



## February 2025



### A Passion for Patient Care

I believe we can all agree that one aspect tying each of us together is a passion for patient care. I feel fortunate to see it everyday with our staff, surveyors, board and committee members, hospital partners, and our Regional Advisory Councils. As the late Steve Jobs said, "The only way to do great work is to love what you do."

In this month of "love," I always want to remind all of you that February is [American Heart Month](#). It is important that we recognize heart health and the risk factors that are associated with heart disease and stroke, including high blood pressure. Every four minutes, someone dies from a stroke. There is much more we can do to prevent strokes. TETAF continues its ongoing commitment to improving stroke patient outcomes through its [verification surveys](#), education, and advocacy.

I appreciate all of you who attended our first [TETAF Legislative Work Group](#) meeting on January 24. These meetings are held via Zoom for any stakeholders who

Greetings everyone!

I want to echo what Dinah has shared about passion. It is a privilege to work with all of our hospital partners as we share the same desire to provide the best care possible to mothers and babies. We have a great community when we all work together, especially in our [Mighty Networks group](#) for our hospital partners where we can all learn from one another. I appreciate all of you who ask questions and those who share ideas.

would like to join and receive updates on legislative activity, hear about ways to help advocate on a local level, and provide any helpful ideas for discussion. Additionally, our TETAF Advocacy Committee is also meeting every other week to discuss legislative strategies and monitor bill activity.

I am always grateful for the passion you have to ensure Texas has world class maternal and neonatal health care systems. Thank you for all you do!

All the best,

Dinah

If you ever have questions, please [reach out to me](#) or [Jorge](#). We are always glad to help!



## TETAF Legislative Work Group Begins Meetings

The TETAF Legislative Work Group met for the first time on January 24. If you would like to stay informed on what is happening during the legislative session, the group will meet again via Zoom this **Friday, February 7 at 9:30 a.m. CST** and every other week following.

TETAF will provide updates for interested stakeholders on legislation and TETAF legislative activities. If you are active in trauma care, emergency care, or perinatal care

you are welcome to participate in our bi-weekly 30-minute discussions. Please note that if you register for one, you are registered for all of the Zoom discussions through the legislative session.

**Sign Up to Join the TETAF Legislative Work Group**

---



## **TETAF Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting on March 4**

The first quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors will be **Tuesday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. CST** at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin, located at 6505 N. Interstate 35. This is the same location as the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meetings.

Future TETAF Board of Directors meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m
  - Tuesday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m.
  - December - Date and location at TBD
-



## Castañon Selected to Emerging Leader Fellowship

Texas Perinatal Services proudly announces that Jorge Castañon, MSN, RN, perinatal program manager, was selected by the National Association of Neonatal Nurses for its 2025 Emerging

Leader Fellowship. Castañon was selected from a large pool of applicants to be part of the five month long, virtual program designed to help health care leaders improve outcomes in various settings.

---

## Texas Perinatal News

---

### Perinatal Advisory Council to Meet Next Month

The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) will meet next month on Thursday, March 26 in the John H. Winters building located at 701 West 51st Street in Austin and streams the meetings on the [PAC webpage](#).

[Learn More](#)



[About](#) | [Mighty Networks](#) | [Contact Us](#)

---

**Texas Perinatal Services**

3400 Enfield Road, Austin Texas, United States of America

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter. Texas Perinatal Services works to deliver good quality information in the fields you have specified upon subscription. However, if you decide that you no longer want to receive such emails from us, feel free to click the link below or reply directly to this email.

[UNSUBSCRIBE FROM THIS EMAIL LIST](#)