

# Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

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**H**appy New Year to all TTCF members and associates! It's hard to believe as I sit to pen this article that we are already two weeks into the New Year! We started this year on January 6 in Fort Worth with really strong work at the Strategic Planning Session by your Board and Committee Chairs / Co-Chairs. I asked the group to consider looking out two years in advance and make a plan and budget for their committees. I received an outstanding response and we look forward to sharing the results at the February meeting in Austin.

With the privilege of being President, I would like to share my vision of leadership for the group. The three primary concerns I have are: 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. One concern the Board has which I share is the turnover rate at the Level IV

facilities. I believe roots of success begin within TTCF as a family... that **YOU** feel welcomed into each and every meeting... that we share our successes by trading policies, procedures... that if you're a new TC, you are given the tools to succeed from your first day, especially when it comes to the most critical element for success during survey – understanding the PI process... and that as a veteran you find attending TTCF beneficial –

while sharing your experiences with the less experienced and that YOU get something out of each and every meeting. My next concern is our understanding of health care reform and its effects on our programs. In partnering with TETAF and with the strong leadership of Lisa Price, I believe the roll out of the Administrators Education Course is critical to our continued long term success. We must be able to speak to the clinical and financial benefits of our trauma programs to the folks who sign our checks. My last concern becomes one of group action – not a few – who interact with our

legislators. We will begin now to plan our strategy as we march back up The Hill in February 2013. We must continue to speak with our elected officials about continuing to release ALL trauma monies that help support 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 what I believe is "the privilege of taking care of our patients everyday"!

By the way... Did you know that TTCF is **officially** 20 years old this year? ... I'm thinking ... PARTY!!! ... and we are going to need some "planners" ... so just be thinking!



President Marvin Cloud



# TTCF 2012 Strategic Planning

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.

## Board of Directors:

### **President**

Marvin Cloud

### **Past President**

Scott Christopher

### **Secretary**

Brett Dodwell

### **Treasurer**

Jacky Betts

### **Historian**

Kathy Rodgers

### **Parliamentarian**

Robin Garza

### **Director at Large 1**

Lisa Price

### **Director at Large 2**

Lori Boyett

## Committee Chairs:

### **Mentorship/Membership**

Wendi McNabb

Tracy Cotner-Pouncy

### **Level 3**

Wanda Wiktorik

Andrea Holmes

### **Level 4**

Janice Markwardt

### **Fundraising**

Cheryl Dykes

Barbara Dillingham

### **Public Relations/Legislative**

Earvin Baker

Jackie Clifton

### **Pediatrics**

Janet Pointer

Brad Goettl

### **Injury Prevention**

Kara Tapley

Tammy Hanson

### **Education**

Courtney Edwards

Cindy Jenkins

### **Trauma Registry**

Irene Lopez

Rudy Flores



Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

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

## Education Committee

Chair Edwards reported 12 members attended. Topics discussed were; review of 3rd quarter education offerings (TNCC on Aug 15th, Forensics in Healthcare on Aug 16th), the committee

reviewed topics for the 2012 educational calendar, questions for the general 2012 survey monkey were explored, a discussion on CE solutions for 2012 was also conducted, and the November education offer-

ing of pediatric trauma/audit filters was reviewed.

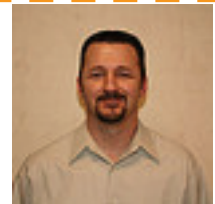


## Mentorship and Membership



Co-Chair Cotner-Pouncy reported 12 new members at the meeting. There was a welcome photograph taken of the new members and all obtained new member welcome packets. There was an extensive Q&A session and the new members were introduced to the Board Member Mentors for future contact.

