



Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023

Embassy Suites Central, Austin Texas

Registration – Opened at 07:30 with vendors present: ESO, BTG, and ImageTrend.

Call to order, Pledge, Reflection – The meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 08:00. Agendas were provided and attendance was counted as 87.

Approval of Minutes - There was a motion to approve the published March 6, 2023 General Meeting minutes by Janice Markwardt with a second had by Rhonda Manor-Combs. There were no suggested revisions and the motion passed.

Presidents Announcements – *Kathy Rodgers*

Ms. Rodgers noted that today's educational focus will be pediatric related and that the August anticipated educational focus will be PI related.

UCC Funding – It was reported that next year's UCC funding will remain 'whole' without an anticipated decrease in available revenue.

Potential TTCF Name Change – There was no voiced support by the membership for proceeding with a TTCF potential name change to reflect the 'TPM' terminology. There was a motion to retire any further name change discussion by Ms. Manor-Combs with a second had by Ms. Brown. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Ms. Rodgers announced the current status of the 157.125 trauma rule revisions as follows:

Aug 2023 Rules go to Executive Council for review

Sep 2023 Open to formal public comment for 31 days

Oct 2023 closed and public comments will be reviewed and passed or back for review

Jan 2024 Goes for legal review and if passed will be adopted

July 2024 New rules will be implemented

Of note: If you survey in Aug 2023 and you have a focused review due after July 2024; focused review will be judged by new rules.

Presidential Letter – In closing Ms. Rodgers announced that a presidential 'state of affairs' letter will be produced by her and published to the TTCF website in the near future.

Treasurer Report – *Jacky Betts*

Mr. Betts produced an itemized financial report for CY23 through May 25 reflecting current Liabilities & Equity of \$21,050.96 It was also announced that the hotel reservation links for the August and November meetings have been published to the TTCF website including cut-off dates. Pre-meeting fee registration was also prioritized to the membership to ensure accurate amenities and meals.

Secretary Report – *Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell presented the Secretary report via the Kahoot platform, reflecting a current membership of 106, the difference in hotel registration vs. meeting registration, and the membership term.

Historian Report – *Tamara Jones*

Ms. Jones solicited the membership for pictures archive platforms, which reflected the desire to upload pictures to the TTCF Facebook page.

At Large Report – *Danielle Sherar, Rhonda Manor- Coombes*

Ms. Manor-Combs announced the creation and distribution of the new TTCF Challenge Coins and also plans to create a new TTCF shirt.

Parliamentarian Report – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards distributed hardcopy nomination forms to the membership for the 2022 annual awards which included past award winners. Ballots were then collected. The membership also approved the published revised Bylaws and SOP for adoption. In closing, the floor was opened for election position nominations with expressed nominations for Tamara Jones for Secretary-Elect, Joseph Murray for Historian, and Rhonda Manor-Combs for Director At Large Position 2. There was a further nomination appointment for Lori Foster to the vacant Registry Co-Chair position. There were no further voiced. There was a motion by Kristie Brown to close the floor to nominations with a second had by Dawn Koepp. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Registry Presentation – *Christine Campbell*

Chair Campbell presented the membership with a 30-minute pediatric focused registry offering.

CEU offering – MTP in children – *Colyn Turnbow*

Ms. Turnbow presented a 60-minute presentation in PowerPoint format with a Kahoot to the membership relating to MTP operations in the pediatric population.

IP Presentation – Swimming/Water Safety – *Ashley Kopech*

Ms. Kopech gave the membership a 30-minute presentation on water safety to include the use of a Kahoot tool.

Q&A Ask the Surveyors – *TETAF Trauma Surveyors*

TETAF trauma surveyors engaged the membership in a Q/A forum.

Legislative update – *Dinah Welsh*

Ms. Welsh from TETAF gave the membership a 88th Legislature update that reflected the completion of the regular session and the enactment of a special session by Governor Abbott. It was noted that the 5111 funds were anticipated to be decreased, however advocacy work on the importance of 5111 funding has resulted in the projected fund being made 'whole' to the figures of \$96M for FY24 and \$91M for FY25. There is anticipated scrutiny and HHSC mandated reports to discover specifics on the funding streams and revenue disbursement of the 5111 account before the scheduled 89th Legislative Session. In closing it was reported that the RAC funding has been increased to \$6.6M (up 70%) and the discussed perinatal database was not funded.

Case study – *Kristine Brown*

Ms. Brown offered the membership a 30-minute presentation relating to pediatric case study.

Lunch – inaugural members participated in a carve-out lunch meeting.

Breakout Meetings – *Level I/II, Level III, Level IV*

The Committees conducted 45-minute breakout sessions.

