



December 2021

Texas Perinatal Services News



TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services Welcome Jessica Phillips as Perinatal Program Director

TETAF is pleased to announce Jessica Phillips, MAS, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS, as its new perinatal program director for Texas Perinatal Services.

The start of Jessica's nursing career began more than 15 years ago in labor and delivery. Since then, Jessica has also worked in childbirth education, quality improvement, and maternal program development and management. Jessica comes to Texas Perinatal Services from Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB as its maternal program coordinator.

Jessica holds current certifications in inpatient obstetrics, electronic fetal monitoring, and obstetric and neonatal quality and safety. She is an active AWHONN member and is a member of the 2021 AWHONN Emerging Leader cohort.

Jessica's passions include perinatal quality and safety, supporting healthcare providers involved in difficult workplace events, and improving health care for all Texans.

Jessica will join the team in January 2022. Welcome to the team Jessica!

Texas Perinatal Services Continues its Series on Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

Texas Perinatal Services is proud to continue its series focused on quality assurance and performance improvement (QAPI) during its Texas Perinatal Forum. We would like to thank our past two presenters, Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN and David Weisoly, D.O. for providing informative and well-received presentations in October and November.

On **Monday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m.**, Texas Perinatal Services will host the third presentation in its QAPI series. Dr. Rebecca Ballard and Dr. Hanine Hajj will speak on their QAPI project focused on the golden hour for infants. Drs. Ballard and Hajj are both neonatologists with Pediatrix and Obstetrix Specialists of Houston.

The series continues with another QAPI presentation on **January 13 at 1:00 p.m.** Carla Martinez, MD, FACOG and Carolina Juarez, RN, BSN from University Medical Center in El Paso will present on developing a collaborative QAPI process and provide helpful guidance on creating tools and workflow to ensure quality care.

All presentations in this series are different, so it is not necessary to have attended the first two series Texas Perinatal Services has offered to join future forums.

If you have not already registered to attend the forums via Zoom, please click the link below.

[Register for the December 6 Texas Perinatal Forum](#)

[Register for the January 13 Texas Perinatal Forum](#)

TETAF Board of Directors, TETAF General Assembly, and RAC Summit Meetings Return to San Antonio in December



The next quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors will be **Thursday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.** in San Antonio at the Courtyard by Marriott San Antonio Riverwalk.

If you are not able to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed via Zoom. TETAF would like to extend a special thank you to the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) for providing resources to make the live stream possible.

[Register to Join the TETAF Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom](#)

The TETAF General Assembly will also meet in San Antonio on **Thursday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m.** to vote on the TETAF Board of Directors and on proposed revisions to the TETAF Bylaws.

The TETAF General Assembly is comprised of two designated members from each of the 22 Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). The 44 individuals will vote for five people from a slate of nominees to serve on the TETAF Board of Directors. Here are the 11 nominees on the TETAF Board of Directors' ballot this year:

Scott Christopher, BBA, BSN, RN, LP - Lufkin (Current board member)

Nilda Garcia, MD - Austin (Current board member)

Angela Gentry, BSN, RN, TCRN - Temple (Current board member)

David Lam, MD, FAAP - San Antonio

Dan Little, MD - Temple

Cassie Lyell, DNP, RN, TCRN - Dalls/Fort Worth

Rhonda Manor-Coombes, BSN, RN, TCRN - Austin

Travis Newberry, PT, DPT, MBA, CWS - Wichita Falls

Kathy Perkins, RN, MBA - San Antonio (Current board member)

Joseph Petty, MD - Houston

Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-LP - San Angelo (Current board member)

TETAF will share the board election results via email and the TETAF website after the General Assembly meeting.



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When Should Your Hospital Consider Scheduling a Consultation Survey

If your hospital's designation expiration is in 2023, we recommend scheduling a consultation survey 18 months prior to the expiration. Our consultation surveys help to identify strengths, any areas of improvement, and potential deficiencies in advance of a designation survey.

Texas Perinatal Services believes in a coach-to-success model that ensures our hospitals not only meet the necessary criteria to achieve a desired level of designation, but to also provide the best maternal and neonatal care for mothers and babies.

If you would like to learn more about our consultation services, please contact us or visit the [Texas Perinatal Services website](https://www.tetaf.org).

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THANK YOU!



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Thank You to Our Hospital Partners and Surveyors

Texas Perinatal Services would like to extend a special thank you to our hospital partners and to our surveyors. All of us adapted and strengthened our procedures during 2020 and continued to adapt in 2021.

Thank you for your dedication to quality healthcare at all times.

Maternal and Neonatal News

Perinatal Advisory Council Meets Today



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services

site surveys.

The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) will meet on **December 1 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Robert Bernstein Building Room K-100 on the first floor located at 1100 West 49th Street in Austin. The meeting will also be [streamed live via Microsoft Teams](#).

Items to be discussed include an update on neonatal and maternal designation programs, a report from the Telemedicine Subcommittee, and best practices for on-

Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies 2022 Summit



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Texas Perinatal Services is proud to once again be a sponsor for the 2022 Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) 2022 Summit.

This year's event will be [virtual on February 16-18, 2022](#).

Hospital Successfully Verified by Texas Perinatal Services Achieves Designation



Medical Center's care for critically ill babies spotlighted with "important designation"