## Financial Report



The Profit & Loss spreadsheet was submitted with the Balance Sheet by Treasurer Jacky Betts. Total income \$16,626.77, total Expense \$20,521.66, Current Balance \$16,897.59. Mr. Betts explained that while there was a net income loss of near \$3,000 the organization remains financially strong. He

pointed out that the TTDEC course this year had about 1/2 the normal volume of attendees. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written by Cindy Jenkins with a second by Marvin Cloud. The motion passed without opposition and the Treasurer's reports was accepted as written. The

CroFab vendor and booth were announced by the Treasurer. The membership was encouraged to visit this booth at some point during today's meeting. Mr. Betts also reported on the November TTCF meeting in conjunction with the annual Texas EMS Convention in Austin. He stated that the hotel hosting the meeting

(Hilton) is sold out and that there is no possibility of a TTCF reserved room block. It was stressed to the general membership to book a room at the numerous hotels located close to the meeting hotel.



## Trauma Registry Committee

Chair Lopez and Co-Chair Flores reported 23 members attended. Topics discussed included: Recommendations for Trauma Rule changes to include enhanced education of registrars to 4 CEs annually and encourage hospital administrations to allow increased activity with trauma system activities. Conversation stating the responsibility for the 3588 application piece in the rule changes is confusing and

needs to either be edited or removed. There was encouragement of registrars to obtain CSTR and/or CISS certification. The general 2012 survey questions from the committee were not analyzed so the results will be sent out once this is completed. Chair Lopez stated "the trauma registry database is an important factor to the Trauma Systems, the database and what is in it is only as good as what is

placed in it. The more support and education that is given to those people in our roles, will do nothing more than have a positive impact to the quality of the data and personal job satisfaction. This is a change from what has been expected in the past but without change, we are accepting the status quo."

## Injury Prevention Committee



Co-Chair Hanson reported 19 members attended. Topics discussed were; recapped of last meeting, discussed 3 pronged coalition (TTCF, TETAF, and GETAC) planning phase of Texas Injury & Violence Pre-

vention Conference 6/20-6/22, 2012 which will be hosted by St. David's in Austin. There will be two tracks offered, intentional and unintentional with CEs. The fall prevention programs at committee members'

hospitals were also discussed. Lastly, a discussion ensued regarding local upcoming injury prevention events.

## Pediatric Committee

Co-Chair Goettl reported 6 members attended. Topics discussed; development of two survey questions for the general survey, ENPC revision scheduled for late 2012, obtaining ven-

dors for TTCF meetings that may be pediatric focused, restructuring of the pediatric committee was discussed and further discussion is slated for the November TTCF general meeting and 2012 Stra-

tegic Planning meeting, and consideration was given to educational offerings that are presented at the pediatric committee being disseminated to entire general membership.

## Fund Raising Committee



Chair Dykes reported 4 members attended the meeting. Questions from the committee for the general survey scheduled for 2012 were formulated focused on fund raising and annual participation and the abil-

ity of the committee to increasingly meet the general membership needs, extensive discussion on creative revenue projects such as party boat excursions, airline tickets, cruises, and sporting events were

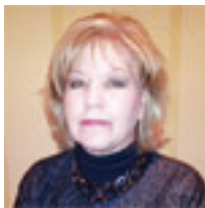
interchanged. Plans to order new TTCF merchandise in Feb.2012 were formulated.

## Level III Committee

Co-Chair Wiktorik reported 20 plus members attended. The red line rule revision document was discussed in depth with highlights of revisions including a 6 month decrease in time of new trauma center employees obtaining required courses; title change to “Trauma Pro-

gram Manager”; ICS 100 and 200 disaster education; AAAM requirement for TPMs. The trauma registrar title change to “Trauma Data Manager” was discussed and a unanimous vote to change the TPM FTE from 0.8 to 1.0 was recorded. ICU nursing certifications for those

nurses “floating” to the ED and those involved in trauma resuscitation were discussed. Lastly, the TOPIC and ACS Disaster Course in November at GETAC was conversed.



