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Texas Perinatal Services News



Join the Texas Perinatal Services Team as a Perinatal Program Director

The Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute

Care Foundation (TETAF) is searching for an exceptional leader in perinatal care to support its perinatal division, Texas Perinatal Services.

Learn more about the opportunity and submit a resume by clicking the button below.

[View the Job Description and Submit a Resume](#)

Texas Perinatal Services Announces the New Texas Intermittent Auscultation Collaborative



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INTERMITTENT
AUSCULTATION
COLLABORATIVE**

Texas Perinatal Services announces it has been awarded a grant for a three month planning project to develop a statewide, multi-facility collaborative.

The Texas Intermittent Auscultation Collaborative (TIAC) is a joint project planned by Texas Perinatal Services, the Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement, and Primary Maternity Care to increase the safe use of intermittent auscultation (IA). The project targets hospitals and birth centers in Texas, with a goal of being a replicable model for other statewide or multi-state collaboratives.

Safe and effective implementation of IA will require focused, sustained efforts to overcome barriers and ingrained practices. Some of the recommended steps to overcome barriers include high-quality training, standardized communication and documentation, and electronic health record systems configuration. TIAC will focus on these aspects with partnering hospitals and birth centers.

An information session will take place via Zoom on **August 5 at 11:00 a.m. CST**. If your hospital may have interest in participating in this project, please [register to attend the information session](#).

Maternal and Neonatal News

Perinatal Advisory Council Applications Due August 12



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interest in serving on the council. HHSC also considers applicants ethnicity, gender, and geographic location to ensure diverse representation of all Texans.

The deadline for applications to serve as a member on the Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) has been **extended to August 12**.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will consider applicants' qualifications, background, and

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Next Perinatal Advisory Council Meeting Set for September

The next Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021 and will be virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Learn more about the PAC and register for the next meeting on the [PAC webpage](#).

Texas Health and Human Services Commission to Provide Update on House Bill 133

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide an update on House Bill (HB) 133, 87th Legislature in the State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee (SMMCAC) meeting on August 11, 2021. View the meeting agenda and join the meeting [here](#).

HHSC will conduct stakeholder engagement for HB 133 in future SMMCAC meetings.

Maternal and Child Health Unit to Host Virtual Speaker Series



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**Texas Department of State
Health Services**

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Maternal and Child Health Unit will host a three-part virtual speaker series during August. The series is inspired by *The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Improve Maternal Health*.

The first series is August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Register [here](#) to attend the series.

August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month



August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month and this week is World Breastfeeding Week.

Here are five great benefits of breastfeeding for mother and baby.

SAVE THE DATE: Texas Perinatal Forum is August 30



The next Texas Perinatal Forum will be on **Monday, August 30 at 1:00 p.m. CST**. The topic is "Postpartum Depression and Auditing Documentation."

If you are not already signed up to join the forums and would like to attend, please email Erin Moore at emoore@tetaf.org.

