

**Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Foundation
Board of Director's Meeting
February 23, 2010**

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Board of Directors																
ATTENDANCE																
Position	Name	D e c 0 8	J a n 0 9	F e b 0 9	M a r 0 9	A p r 0 9	M a y 0 9	J u n 0 9	J u l 0 9	A u g 0 9	S e p 0 9	O c t 0 9	N o v 0 9	J a n 0 1 0	0 2 - 0 3 - 0 1 0	0 2 - 0 3 - 0 1 0
President	Jorie Klein	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Vice-President	David Rives	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Secretary	Dudley Wait		X					X		X	X		X	X	X	
Treasurer	Jacky Betts	X	X					X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
At-Large 1	Eric Epley									X			X	X		X
At-Large 2	Craig Rhyne(09/08)									X	X		X		X	X
At-Large 3	Scott Christopher (01/10)	X	X					X		X	X	X	X			X
At-Large 4	Marvin Cloud (01/10)														X	X
Trauma Div	Lisa Price	X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EMS Div	Brian Petrilla (May 09)							X	X	X	X			X	X	
Inj Prev Div	Robin Garza (02/08)	X							X	X		X		X	X	X
Dis Prep Div	Doug Havron (11/08)	X	X							X	X	X	X	X		X
Education Div	Elizabeth Tracy (Vacated 10/09)		X							X	X	X				
Acute Care Div	Lisa Hutchison (May 07)	X	X					X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
RAC's	Teri Cook (Vacated 01/10)	X	X							X		X	X			
Pediatrics	Sally Snow (Aug 08)		X								X		X			

Attendance from Feb 2009 through May 2009 not recorded due to loss of electronic minutes.

1. Called to order by Jorie Klein at 17:27
2. Around the room introductions.
3. Brenda Putz and Robin Garza recognized for their leadership in coordinating the Injury Prevention workshop.
4. Treasurers Report
 - a. 37K / 17K spend
 - b. 109,563.64
 - c. Doug requested the Board getting a written financial statement which will be provided for future meetings.
 - d. Dinah reported that she is working with new accounting firm and will work with Jacky to establish more detail.
5. Secretary Report
 - a. February minutes posted earlier.

- i. RAC F was on the call.
 - ii. Ram was on the call.
 - iii. Jacky motion / Scott second ... unanimous approval.
- 6. TETAF Update (handout in packet)
 - a. TETAF has been given an initial verbal approval to provide stroke surveys in Texas but is awaiting official DSHS confirmation. Brenda already working to establish process for surveyor credentialing. Surveyor's course planned for June 2010.
 - b. Reviewed the Trauma Survey process with DSHS ... feedback from hospitals positive.
 - c. Proposed State budget cuts ... State with \$10 billion budget deficit. We will monitor attempts to cut \$5M each year from 3588 funds. Proposing Medicaid rate cuts (1%) to EMS.
 - i. Dinah attended the 2/12/10 hearing ... hundreds in attendance.
 - ii. TETAF submitted a comment letter to HHSC ... continue to monitor.
 - iii. History of large budget deficits. There are opportunities even in years with budget deficits as 2003 – last significant deficit- was the same year that HB 3588 passed!
 - iv. EMS/Trauma needs to have a concerted voice / walk in tandem.
 - v. Ken Mattox will chair a Trauma/EMS Leadership summit on 5/7/10 (Austin) to discuss the challenges facing us right now.
 - vi. Need to be prepared for the Legislative session in 2011.
 - d. Subscription Fees ... many have already paid.
 - e. First TETAF Injury Prevention Symposium (TIPS) was held 2/22/10. Very successful with over 80 attendees.
 - f. Marvin ... how much involved in EMS Medicaid rate cuts. Unknown. Will ask Dudley to obtain that information.
 - g. Dues vs. Subscription fees ... auditors saying the same? Will ultimately have to come through EMS/Trauma Systems offices per Emily.
 - i. Eric ... will need strong support if this is true all the way to Asst. Comm. level.
 - ii. Let Dinah know if anything else heard on this issue.
 - h. Eric ... can State take \$10M from our 3588 funds that are not being given to us? No ... must come from "appropriated" amounts.
- 7. TETAR Report (handout in packet)
 - a. Met via Webinar in February ... successful.
 - b. Discussed the Digital Innovations offer. Opened up the February meeting to other vendors. DI and Image Trend presented.
 - c. Discussed how the project needs to proceed.
 - i. The validator offer seems like a good process, but currently missing components.
 - 1. Workgroup recommends to accept the DI offer.
 - ii. Establish a phased-in approach.
 - 1. Seek guidance from the Board on how to proceed.
 - 2. Met with DSHS leadership and appear very committed to a State Registry.
 - 3. TETAF Registry product should add additional value to the State product.
 - 4. State Registry = all-inclusive registry? Dinah thinks primarily focusing on EMS/Trauma.
 - a. TSA-I not supportive of 2 separate registries, especially if payment required.