Chair  
Markwardt

reported 34 members in attendance. Topics discussed included; the red line rule revision document and the trauma facility criteria checklist, electronic vs. paper trauma flowsheets and a trauma flowsheet questionnaire was

## Level IV Committee

circulated that contained the questions ... Does your facility have an electronic or paper trauma flow sheet ... Do you feel there may be an interest or benefit in developing a standardized Level IV trauma flow sheet. The Chair reminded all attendees of the importance to review-

ing the rule revision document and participation in the revision process.

## Public Relations/Legislative Committee

Chair Baker reported 6 members attended. Topics discussed included; production of the Summer 2011 TTCF Newsletter, items for consideration in the 2012 Strategic Planning Conference, increasing membership attendance at this sub-committee meeting, setting a deadline of September 30 for newsletter submis-

sions with a production projection date of October 15, and developing two questions for the general survey.

Please make sure we have a good email address on file. Please contact Earvin Baker @ [earvin\\_baker@hchd.tmc.edu](mailto:earvin_baker@hchd.tmc.edu)

if you have any ideas to share.

We know that the Texas Legislature is not in session right now, but we will keep you informed!

Volunteers are needed and appreciated.





## Do You Remember?

### Looking Back to 9-01-2001

**S**omeone once told me that if you can remember what happened on that date you are exhibiting symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder. I believe that is true, that day I was at work in the ER when someone came into the department and said a plane had hit one of the towers at the World Trade Center. We all believed that it was just a horrific accident. The staff started taking turns slipping out to watch the drama unfold on the TV in the waiting room. I had just stepped into the room and was watching the first tower burn, when suddenly another plane appeared and slammed into the second tower. It was then we all knew this was more than an accident. A meeting was called by our administration and we were told that airports were shut down, our helicopters were not flying and ems were all on hold until we could be certain there would be no further attacks closer to home. Everyone felt the tension of waiting for the other shoe to fall, everyone was drawn back to the TV again and again. The shock of the attack and the overwhelming devastation of the towers and the people, will stay with us all forever. Post traumatic stress disorder? Maybe. At the very least an experience that changed every one of us. In the years since I have been involved on many levels with disaster preparedness, I have looked at the worst possible scenarios and tried to come up with a reasoned response. It has added a whole new dimension to my nursing career, interesting in some ways but not exactly what I had in mind when I graduated.”

I. Holte RN

Trauma Coordinator ETMC Carthage

“I was getting ready to go to class at TJC when the planes crashed into the twin towers. This was my first semester in college and so I wasn't

completely sure what I wanted to be "when I grew up". We watch the news in all my classes that day. I remember feeling completely helpless. This solidified my desire to be a nurse.”

Kara Tapley R.N.

Trauma Clinical Nurse

East Texas Medical Center-Tyler, TX



“I had a day off from working as ED/CCU Director. I was cleaning my house, watching TV. I was watching the 1st tower burn - saw the airplane fly into the 2nd tower - my heart felt like it stopped at that moment. I remember like it was yesterday. Made a total difference in my life - my focus totally changed on that day: "Material things" are not as important as in the past. I don't feel the need to drive a new auto every two years. Shopping for "extra" things is not a high priority. My family,

faith and friends are my high priority. I take my job very seriously; however, it does not consume me like in the past.”

Janice Markwardt, RN

Trauma Coordinator  
Hill Regional Hospital

“I was getting ready to board a plane at noon that day to go to the Emergency Nurses Association national convention in Orlando Florida.... I was 4 months pregnant. Most of my friends ( fellow Emergency nurses) were on airplanes on their way there and I spent the rest of the day trying to find them because the phone lines were jammed up. Very very long day but no one I knew was hurt or killed.”

