, TCRN
 Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-P
 Dudley Wait, EMT-P
 Peyton Ware, BBA



Senate Finance Committee Examines Trauma Funding

The Texas Senate Committee on Finance recently held a hearing to look at the state's trauma system and the impact of declining revenues and balances.

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Call to Action: Depletion of the Tobacco Fund

TETAF is calling on all RACs to contact the Senate Finance Committee and the Legislative Budget Board regarding the depletion of the tobacco fund and loss of RAC funding.

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Will Texas Be Ready When the Next Disaster Happens?

TETAF has produced a new document highlighting the role of the RACs in disaster response, including the recent response to Hurricane Harvey and the Sutherland Springs shooting. This document may be accessed online and utilized as needed.

[Download Here](#)



TETAF Council Appointments

TETAF Chair Edward M. Racht, MD, will soon be making appointments to serve on five TETAF Councils. He has asked stakeholders to submit their interest in serving on either the [Finance & Audit Council](#), [Education Council](#), [Governance Council](#), [Advocacy Council](#) or [Survey/Verification Council](#). More details can be found in the [TETAF bylaws](#).

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Welcome, John Aadain!

In January TETAF welcomed John Aadain to the TETAF team as Office Manager/Survey Coordinator.

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Register Now: 2018 Hospital Data Management Course

The next course will take place March 22-23 in North Richland Hills.

[Register Here](#)



NICU Survey Dates Available

Texas Perinatal Services is currently scheduling NICU surveys for 2018. A large team of surveyors is available and will work with your facility to accommodate your preferred dates.

[Learn More](#)



PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: The TETAF Board of Directors met January 26 in Austin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 13** TETAF Board Meeting (Austin)
- February 13** Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (Austin)
- February 14-16** Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (Austin)
- February 15** Texas TQIP Collaborative Meeting (Austin)
- March 22-23** TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (North Richland Hills)



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