

Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

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Wow! It's May already!

I'm excited ... about the work we've seen done since the first meeting! The ELF Brochure – *Everybody Lessens Falls* was mailed out to very popular demand, the Administrators Trauma Education Course material was mailed to Presidents and CEO's throughout Texas and our educational programs were strong... and show no signs of letting up!

I'm impressed... at the how engaged we continue to be in TTCF! I believe we must stay on our mission. 1) Support for trauma coordinators – especially looking at our turnover rates at Level IV facilities, 2) understanding the financial implications of health care reform and their effects on our trauma programs, and 3) Legislative involvement – taking our case to our elected officials to continue trauma program funding.

Thanks to Scott Christopher for making the TTDEC happen on an annual basis, thanks to Lisa Price and Brenda Putz for helping the Administrators Education Class make to our bosses and thanks to YOU – because I know next year – together - we will engage our legislators in professional and meaningful conversations regarding the need to continue Trauma Funding in Texas.

So what concerns me now... for many ...you are being asked - in addition to the trauma program duties - to do the Stroke Program and in some cases, the Chest Pain Center Accreditation. The trauma rules are clear – if you are a busy program – a specific amount of time should be dedicated to Trauma.

So where does that leave time for the rest of the “other duties assigned”?

We must be remain engaged! My favorite saying in any meeting is “somebody has to do the work”. That usually means “you”. What kinds of things can we do to be successful – if the current financial reality, health-care reform and for-profit status continue to challenge our opportunities to share our passion for Trauma?

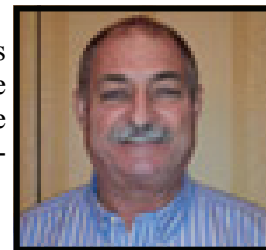
It's all... in-the-above. Hang out together to be the best Trauma Coordinators we can be. Use the successful templates for PI developed for Trauma to run our Stroke and Cardiac Programs. Understand funding... fight for your money in Austin - so when budgets are discussed, no thoughts are given to cut back *YOUR* program. Be able to speak about

the benefits of your program and to your community. Be honest with the boss – when they assign additional programs – that our time is limited – even when “you appear to have to time to take this on”. Yes, I know you need your job! Recruit clinical helpers within the organization to share the work – as we continue as *leaders* of our programs.

So ... here's my personal invitation... please join me in Austin for all the TTCF meetings in 2012-2013.

We have a great line-up of educational programs, committee participation opportunities and the best thing – the chance to hang out with your trauma buddies who do understand what you do – refresh – renew – catch our breath ... which has to be good for our patients!

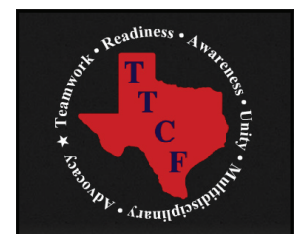
... And don't forget - TTCF is **officially** 20 years old this year! ... there will be a ... PARTY!!! Let's celebrate!



President Marvin Cloud

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TTCF 2012 Strategic Planning



Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

“The idea of creating a mentor “pool” of individuals approved by the Board was entertained”

On January 6, 2012 the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum met at Texas Health Fort Worth Hospital in Fort Worth, TX to compile the strategic plan for the upcoming year.

The following items were discussed during this meeting:

Meeting Dates:

Austin, Texas

February 7, 2012

May 8, 2012

August 14, 2012

November 16, 2012

All meetings will be held at Embassy Suites Austin Central, 5901 North IH-35, Austin Texas. The November meeting is tentative.

There was also confirmation of all the positions, filled and unfilled during this meeting.

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Barbara Dillingham

Public Relations/Legislative

Earvin Baker

Jackie Clifton

Pediatrics

Janet Pointer

Brad Goettl

Injury Prevention

Kara Tapley

Tammy Hanson

Education

Courtney Edwards

OPEN

Trauma Registry

Irene Lopez

Rudy Flores

Education Committee



Chair Edwards reported 11 members at their meeting. Co-Chair Jenkins also submitted her resignation from the Education Committee during this meeting. Committee discussions revolved around the May educational opportunities (May 7th TDEC, May 8th Texas BON and effects of social networking), the educational benefits of the TTCF “members only” webpage, development of a trauma boot camp

(operationalizing the role of a TPM), and the educational offering as a source of funding for a trauma program. Chair Edwards asked the general membership for potential 2013 education topics and to contact her with ideas.

