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87th Legislative Session

The 87th Texas Legislature gaveled in on January 12. This session is off to an unusual start due to COVID-19 and legislators not convening as frequently o the House and Senate floors.

On opening day, the House elected Representative Dade Phelan as Speaker.

The Senate and House have both released committee assignments and will reconvene on February 9. Among the Senate committee meetings we will closely monitor are the Finance Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee. The committees TETAF is focused on in the House are the Appropriations Committee, Public Health, and State Affairs.
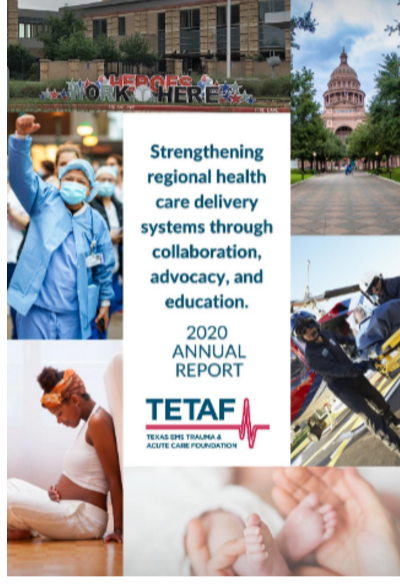
TETAF's Legislative Workgroup calls have been well-attended the past few weeks. In addition to discussing what is happening during the legislative session, TETAF's Legislative Priorities have also been discussed. The calls are every Friday at 10 a.m. You can register for the calls here.

Texas Perinatal Services will provide regular legislative updates throughout session.

TETAF Releases its 2020 Annual Report

TETAF is now releasing an Annual Report that will replace our previous Impact Reports. The 2020 TETAF Annual Report details the many accomplishments by TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services during the past year.

This year, our report is available to view, download, and share directly from the Texas Perinatal Services website. We welcome you to visit our homepage and view our 2020 Annual Report.

2021 AWHONN Convention Set for June

The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) 2021 Convention is scheduled for June 12-16, 2021 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Registration for the conference is now open.

S.T.A.B.L.E. Provides Online Education and Resources

The S.T.A.B.L.E program provides important information about neonatal stabilization from maternal and infant health care providers in all settings and now offers neonatal care modules on post-resuscitation/pre-transport stabilization using a mnemonic to optimize learning.

S.T.A.B.L.E. stands for the six assessment and care modules in the program: Sugar and safe care, Temperature, Airway, Blood Pressure, Lab work, and Emotional support.

Learn more about the educational offerings here.

After Nearly 40 Years in Neonatal Nursing, Texas Perinatal Services Surveyor Retires

Elizabeth Smith, RNC-NIC, MSN, CNS, spent nearly four decades of her career caring for the newest and smallest patients in El Paso with The Hospitals of Providence. She is now retiring from her nursing career and also from her role as a neonatal surveyor for Texas Perinatal Services.

We are grateful for her service as a neonatal surveyor and wish her the very best in retirement!

Upcoming Texas Perinatal Forum

The next Texas Perinatal Forum will be on **March 24 at 11 a.m.** CST. The topic will be, "Addition of Neonatal Team to Trauma Activation Criteria." Then on **April 14 at 1:00 p.m.** CST, the topic will be, "Trauma Collaboration, LDRP Model During COVID, Social Work and Interdepartmental Collaboration." The following month the Texas Perinatal Forum will be on **May 13 at 11:00 a.m.** CST and the topic will be, "Tracking Urgent Response Times, MMD/MPM Collaboration Form, Dietary Guidelines and Quality Board." Be sure to mark your calendar now for each of these forums.

If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact Carla Rider at crider@tetaf.org to register.

Mark Your Calendar

International Prenatal Infection Prevention Month - February

TETAF Board of Directors meeting - February 16

Texas Hospital Association virtual conference - February 16-19

Certified Nurses Day - March 19

National Doctor's Day - March 30

Perinatal Advisory Council - March 31

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