



Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2023

Embassy Suites Central, Austin Texas

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

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 72.

Approval of Minutes - There was a motion to approve the published November 18, 2022 General Meeting minutes by Janice Markwardt with a second had by Jennifer Rogers. There were no suggested revisions and the motion passed.

Presidents Announcements – *Kathy Rodgers*

The TTCF 2023 organizational posted goals were highlighted, and the future General Assembly Meeting dates were noted as:

June 6, 2023

August 15, 2023

November 17, 2023

There was an announcement concerning the membership proposed organizational name change, with the Board's decision to hear a prospectus at the November 16, 2023 Strategic Planning meeting for consideration. Ms. Koepp agreed to POC the prospectus and members were encouraged to supply feedback.

The next scheduled TTDEC course is set for October 2023 with details TBA.

Ms. Rodgers presented a PowerPoint offering relating to the decreased UCC funding which was delivered to the Texas Governor's staff and to House Speaker's office. She encouraged members to contact their representatives for input.

TCRN recognition – There were no names voiced for recent TCRN, CAISS, CSTR certification.

Treasurer Report – *Jacky Betts*

Mr. Betts submitted an itemized written report dated March 1, 2023 reflecting a Total Liabilities and Equity balance of \$25,056.64

Mr. Betts also informed the membership of the significant impact of collection fees via Eventbrite and PayPal registrations for TTCF meetings and courses, and the Board's decision to roll registration fees into future registration platforms beginning in 2023. This includes new quarterly meeting fees of \$55 member pre-registration, \$65 member in-person registration, and \$70 non-member in-person. He also expressed the importance of pre-registering for in-person meetings to ensure adequate food and other logistics and pointed out the room block registrations and deadlines for all 2023 meeting have been posted to the TTCF website.

Secretary Report – *Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell announced a current membership count of 82 as of 3/3/2023 and reminded the membership that processing of annual dues, meeting fees, and hotel room block discounts are all available on the TTCF website.

Historian Report – *Tamara Connell*

No report offered.

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

The membership was shown a prototype of the new TTCF challenge coin which will be procured in the near future.

Parliamentarian Report – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards reminded the membership that annual Bylaw and SOP changes have been posted to the TTCF website for review and comment prior to the scheduled adoption vote on June 6, 2023.

Registry Presentation – *Christine Campbell*

Ms. Campbell provided the membership with a PowerPoint presentation relating to head injury coding which included case studies.

CEU offering – OB trauma – *Lydia Camacho, BSN, RN, TCRN*

Ms. Camacho offered a 60-minute presentation on obstetric trauma to the membership and disseminated a PR code for CE obtainment. The presentation was uploaded to the Special Populations TTCF webpage for reference.

Injury Prevention Presentation – Mr. Steward Williams offered the membership a presentation on High/Low caliber firearm injuries and basic firearm safety recommendations.

Q&A Ask the Surveyors – TETAf trauma surveyors led a panel discussion on survey issues and concerns.

TETAF legislative update – *Dinah Welsh*

Ms. Welsh reported to the membership on the current trauma selected 88th State Legislature operations and status. There was considerable focus on the decreased UCC funding and the RAC unfunded mandates over the last several years. It was announced that there is legislature leadership support by Senate Finance Chair Joan Huffman to backfill the 5111 account with general revenue funds for this session. Members were encouraged to sign up for the 'bill follow list' via <https://capitol.texas.gov/>

Emergency Management – Pulsara's Corey Ricketson addressed the membership for 15 minutes.

Lunch – A buffet lunch was provided, and the inaugural attendees were offered an in-service lunch presentation.

Breakout Meetings – Level I/II, Level III, Level IV committees conducted a one-hour breakout session.

Internal Reports

Education – *Jennifer Carr, Maysoon Bader*

Ms. Carr reported that the Feb 2023 TTDEC course was attended by 11 participants and that feedback was positive. The next course will occur in October 2023. The membership was also informed that the TCRN focused Facebook page educational polls will continue for 2023. In closing it was noted that pediatrics will be the focus of next quarters educational offerings.

Injury Prevention – *Ashley Kopech, Amy Tucker*

Ms. Kopech informed the membership that the new IP newsletter has been published for review and that the Committee's webpage has a large listing of reference materials. It was reiterated that pediatrics will be the theme for next quarters offerings.

Special Populations – *Kristie Brown, Lydia Camacho*

The leadership solicited ideas for future offerings and announced plans to develop human trafficking education.

Registry – *Christine Campbell, Vacant*

Ms. Campbell asked the membership for future registry presentation ideas and announced plans for a data validation offering. The Co-Chair vacancy was announced, and any interested members were encouraged to contact Ms. Campbell for discussion.

Public Relations / Legislative – *Cathy Glenn, Vacant*

Ms. Glenn offered the membership a list of trauma related bills currently in the 88th Legislative session: HB1399, HB1388, HB1479, SB203, and SB240.

Membership / Mentorship – *Rebecca Crocker, Suzanne Curran*

Ms. Crocker announced 9 attendees at today's meeting and that the e-book will soon be published to the Committee's webpage.

Fundraising / Finance – *Jessica Vickers, Melanie Vanderford*

Ms. Vanderford reported that the leadership has obtained new merchandize funding and that production of two t-shirts are in progress.

Level I/II – *Danielle Sherar, Sheryl Cloud*

Ms. Cloud reported that the Committee discussed recent survey experiences and the 'grey' book updated standards to the gap analysis tool. An update on the Texas TQIP project was also discussed as well as tools for PTSD screening.

Level III – *Laura Wagley, Colyn Turnbow*

Ms. Wagley reported 14 members in attendance at today's meeting where pediatric readiness, pediatric MTP, and other resources were discussed. There were announced plans to develop a QR code for future topics of discussion.

Level IV – *Janice Markwardt, Joy Henry*

Ms. Markwardt reported today's attendance at 28 where survey etiquette, recent surveys, and fall prevention were discussed. Ms. Green of DSHS and Aaron Rodgers of TETAF attended the meeting and led a short Q/A discussion.

External Reports

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

Ms. Stevenson announced the current status of the trauma rule revision with the expectation that the rules are to go into effect in mid-2024. There was no update on current state-wide trauma designation status. In closing it was announced that the department has hired a new POC for the UCC funding who will start in 2 weeks with formal announcement to follow.

Trauma Registry – *Gavin Sussman*

Mr. Sussman announced the departments intention to upgrade to ITDX2023 standards and NEMESIS 3.5 standards by August 2023.

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

Mr. Rodgers announced the creation of a case study platform via 'Mighty Networks' will soon be available through TETAF.

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards reported the ENA's IP firearms statement has been revised with 12 points and public comment is now available. Support for workplace violence initiatives are in display throughout the State 88th Legislative Session. In closing it was noted that the last day to teach the 8th edition of the TNCC course is October 23, 2023.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) – *Courtney Edwards*

The national conference was noted as upcoming on March 29th in Denver and that the ATLS is in updates with a ATCN pilot.

American Trauma Society (ATS) – *Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell reported the numerous ATS educational offerings of: TPM course, Registry course, IP course, and ICD10 course all available via the ATS website. The ATS virtual annual conference is slated for April 14, 2023.

Trauma Centers Association of America (TCAA)

No updates offered.

ACS – *Chris Campbell*

No updates offered.

Adjournment – *Kathy Rodgers*

The meeting was adjourned without objection or dissent by President Rodgers at 14:55. The next scheduled General Assembly Meeting is June 6, 2023 in Austin.

Recorded by,

***Brett Dodwell
TTCF Secretary***