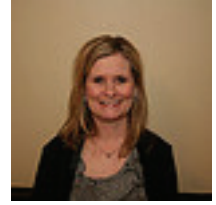
Education offerings included:

Trauma Treatment in the Military – Colonel Evan Renz, MD, FACS presented a one hour lecture on Burn Trauma Up-

date Advances in Care. Colonel Renz is the Director of the USAISR Burn Center and can be reached at evan.renz@us.army.mil.

“Your Designation Survey... Tips from a Surveyor” – Past President Christopher presented a PowerPoint presentation on completing a successful trauma survey by presenting a case presentation for PI focus.

Mentorship and Membership



Chair McNabb reports 17 present with 11 as “first time meeting” attendees. Introduction, orientation to TTCF and welcome packets were reviewed. Links to important websites and organizations were discussed as well as the resource manual available for purchase. The Trauma Designation Course scheduled for May was also suggested to new members. Specific Board Member Mentors were assigned to new members.



Financial Report

Treasurer Betts presented the financial report as of February 13, 2012. Total Liabilities & Equity \$16,302. There was a

motion to accept the financial report as written by Brett Dodwell with a second by Cindy Jenkins. There was no op-

position and the financial report was unanimously accepted. The announcement that the TTCF Board accepted the 2012

budget at last night’s Board Meeting was announced to the general membership. Anticipated sources of revenue including TTCF spon-



Trauma Registry Committee

Chair Lopez reported that Garrett Hall has been appointed as Co-Chair and 20 members attended the meeting. Discussion topics addressed were the data management course scheduled for September 14, 2012 in Houston, ICD9-ICD10 transition, development of the data registrar directory, and the CSTR certification course.

Tammy Sajak of DSHS reported that the registry solutions workgroup (RSWG) presented recommendations to GETAC at their last meeting. The next scheduled recommended rule revision proposal to GETAC is August.

The next opportunity for stakeholders to provide input to the RSWG is February

21st and 28th through scheduled webinars. The Maven product has been selected as the DSHS’s registry (drowning, TBI, SCI). There is ongoing work to develop and revise the submission form and layout.

Injury Prevention Committee



Chair Tapley reported 24 members at the meeting. It was announced to the general membership that Mrs. Tapley has been appointed to the GETAC Injury Prevention Committee as a board member. The Everybody Lessens Falls (ELF) pamphlet is in production and will be

mailed to those that are interested. A after action review of the pamphlet is scheduled by the committee. The goal of fostering coalition and networks through a discussion of the spectrum of injury prevention and individual roles at facilities was breached. The 3

party coalition (TTCF/TETAF/GETAC) was discussed as well as the June 20-22 Texas Injury and Violence Prevention Conference in Austin. TCAR/PCAR course dates were announced.

Public Relations/Legislative Committee

Chair Baker reported that 5 members attended the meeting. Discussions on the FAQ webpage, November anniversary booklet, 2013 Capitol Day, and the production of a

TTCF calendar were engaged. Chair Baker reminded the general membership that newsletter information is due to him by April 1st and that Andrea Holmes is requesting

stories of great trauma “saves” for the next newsletter.

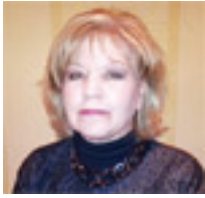


Fund Raising Committee

Chair Dykes reported that Ram Perez has been appointed as Co-Chair.

Mrs. Dykes solicited the general membership for TTCF artifacts to be used in the anniversary celebration

publication. Also auction items were requested for the May meeting and for the August silent auction.



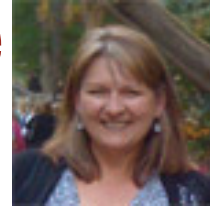
Chair Wiktorik and Level IV Chair Markwardt reported that the committees met in a combined meeting today with 54 attendees.

Level III/Level IV Committee

Andrea Holmes has been appointed Level III Co-Chair and Kim Laughlin has been appointed as Level IV Co-Chair.

Discussions ensued on the topics of “so you are the new trauma coordinator,

now what”, “policy review and matching DSHS rules” and “peer review minutes.” Mock survey is the topic of the committee’s next meeting.



