



*Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum*

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 22, 2019**

**Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas**

In-person registration opened at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Jennings at 10:00 a.m. with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 55 members in attendance.

There was a motion to approve the published September 24, 2019 General Meeting minutes by Terri Rowden with a second had by Sherry Jennings. There were no suggested revisions and the motion was passed without dissent.

### **Presidents Announcements – *Sherry Jennings***

2020 TTCF Needs Assessment – Ms. Jennings announced the 2020 TTCF Needs Assessment Report will be released in the near future for 2020 planning purposes.

The 2020 TTCF Strategic Planning meeting will be held January 10, 2020 at BSW Hillcrest in Waco.

Ms. Jennings reminded the attendees to reflect on any nominations for the 2019 Trauma Champion Award and the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award.

The vendors CSL Behring and BTG Kcentra were recognized and thanked for their year long support and participation in TTCF meetings.

The new email address for the TTCF Secretary and Treasurer were announced as [Secretary@ttcf.org](mailto:Secretary@ttcf.org) and [Treasurer@ttcf.org](mailto:Treasurer@ttcf.org)

**Treasurer's Report – Jacky Betts**

Mr. Betts provided an itemized written report reflecting as of November 21, 2019 a Total Liabilities & Equity balance of \$18,128.37 Mr. Betts stated that the balance being below \$20,000 was unusual but did not necessitate a need for concern. The Profit & Loss statement from Jan 1, 2019 through Nov 21, 2019 reflected a negative of \$-5,577.43 Mr. Betts solicited the need for vendor support and expressed the positive impact the vendor fees have had on the budget. In closing Mr. Betts reported that DSHS has not finalized the GETAC 2020 meeting dates but they should be released in the immediate future.

**TCRN Recognition** – There were no new TTCF TCRN certificates in attendance.

**Committee Breakouts** – The Mentorship/Membership, Special Populations, and Injury Prevention

Committees conducted meetings during the breakout session.

**Oath of Office** – The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected leadership consisting of: Treasurer Jacky Betts, Secretary-Elect Brett Dodwell, Historian Kathy Rodgers, Director At Large #2 Tracy Cotner-Pouncy, and Incoming President Lori Robb.

**Presidential Honorarium** – The Executive Board of Directors, The General Board of Directors, Committee and Workgroup leadership, and the general membership presented Ms. Jennings with a parting gift of the State Flag of Texas and certification that the flag was flown over the State Capitol on Trauma Day 2019. Ms. Jennings expressed her gratitude to the membership and welcomed Incoming President Lori Robb.

**E-Scooter Discussion** - Ms. Edwards addressed the membership and informed them of the GETAC Injury Prevention Committee's recommendation that 'E-Scooter' injuries be abstracted in trauma registries and coded as 'V00.18' Ms. Edwards distributed a handout relating to same.

**Registry Committee** – Irene Lopez, Michael Shiels

The leadership informed the members that the Lunch N Learn offerings are scheduled to be continued for 2020. A navigation demonstration of the DSHS registry was offered. There was discussion of the 2020 NTDS data dictionary including changes to the inclusion criteria.

## **Lunch/Networking**

**CEU Offering** - Ms. Jennifer Northway conducted a 60 minute PowerPoint presentation entitled 'Enhancing Your Injury Violence Prevention Program by Building Strategic Alliances'.

**Committee Breakouts** – The Level I/II, Level III, and Level IV Committees conducted meetings during the breakout session. The Level III and Level IV meetings were held in unison.

### Committee/Workgroup Reports

#### Public Relations – *Marvin Cloud, Vacant*

Mr. Cloud announced his resignation to the membership and expressed sincere gratitude for the TTCF relationships he has experienced, the leadership opportunities, and growth his involvement in TTCF has afforded. The membership recognized Mr. Cloud's decades of service he has given the organization. Mr. Cloud reported the success of the TTCF booth at the TQIP meeting and stated the booth gave great exposure, both nationally and internationally, to the organization. Ms. Kelsie Reeh was appointed into the Chair position and Ms. Leanne Beaudet was appointed into the Co-Chair position.

#### Special Populations – *Vacant, Jessica Vickers*

Ms. Vickers was appointed into the Chair position and Ms. Rebecca Callaway was appointed into the Co-Chair position. The Committee met in conjunction with the Injury Prevention Committee and reported 37 members in attendance. Discussions regarding gerontology hip fracture programs were conducted.