Cynthia Kay Jenkins, RN, BSN, CEN, CPN,  
CPEN

Trauma Education/Outreach Coordinator  
Trauma Services

Texas Children's Hospital

# What's Going On?

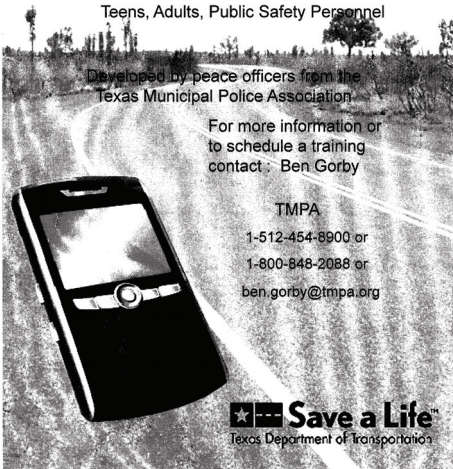
## Distracted Driving Courses

Three different classes available :  
Teens, Adults, Public Safety Personnel

Developed by peace officers from the  
Texas Municipal Police Association

For more information or  
to schedule a training  
contact : Ben Gorby

TMPA  
1-512-454-8900 or  
1-800-848-2088 or  
ben.gorby@tmpa.org



**Save a Life**  
Texas Department of Transportation

**STN 15th Annual Conference**  
**Going Coastal:**  
**Reset Your Trauma Compass**

**April 11-13, 2012**  
**Hyatt Regency Savannah**  
**Savannah, Georgia**

**STN**  
SOCIETY OF TRAUMA NURSES

Trauma care doesn't stop  
at the ED doors  
Why should  
trauma education?



The trauma  
nursing course that starts . . .  
Where the other courses end

### Target Audience

This course is designed to give pediatric nurses who work in acute care, critical care, and perioperative areas the foundational, evidence-based information and critical thinking skills necessary to care for the hospitalized trauma child. PCAR covers a wide range of pathophysiologic and nursing concepts and is designed to be a broad, core-level program, rather than an advanced or specialty area-specific course.

### Course Content

Day 1 is an introduction to basic topics relevant to the nursing care of the hospitalized injured child:

- The trauma continuum of care
- The biomechanics of trauma
- The body's response to injury
- Assessment of the injured inpatient
- Caring for the patient in shock

Day 2 Learners participate in guided, interactive case studies that address the care of hospitalized children with injuries to various body regions. Each module is designed to introduce specific trauma care concepts including pathophysiology, assessment modalities, and complications. Surgical, medical, and nursing management options and outcome criteria are presented while discussing patients with:

- Thoracic trauma
- Abdominal trauma
- Musculoskeletal trauma
- Brain trauma
- Spinal cord trauma



## Pediatric Care After Resuscitation

A 2-Day Trauma  
Fundamentals Course

Thursday & Friday  
March 29 & 30, 2012  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

At  
**Dell Children's Medical Center**  
of Central Texas  
Austin, Texas

Hosted by



Keynote Speaker  
Scott Lail, EMT-P, FP-C

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TRAUMA  
CONFERENCE  
APRIL 26-27, 2012

**TRAUMA, CRITICAL CARE  
& ACUTE CARE SURGERY 2012**

**CAESARS PALACE**  
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**  
**MARCH 26-28, 2012**

# Trauma Survey Etiquette Brenda Putz, RN

**D**o 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 surveyors to the front lobby and/or offer them a ride to the airport.

Have a great survey!!

“Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him!”

## TTCF Price Increases

Just a reminder that the membership fee and the meeting fee will increase on January 1, 2012.

The January 2012 & forward meeting fees will be \$50.00

The 2012 membership fee will be \$25 (whether paid at the November 2011 meeting or waiting until 2012).





# DSHS Report-Emily Parsons



DSHS plans to eliminate mailing letters notifying the hospitals of designation if there are no contingencies. If designation is awarded with contingencies, the facility will get a letter stating contingencies.

The FY12 funds will be reduced to \$57 million per State budget

cuts.

The application format (for 2010 calendar year patients) will remain the same as last year. However, the application will not be as closely “prereviewed” as last year due to the ability of DSHS staff to allot time to that task.

