

**Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Foundation
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2011**

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ATTENDANCE																
Position	Name	08-04-10	08-11-10	S e p 1 0	O c t 1 0	N o v 1 0	2 0 1 1	J a n 1 1	0 2 1 1	M a r 1 1	A p r 1 1	0 5 1 1	0 5 1 1	J u n 1 1	J u l 1 1	0 8 1 1
President	Jorie Klein	X	X	X	X	X	X	E		E	X	X	X	X	E	X
Vice-President	David Rives	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	X
Secretary	Dudley Wait	E	E	E	X	E	E	X	X	X	X		E	X	E	X
Treasurer	Jim Parisi (01-11)	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	E		X	X	X	X
At-Large 1	Eric Epley	X	X	X		X			E	X			X	E		X
At-Large 2	Craig Rhyne(09/08)	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	E	X			X		X	X
At-Large 3	Scott Christopher (01/10)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	E		X
At-Large 4	Rick Antonisse (01-11)	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Trauma Div	Lisa Price	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	E	X			X	E	X	X
EMS Div	Scott Mitchell (Apr 10)	X	X	X		E	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	E	E	
Inj Prev Div	Robin Garza (02/08)	X	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	E	E	X
Dis Prep Div	OPEN	X	X	X		E	X									
Education Div	Courtney Edwards	E	E	E	E	X	X	X		X			X	E	E	X
Acute Care Div	Lisa Hutchison	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X			X	X	X	X
RAC's	Wanda Helgesen (01-11)	E	X	X	X			X	E	X		X	X	E		X
Pediatrics	Lori Vinson (July 10)	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	E	X		X	X	E	X	X

X – In Attendance; E – Excused Absence; Blank – Non-excused absence (As of July 2010)

- The meeting was opened at 1745 by Jorie Klein. Board attendance was taken and a quorum was present. Introductions were done around the room.
- RAC's represented were: A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V. DSHS was also in attendance.
- Treasurers Report: Mr. Parisi reviewed the financials presented to those in attendance showing year to date actual to budget. The organization is cash positive year to date and should end up the year positive as well. \$245,768.74 is total net income year to date. The new budget is under review by the Finance Committee and it is almost finished. There is a follow up conference call on August 26 and the budget should be approved by the conference call in September, the start of our fiscal year.

4. Secretary Report: Several sets of minutes are on-line and we are transitioning to that format as well. All minutes submitted to date have been approved and July and August minutes will be in place before the September conference call.
5. TETAF Update:
 - a. The Board had a strategic planning meeting in July. The primary focus was the budget for TETAF. This was to review the changes in fees and operating structure to enable the organization to be financially sound moving forward. A survey will be done in September to focus in on areas the stakeholders feel the organization should be doing. This is being done to help the organization meet everyone's needs as best it can.
 - b. Ms. Welsh gave an update on the "Standard Dollar Amount". The uncompensated trauma care funds were decreased in this legislative session, so HHSC is attempting to maximize the dollars. They are implementing the "standard dollar amount" for trauma care. This will lead to designated trauma facilities getting extra dollars for their Medicaid patients. On the TETAF website is the rule document for this funding change and the "standard dollar amount". Ms. Welsh can also connect anyone with questions to several experts around the state who can help with this as well.
 - c. TETAF is accepting applications for those who want to be trauma surveyors.
 - d. TETAF has completed the first Level III stroke survey for Texas. Although these numbers are not large, it is believed this will grow over the coming year.
 - e. TETAF will be doing a stroke symposium at St. David's in Austin on October 6.
 - f. TETAF's bat cruise tomorrow evening will start 30 minutes earlier. This is a change. This is because the bats are flying earlier. There are a small number of tickets left, but it is almost sold out.
 - g. Nominations for board members are open as of this meeting. The positions that will be elected this session are Vice-Chair, Secretary, Board Member At Large Place 1 and Place 3.
 - h. TETAF will be webcasting GETAC and its committees live this week. They will also be archived on the website as well.
6. Legislative Update: A brief review of the legislative session was given. Ms. Welsh also gave an update regarding Governor Perry's recent announcement to seek the Republican nomination for President. TETAF followed over 200 bills during the session. 44 of these passed. Interim studies will be brought forward now for the 2012 year. If there are ideas for this, get them to Ms. Welsh as soon as possible.
7. Division Reports:
 - a. Acute Care: The first stroke designation survey has been completed. It went well. Yesterday, there was a sub-workgroup to review the stroke rule in Chapter 157. The stroke symposium will be on October 6 here in Austin.
 - b. Education: Ms. Edwards reported that Education has set 2 goals. 1st is to achieve provider status and the 2nd is to provide educational support to all the other TETAF divisions. This will be done with things like the speaker's bureau, and helping develop courses. If you are willing to speak, fill out the forms on the TETAF website and the Education Division will get back to you. There is also a form for "requesting a speaker" form for those looking for speakers. The

Division is also working on developing a pediatric trauma course. Lastly, there is an education calendar on the website as well. This is open to everyone in the state to post their events for better communication.

- c. Injury Prevention: Ms. Garza talked about the goals from Strategic Planning. One is to provide a TIPS course every other year. Secondly, they are going to develop more coalitions on injury prevention with groups all over the state along with further developing the coalition already growing with GETAC-IP and other groups. These coalitions will help developing a large focus on one IP project state wide at a time.
 - d. Pediatrics: The division is working with education on a pediatric trauma course. In addition, they are looking at the open rules in Chapter 157 and ways to develop Level III and Level IV pediatric trauma centers. The division also has completed their list of audit filters. These will be posted on the TETAF website for those who need these. They are also recruiting speakers for the TETAF speaker's bureau.
 - e. RAC: Ms. Hegelsen reported the Division has been reviewing Chapter 157 to update rules that affect RAC's. They are also looking for some ideas on benefits for RAC's and if they could possibly partner with TETAF to help reduce costs.
 - f. Trauma: The division had a presentation by the Texas Higher Education board about a partnership education program to develop emergency and trauma care nursing and physician fellowships. The THE board is looking for stakeholder help in making this happen. This was done in the legislative session with trauma funds. The Division is also working to complete the hospital administrator trauma education program. This is in editing and should be completed very soon.
 - g. EMS: Mr. Mitchell was not here. A report by those in attendance was given. They are working on ideas to get more EMS participation.
8. Ms. Welsh reported that TETAF would like to work on getting better communications while decreasing the actual meeting times. The plan is to hire an expert to help with this going forward. One idea that has been brought forward is to stop having conference calls in the months of GETAC. This is going to be tried going into Fiscal Year 2012.
9. Open Discussion: Mr. Parisi suggested looking at free standing emergency rooms now that the legislation and rules are in place and the effect on local communities as well as healthcare systems.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 1904 by Ms. Klein.

Minutes Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dudley Wait". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dudley Wait, Secretary