#### Injury Prevention – *Jennifer Northway, Kelsie Reeh*

Ms. Northway's resignation was formalized. Ms. Cathy Glenn was appointed into the Chair position and the Co-Chair leadership position search is continuing. Discussions were conducted including: Stop The Bleed, scooter safety, 'When Sean Speaks', and IP programs website. The membership was reminded of the IP Committee's scholarship opportunities.

#### Level I / II- *Danielle Sherar, Monica Sanders*

Ms. Sherar reported 22 members in attendance were discussions centered on NTDB data integration into EMRs, and recent ACS survey insights. The 2020 listed goals include: provide trauma specific FPPE/OPPE examples for the webpage, completing a research study in 2020, conducting a trauma registrar role delineation study across Texas facilities for possible abstraction production, and building out the Committee's webpage.

Level III – Melanie Leonard, Heather Hill

Ms. Heather Hill was appointed into the Co-Chair position. Ms. Leonard reported 26 members in attendance who discussed: common opportunities for improvement including transfer times, 'over activations', documenting fallouts, and using PI plans to define your program. The Committee met in conjunction with the Level IV Committee.

Level IV – Janice Markwardt, Joy Henry

The Committee met in conjunction with the Level III Committee.

Mentorship/Membership – Rebecca Crocker, Rosie Bolenbaucher, Melanie Martin

Ms. Crocker reported 6 new members in attendance who received the membership book. IP topics were discussed, in addition to survey timelines, and the TTCF website resources. A detailed discussion on the submission of uncompensated care funding packet was conducted.

Fund Raising / Finance – Christi Reeves, Cassandra Onofre

Ms. Reeve's resignation was announced. Ms. Onofre was appointed into the Chair position and a change in her last name was recognized as Dubose. Ms. Dubose reported that 66 T-shirts were sold at today's meeting.

**Ask the Experts** – A Q/A session with conducted between a panel of TETAF surveyors and the membership.

## External Reports

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) OEHS/TS – Elizabeth Stevenson, Indra Hernandez

Ms. Stevenson announced that DSHS does not express recommendations on the level of trauma designation a facility should obtain. She reported there are currently 289 designated facilities in the State of Texas, comprised of 18-Level I, 25-Level II, 57-Level III, and 189-Level IV. It was further reported that the 'telemedicine' rule is expected to be adopted without any changes, and that the 157.125 rule revision 'resource document' with current changes is expected to be released in February 2020.

Ms. Hernandez reported the Tobacco Fund account holds \$1M and these funds are scheduled for distribution to rural trauma facilities this year, based on the FY17/CY15 applications. She also reported that the FY19 application differentiates 'Hurricane Harvey' effected counties to be allotted \$3M from the State's 'Rainy Day Fund'. Rural county hospitals are also slated for increased funding and are defined as having a population of 50,000 or less. Facilities will be able to apply for one of these two funding streams but not for both.

Texas Trauma Registry – *Pierce Baumann, Aisha Spinks, Judy Whitfield*

No report offered.

Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) – *Brenda Putz, Kathy Clayton*

Ms. Putz reminded the membership to submit trauma survey applications and requests in a prompt manner. She also informed the membership that TETAF continues to work closely with the DSHS relating to the 157.125 trauma rule revisions and that TETAF continues to support the Texas TQIP Collaborative.

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – *Courtney Edwards, Rosie Bolenbaucher* –

Ms. Edwards announced the Workplace Violence Act was passed by the U.S. House and is headed to the U.S. Senate for ratification. Also reported was the 2020 initiative of 'No Silence of ED Violence'.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) – *Rosie Bolenbaucher, Tracy Cotner-Pouncy, Courtney Edwards*

No updates offered.

American Trauma Society (ATS) – *Tracy Cotner-Pouncy, Garrett Hall, Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell reported the ATS Trauma Registry Course has been significantly revised and improve and is marketed as 'Reimaged'. The only scheduled Texas 2020 offering scheduled is set for April 27-28, 2020 in Austin. He encouraged the membership to take advantage of the limited course offerings.

**Open Forum** – *All*

No items were discussed.

**Adjournment** – President Jennings adjourned the meeting without objection at 15:55. The next scheduled TTCF General Membership Meeting is February 18, 2020 in Austin.

***Recorded by,***

***Brett Dodwell  
TTCF Secretary***