Special Populations Committee

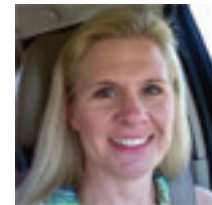
Greetings to all Phenomenal Texas Trauma Coordinators !

We are well into the year of 2012 and as we all continue to experience the challenges and triumphs of trauma, we encourage you to continue your dedication towards excellent trauma care!

During our first TTCF meeting of 2012, the Pediatric Committee was restructured in order to allow for a broader perspective with our special populations. Hence, the renaming of this committee to the **Special Populations Committee** to include pediatric, geriatric, obstetric, special needs and bariatric. During our discussion it was decided that we all experience very unique challenges with these specific populations.

Cindy Jenkins will act as chair and Pam Colvin will be the co-chair for this new committee. Team leaders were selected for each population. Our overall goal is to identify population-specific opportunities for improvement and processes/situations which have proven successful throughout the trauma continuum of care. We will work closely with the Education and Injury Prevention Committees to further implement plans for these special populations. Prior to our May 8th meeting, our team leaders will gather data, information and questions related to each specific population and present for further evaluation. We will also develop an FAQ once information is obtained and evidence based practice can be reviewed. Please network with our team leaders if you have any population-

related experiences or questions.



Chair – Cindy Jenkins – ckjenkin@texaschildrens.org
Co-Chair – Pam Colvin - Pamela.Colvin@uhsrgv.com

Team Leads:

- ***Pediatrics** – Dave Golder – dsgolder@seton.org
- ***Geriatric** – Lori Boyett – lboyett@hillcrest.net
- ***OB** – Terry Valentino – tvalentino@swmail.sw.org
- ***Special Needs**
 - Pediatric – Sandie Williams – sandra.williams2@christushealth.org
 - Adult – **team leader needed**
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* [Ask Me How to Prevent Dog Bites Campaign Button](#)

(.26 - 1.25 each, based on quantity)

* [Dog Bite Prevention Tips Postcard](#)

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What's Going On?

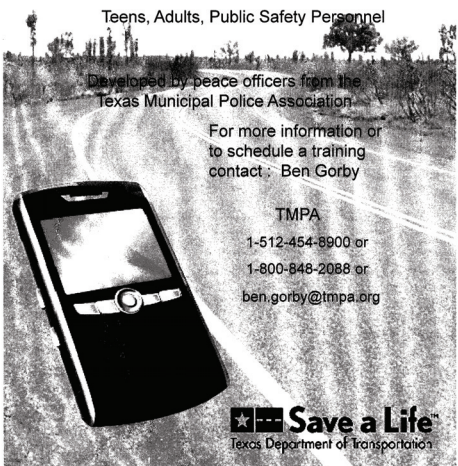
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Texas Injury and Violence Prevention Conference

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Save the Date: June 20-22, 2012

TX Injury & Violence Prevention Conference

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Join us in beautiful Austin, Texas to learn from state and national experts on injury and violence prevention. This conference is focused on providing attendees with training on the Core Competencies for injury and violence prevention work at all levels. Whether you are building a coalition in your community, conducting an educational initiative, researching injury in your region, or advocating for policy change, this conference will offer valuable learning opportunities. Skill building workshops will focus on evidence based strategies, data resources program planning and implementation, evaluation, and advocating for policy change.

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HCHD CIRCLE OF SURVIVAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE

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Hosted by the Harris County Hospital District Trauma Services Department

Wednesday, May 16th 2012
7:15-7:45 a.m. - Registration
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Conference
United Way Center
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, TX 77007

Early Bird Registration Deadline - Monday, May 7, 2012

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Trauma Survey Etiquette Brenda Putz, RN

Do you ever wonder what you should do for your trauma surveyor when they visit your facility? Here are a few do's: Offer your assistance or recommendations with lodging. They don't know your area or a convenient, appropriate hotel. Offer to pick them up at the airport and transport them to and from your hospital. If the airport is many miles away, it is ok if you don't. They will rent a car. Make sure everyone knows what time to start and are there on time. Do ensure your TMD, other physicians, your administrators and key directors in trauma care are there. This is a hospital wide program. Demonstrate that by including the other department directors in this opening

