

AGENDA TOPICS & MINUTES FORM
Perinatal/Women's and Children



July 21, 2020

12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: verbal roll call members present:

Quorum Present: Yes D -yes
No D

MEETING OPENED BY: Stephanie foster at 12:04 p.m.

- **TOPIC: OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION**
ITEMS: Maternal Designation/ NeoNatal Renewal
Pediatric Annex is complete and has been submitted

ACTION:

TOPIC: education offering – TETAF - - Go to TETAF webpage and register for the Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) virtual library. They will send you an email with access info then you can access the info listed below. When you are logged into <https://www.perinatalservices.org> you will have access to the TPS form and other content that is restricted to TETAF and TPS hospitals. – Bonnie Tincher shared this information with us – she states it is a good resource to find information about surveyors.

ACTION:

Discussion: Introduced information provided by Bonnie – website offers tips and best successes for survey readiness when using TETAF as the survey entity. The site gives information as to what surveyors are looking for and best practices throughout the State. Encouraged those who use TETAF to use this free, for them, information site.

TOPIC: GE online course information is attached

ACTION:

Discussion – Introduced the information as was sent prior to the meeting. This is another educational opportunity provided by member Bonnie from Chirstus.

TOPIC: Susan Rodriguez and her group are offering an education series : Cultural Humility: Improving the Health of Moms, Babies and Families in Northeast Texas, if you are interested contact susan.rodriguez@uthct.edu or Gomez.@ncfh.org for more information. The next session is July 23, 2020.

ACTION:

Discussion – gave information as to the origin of information and the need to help this population especially in light of the hurdles that COVID-19 has caused many of our more needy residents and families have had to adjust to. Intent in making Northeast Texas an improved place for moms and babies. Hope is the reduction of infant and maternal mortality

TOPIC: other educational offerings – It’s Time Texas – sessions about the status of health in the state. Ongoing series led by David Lakey, M.D.

ACTION:

Discussion – Education the online site for this important State-wide response to providing information to all practitioner’s and entities who provide services to improve the health of all Texans. This is a year-long series of programs to bring broad topics of health information to all areas of Texas without having to travel.

TOPIC: make sure that someone from your facility continues to enter AIM data to the State. This is an important process that helps us understand maternal health care needs.

ACTION:

Discussion – some entities were delinquent last year in entering their data for the State. Northeast Texas needs to be recognized for improvement of maternal/baby care and without the data to support those efforts, this area continues to report high numbers of poor outcomes.

TOPIC – questions???

Bonnie asked if the Fall meeting was going to be on-line and the response is that probably for a year, they will be. She suggested that I contact Carla Ryder and either get her to be on our call or send important information as to the survey’s conducted in the State, best practice ideas, and what’s working well for hospitals during survey time. The chair asked that if anyone had a topic of interest to let her know so that information could be gathered and shared with the group.

Conversation was had about the amount of emails sent by chair with pertinent information as to maternal/child issues in the State. Incorporating information for the Southwest RAC in San Antonio as well. Everyone agreed that the information was helpful and to keep sending.

Brenda Morris, M.D. asked if there had been an increased in premie babies in the NICU during this COVID-19 time, chair gave information that Longview had been very busy but was unaware of premies of 22/23 weeks arriving. Corpus Christi has reported that 85 NICU babies had contracted the virus. Their patient population also includes transfers from Mexico for care.

Sheryl Coffey was in attendance and brought very important information to the group to share. Palestine has successfully been surveyed and received a redesignation. Sheryl also explained the requirement of a letter of participation by members for survey teams to show

attendance at meetings and participation. Going forward on-line meetings will occur and members will let the chair know to record their names for record keeping. Sheryl reiterated, as always, that the RAC-G staff is ready to support any entity when surveyors are on deck to make sure that they have a successful outcome. Sheryl stated that they have learned through very hard work what the surveyors need and would also like to be called upon to help with any needs that the RAC-G could supply. Partnering with the hospitals is paramount to success for the geographic area and the RAC- G.

Meeting was adjourned 12:34
TIME

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephanie Foster

NAME OF RECORDER

Members in attendance = Sheryl Coffey, Stephanie Foster, Christus – Brenda Morris, M.D., Bonnie Tinchler, Mona Gaw, Melissa Jones, Virginia Lewis, Dalene Wilcox, Brandi Stephens, Metosha Brantley, UTHET – Pittsburg Trauma – Jennifer Marshall.