- b. TETAF Registry ... grant funded vs. stakeholder funded? See outside funding will be desired, but need solution for when grant funding is exhausted.
- c. Scott ... Abandon competing with DSHS on EMS/Trauma Registry and focus on Stroke and CAD solutions?
 - i. Eric ... same process as TRAC-IT process. No guarantee that DSHS will get it right.
 - ii. Other ways to sustain ... pay for data requests.
- d. Jorie ... gave history of Parkland registry. Must have a voice in the Registry development. Must ask ... why is current Registry not of value ... not functional ... has not grown with other components of Trauma/EMS care.
 - i. Must have concurrent reliable data to operate. Where do we want to be in 10 years?
- e. Doug ... DSHS staff not in attendance at tonight's meeting ... suggests we are not being listened to. We should be interested in what end-users need.
- f. Dinah ... TETAR workgroup working to establish features that users would pay for instead of using an inferior DSHS product. Will need grant funds to establish a product to demonstrate the values.
- g. Brenda ... start with a focus on those entities that could enter data soon ... start small & grow.

8. Division Reports

- a. Acute Care – most in San Antonio today at International Stroke Conference.
- b. Disaster
 - i. Anyone that has a tool to assess EM preparedness activities provide to Doug. A super tool will be created
 - ii. Standard tool for MOC development continues to be developed.
 - iii. Discussed RAC-to-RAC MOU's.
 - iv. Web page up. Survey on there regarding standardized code definitions.
- c. EMS (Scott Mitchell)
 - i. Move forward or abandon CCMP program. Survey in process now. 77 respondents so far ... good response, but poor considering how many EMS agencies there are.
 - ii. Will establish monthly EMS conference calls.
 - iii. Discussed how they can provide "service" to their EMS stakeholders.
 - 1. FAQ page ... issue resolution process.
 - iv. Discussed the availability of the EMS Medical Director's course.
- d. Injury Prevention
 - i. Thanks to all participated in producing the TIPS course. Will continue to mature this program as an annual program.
 - ii. Discussed changing their meeting dates ... info on meeting wizard to come.
 - iii. IP Resource manual ideas developed. Identify the top MOI's and put a product for each.
 - iv. Partner with GETAC IP Committee on Open Container issues.
- e. Pediatric
 - i. Discussed pediatric designation process. At least 4 facilities needing Level III designation.
 - ii. EMSC Train-the-Trainer on Special Needs care course in Corpus on May 8th.

- iii. Scott ... need to support the establishment of a Level III Pediatric survey process.
 - 1. Jorie ... will take at least 2 years to establish pediatric process. Capability exists today to survey as a "Level III" Trauma Center.
 - 2. TETAF would facilitate a discussion with CHAT, DSHS, etc if needed.
- f. Professional Education
 - i. Goal is to become a CE provider. Would facilitate demonstrating a valuable resource for the RACs.
 - ii. Will establish monthly conference calls.
 - iii. TOPIC 4/17 Beaumont
 - iv. AAAM in May Conroe
 - v. Trauma Leadership Summit
- g. RAC
 - i. Same report as Disaster
 - ii. Elected new chair, Russell VanBibber.
- h. Trauma
 - i. Review of goal of Level III & IV survey process development.
 - ii. Review of goal of Administrator's Education product.
 - 1. Funding continues to be an issue. Will investigate partnering with the UTMB system.
 - 2. May create a interim product with six important trauma topics ... workgroups established.
 - iii. Discussed on-line webinar type process. Several topics identified ... will proceed.
 - iv. Conference call on March 9th at 1pm. Conflict with Acute Care.
 - v. Discussed Legacy Group resurgence ... maintain awareness.
- 9. Open Discussion
 - a. THA has a Trauma Group. Many do not understand the requirements of Trauma designation and Trauma systems. Jorie provided them education.
 - b. RAC-U ... February meeting of the various Medical Directors ... huge success.
- 10. Action Items
 - a. Approval of the Financial Report (Scott/Marvin) ... no opposition.
 - b. Recommending that the DI offer be accepted (Eric/Jacky) ... no opposition with Doug abstaining.
- 11. Next meeting April 7, 2010 ... no TETAF conference call NEXT Wednesday.
- 12. Continue to meet TETAR weekly and the Divisions continue to meet monthly.
- 13. Priorities for next meeting.
 - a. Pediatric designation issues.
- 14. Adjourn at 19:17

Minutes taken by Board Member Scott Christopher

Minutes Submitted by:



Dudley Wait, Secretary