## Trauma Facility Designation Update -

“In Active Pursuit” – 15 hospitals  
 Total: 262  
 Level I: 17  
 Level II: 10  
 Level III: 49  
 Level IV: 186

Stroke Facilities  
 Total Primary Level II Centers – 69



# Texas EMS Trauma Acute Care Foundation Update-Brenda Putz

The TETAF Trauma survey process continues to be strong, and now includes Stroke Centers surveys. The current focus of the TETAF Trauma Committee remains on Trauma Rule Revision.. TETAF has begun work on developing a set of minimal trauma activation criteria and is in the discussion phase of building a Data Management course.

# Texas Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Update-Cynthia Jenkins



The ENPC course revision will be rolled out in 2012. The integrity of the TNCC Test-A has been compromised.

# MEETING NOTICES



## Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (TTCF)

### Board Meeting

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

### General Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2012  
8am-4pm  
Embassy Suites Austin-Central



## Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)

### General Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 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

### **Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

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

### **Thursday, February 9, 2012**

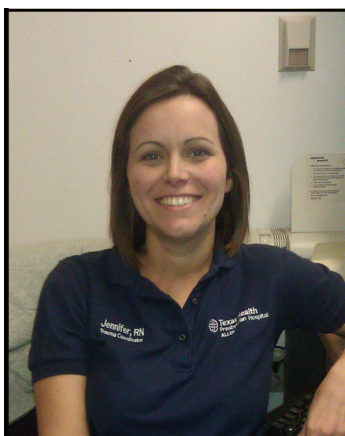
9:00am – 10:30am Air Medical  
10:30 am – 12:00pm Education Committee  
1:00pm – 2:00pm EMS Committee  
2:00pm – 4:00pm Joint Meeting of Cardiac Care, EMS, and Medical Directors  
4:00pm – 5:30pm Medical Directors Committee

### **Friday, August 19, 2011**

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

## Welcoming a New Coordinator

**I** moved here to Allen, Texas from New Orleans in 2005 and feel very blessed to have found a family here at Texas Health Allen in 2007. I worked as an Emergency Room nurse until 2009 when I was approached by my director to become the Trauma Coordinator. Our hospital has never had any trauma certification so this would be a brand new role and an exciting opportunity for me to take on. I began my journey with many education classes such as the American Trauma Societies Trauma Coordinator Course which was a little scary at first but turned out to be very helpful. With lots of help from my sister hospitals on trauma policies, procedures, tools, forms and much more I was able to get my trauma program up and running. Attending TTCF meetings and becoming a member of the yahoo forum gave me the opportunity to meet great people and benefit from all the help and education they have to offer. After much preparation we had our Trauma Designation survey in March 2011 and it went much better



**Jennifer Kass**

than I anticipated. Although, I was so nervous my surveyor was wonderful and made me feel at ease. Now we are a Level 4 Trauma Designated facility and I couldn't be more pleased on how everything has turned out.

I have learned so much since this process started and love that I get to be so involved in community education. I attend health fairs, participate in car seat safety checks, host fall prevention classes and much more. It is so rewarding to see that I can have an impact on the safety of our community here in Allen. I feel very honored to have been given this opportunity for I have met incredible people along the way and can't wait to see what this journey has in store for me in the future!

*Jennifer Kass, RN*

Trauma Coordinator—Texas Health Presbyterian of Allen





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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 Registrar Specific ICD-9-CM/ICD-10-CM Training Course**

February 6, 2012  
University Medical Center Brackenridge

### **Other Events**

**ATS Trauma Program Manager Course**  
January 30-31, 2012  
Embassy Suites in Dallas

### **ACS Disaster Management Emergency Preparedness Course**

February 1, 2012  
Embassy Suites in Dallas

### **ACS ATLS Course**

March 5-6, 2012  
UT Southwestern

### **PCAR**

February 23-24, 2012  
Texas Children's Hospital

### **TCAR**

May 17-18, 2012  
Tyler, Texas  
info@tcarprograms.com

### **Texas Injury and Violence Prevention Conference**

Jane 20-22, 2012  
Dell Children's Medical Center

### **ACS ATLS Course**

February 20-21, 2012 and June 26-27, 2012  
Texas Tech University Health Science Center  
Lubbock, TX