meeting. It demonstrates hospital commitment. Again, at the exit interview your TMD and your administration at the least should be there to demonstrate commitment. Inform the front desk in the lobby who is coming and who to call. Make sure they know who you are. Meet your surveyor at the front desk/lobby and escort them to the meeting room. During the facility walk through, you and your TMD should be available to the surveyors. You will accompany the nurse on the walk through. Your TMD will accompany the physician. If you only have a nurse surveyor, then you both should be available during the walk through. If the TMD is not needed, the surveyor will tell him/her. Notify the ancillary depart-

ment directors in advance you will have a VIP touring. They need to ensure they and one of their staff members is available. As with any guest, have coffee, water or other beverages available for the surveyor in the review room or take a few minutes to show them where they can purchase. Finger foods, sandwiches, fruit, and cookies, whatever you choose, should be available for lunch. Show them the nearest restroom as well. You don't want them wandering your halls. At the end of the survey, please escort your surveyor/s to the front lobby and/or offer them a ride to the airport. Have a great survey!!

Texas Emergency Nurses Association

(ENA) Update-Cynthia Jenkins



Cindy Jenkins reported that the revised ENPC rollout is in progress and that the provider courses will premier in the Oct/Nov timeframe.

DSHS Report-Emily Parsons



The quarterly report included funding updates. The assembly was reminded that uncompensated trauma care application is due February 14th, and that Medicare Standard Dollar Amount "add on" is in effect this FY which can be used in the uncompensated trauma application. The anticipated disbursement date is May to early June 2012. The SDA applies to Medicaid reimbursement that is formulated to Medicaid pay. One of these "add ons" is for trauma. \$26 million of the \$57 million in the fund went to HSSC for a federal matching grant. This will assist individual facilities in receiving an increased amount for every Medicaid patient regardless of the patient's trauma status. The Trauma Fund does not lose the \$26 million, but this accounting is designed to increase each facilities total amount. For further

information contact Chris Dockal at HSSC Medicaid area. SDA and Trauma Add On is separate from disproportionate funding. To receive dispro funding a facility must be trauma designated. For further information contact Henry Welles at HHSC for dispro funding.

Scott Christopher requested that Jane Guerrero of DSHS provide a funding stream lecture to the TTCF general membership in the near future.

Mrs. Parsons addressed the situation of a facility undergoing a license change and thus losing their trauma designation. A designated facility in this situation should apply for "In Active Pursuit" status and designate within two years. In short, a facility must re-designate when the facility's license changes.

DSHS also pointed out that if a facility reports its data to a RAC registry that facility is still responsible for reporting that registry data to DSHS.

It was also reported that as of February 2012, letters to facility CEOs for "In Active Pursuit" status will only be delivered by electronic mail.

Mrs. Parsons announced the 18 Trauma Facility re-designations and 16 that are pending Commissioner approval. There are 24 facilities In Active Pursuit status. There are currently 257 Texas Trauma designated facilities.



Texas EMS Trauma Acute Care Foundation Update-Brenda Putz

Brenda Putz reported that TETAF has added a grant writer to its staff. There is also a communications and marketing expert under contract. Mrs. Putz also announced that the Administrator's Project is in final production and will be hard mailed to facility CEOs in March 2012. She reminded the membership to please use the TETAF website to request trauma and stroke surveys. TETAF is working on a membership protected piece of their webpage and that RACs will be given access information. Refer to the TETAF webpage for educational opportunities such as TCAR/PCAR courses. A anticipated September 14th data management course is expected in Houston.

MEETING NOTICES



Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (TTCF)

Board Meeting

Monday May 7, 2012
6:30pm-7:30pm
Embassy Suites Austin-Central

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
8am-4pm
Embassy Suites Austin-Central

Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)



General Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Airport Hilton Austin
4:30pm-7:30pm
Embassy Suites Austin-Central

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Meeting Notification Hilton Austin Airport

Monday, May 7, 2012

5:00pm-8:00pm Trauma Systems Committee
(Embassy Suites Hotel-Central)

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

9:00am – 10:30am Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee
10:30 am – 12:00pm Medical Directors Committee
1:00pm – 2:30pm Injury Prevention Committee
2:30pm – 4:00pm Trauma Systems Committee
4:00pm – 5:30pm Stroke Committee

Thursday, May 10, 2012

9:00am – 10:30am Pediatric Committee
10:30 am – 12:00pm Air Medical Committee
1:00pm – 2:30pm Education Committee
2:30pm – 4:00pm EMS Committee
4:00pm – 5:30pm Cardiac Care Committee

Friday, May 11, 2011

9:00am – Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

Welcoming a New Coordinator

One month before I was getting married our Trauma Coordinator asked me to ‘help review a few trauma charts’ with her while I had some ‘down time’ in our rural ED. Hesitant and superstitious of mentioning ‘down time in the ED’ (somehow the tones always erupt following this passing thought), I didn’t mind helping with a few here and there. Little did I know what changes were about to unfold in the upcoming months.