Internal Reports

Education – *Jennifer Carr, Maysoon Bader*

Ms. Carr reminded the membership to process the education CE form to obtain credits via a provided PR code. She announced that PI will be the primary focus of education at the August meeting. There was also a reminder to register for the October 16, 2023 TTDEC Course via the TTCF website and to keep an eye out for educational opportunities via the TTCF Facebook page.

Injury Prevention – *Ashley Kopech, Amy Tucker*

Ms. Kopech announced a potential gerontology focus for the August meeting.

Special Populations – *Kristie Brown, Lydia Camacho*

Ms. Brown announced the anticipated role-playing morbidity mortality offering relating to PI as the Committee's offering at the August meeting.

Registry – *Christine Campbell, Vacant*

Ms. Campbell announced that Lori Foster is the new Co-Chair, and that the August presentation will be PI focused.

Public Relations / Legislative – *Cathy Glenn, Vacant*

Ms. Glenn reported the conclusion of several trauma/medical related bills for the conclusion of the 88TH regular legislative session. Her reported 2023 goal was for everyone available be registered to vote.

Membership / Mentorship – *Rebecca Crocker, Jenny Olivier*

Ms. Crocker reported 8 inaugural members attended today's meeting where the new member e-book was distributed and discussed.

Fundraising / Finance – *Melanie Vanderford, Suzanne Curran*

No report offered; however, the 2 new t-shirts were available for membership purchase.

Level I/II – *Sheryl Cloud, Lori Robb*

Ms. Cloud announced 30 participants at today's meeting. The Committee's 2023 goals were reported to have been met. Gap analysis documents and data quality documents are being published to the Committee's webpage for membership use. Behavioral health screening and IR times were also discussed at today's meeting.

Level III – *Laura Wagley, Colyn Turnbow*

Ms. Wagley reported 20 members in attendance at today's meeting were survey trends, standards of care, and potential rule revisions were discussed.

Level IV – *Janice Markwardt, Joy Henry*

Ms. Markwardt announced 33 members were in attendance to include 6 new members. The meeting discussed the potential new trauma rules and was attended by state trauma coordinator Audrey Green.

External Reports

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) OEHS/TS – *Jorie Klein, Elizabeth Stevenson, Audrey Green*

Ms. Stevenson introduced Katy Ford as a new state trauma coordinator.

Ms. Klein updated the membership on the status of the revised trauma rules. There is a delayed implementation target date now set for September 1, 2024 and a reminder that if a facility is undergoing a focused survey after that date, then it will be held to the new rule standards. To aid facilities in the transition to the new rules, DSHS has published a gap analysis tool that can be found on the TTCF website homepage. January 2024 is the target date for the implementation of the designation survey guidelines and also the date for Texas Systems Performance Improvement Plan which will contain facility PI processes (level of harm scoring) with the intent to uniform PI terminology between trauma, stroke, neonatal, and EMS. The term 'management guidelines were followed' can be substituted for 'standards of care.' Ms. Klein opened the floor for questions and interacted with the membership's voiced issues. In closing Ms. Stevenson reported that the State's website is being revised to include added resources and documents.

Trauma Registry – *Jia Benno, Gavin Sussman*

Mr. Sussman informed the membership that the state is anticipated to implement NEMSIS 3.5 and ITDX 2023 standards by late October/early November 2023, which will include the UUID data element.

Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) – *Terri Rowden, Aaron Rodgers*

Aaron Rodgers gave in-service to the assembly relating to survey processes and timelines. He also reminded the membership to use the TETAF website for initiation of survey process.

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – Courtney Edwards

It was noted that the 9th TNCC instructor update will coming out in July and the last date for teaching the 8th edition class is October 2023. Please refer to the ENA website for national and state meeting information.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) – Courtney Edwards

Ms. Edwards noted that ATCN update conversations are starting.

American Trauma Society (ATS) – Brett Dodwell

Mr. Dodwell reported that ATS has released a 2023 position paper on the 'impacts of covid on trauma care' and that numerous educational classes can be found on the ATS website.

Trauma Centers Association of America (TCAA)

No report offered

ACS – Christine Campbell

No report offered

Stop the Bleed Coalition – Jennifer Carr, Brett Dodwell

Ms. Carr reported the Coalition was busy in May for trauma month. Numerous STB classes were conducted using the Coalition's QR code which is beneficial in data analysis. 'Train The Trainer' classes continue to be offered with the next scheduled for August 14, 2023. Mr. Dodwell reported the Coalition's Data Workgroup will release state registry supplied tourniquet data for 2020, 2021, and 2022 in the very near future.

Adjournment – Kathy Rodgers

There was a nomination by Joy Henry to destroy the collected hardcopy award nomination ballots with a second had by Kristie Brown. There was no dissent and the motion passed. It was noted that the 2022 revised Bylaws and SOP were adopted via membership voting. There being no objections the General Assembly Meeting was adjourned by President Rodgers at 15:35.

Recorded by,

***Brett Dodwell
TTCF Secretary***