



Texas Perinatal Services NEWSLETTER

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Carla Rider Departs Texas Perinatal Services

Many of our hospital partners and others may recall when Carla Rider, DNP, MSN, MBA, RNC-LRN, began her work with TETAF as a neonatal surveyor. Later, she joined the team full-time to lead the direction of maternal and neonatal levels of care survey services for Texas Perinatal Services.

Carla's contribution has been integral to the success of Texas Perinatal Services. She originated the role as perinatal program director and her leadership efforts have greatly supported the TETAF mission of providing quality maternal and neonatal care. Through her efforts, Texas Perinatal Services surveys more hospitals in Texas than any other surveying entity. Most recently, as the maternal designation cycle concluded, Texas Perinatal Services surveyed 80% of the maternal hospitals designated in Texas. Carla also launched educational efforts to help hospital partners prepare for surveys, such as the Texas Perinatal Forum and the Texas Perinatal Services Virtual Library.

Texas Perinatal Services wishes Carla all the best as she leaves her role as perinatal program director in July. Carla has certainly left her mark in improving care for mothers and babies in Texas. Please join us in thanking Carla for a job well done with Texas Perinatal Services.

Perinatal Advisory Council Meets

The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) met virtually on June 23.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) provided the latest update on designations.

For maternal, 131 designations have been awarded:

Level IV - 24

Level III - 28

Level II - 53

Level I - 26

For neonatal, 228 designations have been awarded:

Level IV - 22

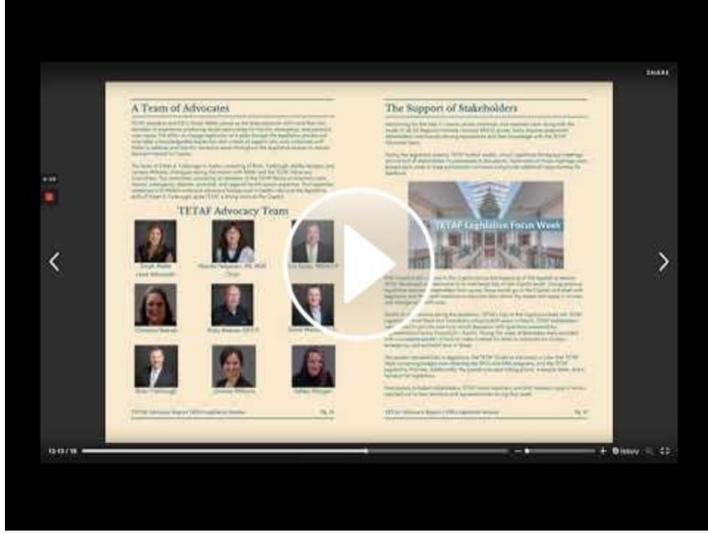
Level III - 62

Level II - 61

Level I - 83

The RAC-PCR Alliance provided an update on the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) [Newborn Admission Temperature \(NAT\) project](#). Approximately 60% of all neonatal hospitals in Texas are enrolled in this project.

The complete PAC meeting can be viewed on the [DSHS website](#). The next meeting will be held virtually on September 22, 2021.



TETAF Advocacy Report

TETAF is pleased to release the TETAF Advocacy Report: 87th Texas Legislative Session. This report is a compilation of TETAF's role and efforts during the recent legislative session and the advocacy work TETAF does throughout the year. This edition provides an overview of:

- The state budget and funding for trauma and emergency care
- Bills of note related to emergency response and perinatal care
- Additional advocacy efforts made by TETAF to emphasize the work of the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and to raise awareness of the importance of programs such as Stop the Bleed.

The report can be viewed and downloaded at any time on the TETAF advocacy webpage or you may download the PDF version below.

[Download a PDF of the TETAF Advocacy Report](#)



TETAF Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors will be held on **September 9, 2021**. More details will be announced on the TETAF website.

Upcoming Texas Perinatal Forum

The next Texas Perinatal Forum will be on **July 27 at 1:00 p.m. CST**. The topic will be, "QAPI tier 1-3 approach, Documentation, Staff Involvement on an Ongoing Basis for Quality Improvement."

If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact Erin Moore at emoore@tetaf.org.



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