Soon after, while buried in the final details of planning my wedding, I learned our CNO was resigning and our former Trauma Coordinator was filling her position at the end of the year. It was all making sense now. Apparently it had been their plan all along to groom me into a Trauma Coordinator. I was offered the Trauma Coordinator position and with my inability to say ‘No’, the position was to be mine starting the first of January.

Before I knew it, most of October had passed, I was married and enjoying our honeymoon in Ireland. When I returned, our survey for re-designation was the following week...dun,dun,dun! Our CNO, former Trauma Coordinator and I all hit the ground running dotting every ‘i’ and crossing every ‘t’ in preparation for what was to come. This proved to be an interesting and stressful time as the Trauma Coordinator position itself had changed hands almost 4 times since the previous survey. Gathering all the necessary information became a bit of a wild goose chase, finding tidbits in binders here and papers stuffed in file cabinets there. After a few late nights we finally had everything together and all that was left to do was cross our fingers and

hold our breath.

I learned so much from this experience. Being a part of a survey before coming into the position formally was an excellent opportunity to learn what would be expected of me and what responsibilities I would have – and surprisingly, it didn’t scare me away! I found myself critiquing my nursing care, care given by my fellow nursing staff, and care by my ED physician with trauma patients with a more critical eye. This didn’t occur without the rolling of eyes, exasperated sighs and abraded laughs at this 20-something year old nurse making ‘suggestions’. Thankfully I have a wonderful, supportive work family and everyone has obliged my requests (eventually) and even formulated their own suggestions for an improved trauma program.



Haley Day, RN, BSN, BA
Comanche County Medical Center

With the New Year, I was the designated Trauma Coordinator, logging into the TTCF yahoo forum daily, signed up to attend the February meeting, and had RAC, Hospital Planning Group, and various other meetings running out of my ears. I felt very official...until I was shown my ‘office’ – the locker room area of the men’s restroom. ☺

I was eager to learn all I could and after the February TTCF and GETAC meetings, I was even more motivated. I have big expectations for our trauma program and ideas for becoming even more involved with the community encouraging safety and education among all ages. Though things aren’t progressing as quickly as I would like (the trauma coordinator position is only part-time and I remain a full-time ER charge nurse), I remain hopeful and excited that our program will continue to evolve and improve.





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Our mission is to promote and address educational needs of the various facilities and institutions that provide trauma care in our State

Membership is open to anyone interested in improving care for trauma patients. Meetings of the TTCF are held quarterly and provide an outstanding opportunity to network with Trauma Coordinators and Trauma Program Managers from throughout Texas. During meetings, members receive updates on legislative issues, injury prevention programs, trauma registry requirements, and rule changes.

TTCF HISTORY

In 1991, Trauma Coordinator positions were added to several facilities providing trauma care in the Dallas area. This was a new, largely undefined role whose benefit was unclear. Institutional support and structure for the role was nonexistent.

Several Dallas Coordinators began meeting together for lunch to share ideas and support. Soon, Coordinators from Forth Worth began attending the lunches as well.

By early 1992, the group expanded into north Texas. The original membership expanded to eleven. These eleven individuals formalized the original trauma coordinators group under the North Texas Division of the American Trauma Society. Membership soon leaped from eleven to twenty-five, to over one hundred by mid-1992.



Educational Opportunities

Upcoming TTCF Educational Events:

Trauma Care After Resuscitation (TCAR)

May 17-18, 2012

Tyler, Texas

info@tcarprograms.com

August 29-30, 2012

Bryan, Texas

info@tcarprograms.com

Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) Texas Children's

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Texas Children's Hospital

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Fax: 832- 825 – 3141

Pediatric Trauma Workshop

September 7, 2012

Tarrant County College

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Fort Worth, TX

Texas Injury and Violence Prevention Conference

June 20-22, 2012

Dell Children's Medical Center

ACS ATLS Course

June 26-27, 2012

Texas Tech University Health Science Center

Lubbock, TX