



Texas Perinatal Services NEWSLETTER

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April 2021

Perinatal Advisory Council

The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) held its meeting virtually on March 31. During the meeting, Dr. David Weisoly, a member of the TETAF Board of Directors, presented on the [Newborn Admission Temperature project](#). It is a quality improvement (QI)

initiative hosted by the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) in a partnership with the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Perinatal Committees to increase the proportion of newborn infants with admission temperatures within normal limits through the implementation of best practices.

229 neonatal facilities have been designated in the first cycle. Of these:

22 are Level IV,

60 are Level III,

63 are Level II, and

84 are Level I.

This is an adjustment from the previous PAC meeting. Three facilities closed OB services.

For maternal:

101 facilities have been awarded designation. 24 are Level IV, 26 are Level III, 37 are Level II, and 14 are designated as a Level I. August 31, 2021 remains the deadline per statute and there is not a legislative extension at this time.

You can view the [video of the PAC meeting here](#). The next PAC meeting will be June 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. CST and will be virtual via Microsoft Teams.





87th Legislative Session

The TETAF Advocacy team is actively monitoring bills related to maternal care, along with attending committee meetings and meeting with legislators. Among the many bills TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services are following is Senate Bill (SB) 1, which focuses on the state's budget. As filed, the bill appropriates \$10.2 million more for

women's health, including the continuation of the Healthy Texas Women program's enhanced postpartum care services. It also allows for \$7 million to maintain funding for maternal mortality and morbidity safety initiatives.

TETAF's Legislative Workgroup meetings will continue through the end of the legislative session. The calls are every Friday at 10 a.m. CST. You can [register here](#) to attend the Zoom meetings.

"How One Perinatal Program Director Successfully Supports QI Projects in Texas"

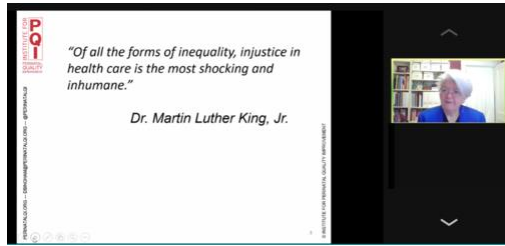
Texas Perinatal Services' perinatal program director, Carla Rider, DNP, MSN, MBA, RNC-LRN, BS, was recently interviewed by the Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement (PQI) regarding her successes in quality improvement initiatives.

Read the [complete interview here](#).

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“
Choosing QI projects
should be driven by
patient care. Determine
which identified
opportunities impact
patient care the most. If
you go back to your chart
audits and you look at
your personal outcomes,
it's easier to say, "These
are our personal
outcomes, and this is
where we could be.”

CARLA RIDER, DNP, MSN, MBA, RNC-LRN, BS
PERINATAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT TEXAS PERINATAL SERVICES



SPEAK UP Champions Implicit and Explicit Bias Virtual Conference

Texas Perinatal Services proudly sponsored the Institute for Perinatal

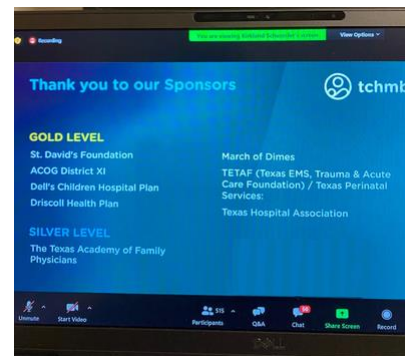
Quality's (PQI) two-part series, "SPEAK UP Champions© Implicit and Explicit Bias LIVE Virtual Conference," in February and it was well-attended.

Texas Perinatal Services plans to sponsor future events focused on maternal mortality and bias. If you would like to learn more about PQI's Implicit and Explicit Bias SPEAK UP Champions' Training please [click here.](#)

TCHMB Sets Date for 2022 Conference

Mark your calendars for February 16-18, 2022 as the [Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies \(TCHMB\)](#) hosts its next summit.

Texas Perinatal Services was once again a proud sponsor for TCHMB's 2021 Summit that brought informative information to attendees virtually. More than 1,100 joined the virtual event.



New Date for 2021 AWHONN Convention

The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) has pushed back the date for the 2021 Convention to ensure that an in-person event can be safely held. The new date is scheduled for October 9-

13, 2021 in Kissimmee, Florida.

[Registration for the conference](#) is now open.

Upcoming Texas Perinatal Forums

Texas Perinatal Services had excellent participation from those who joined the March forum. The deadline for those who attended the presentation, "All Hands On Deck: OB Trauma" must have the **evaluation tool completed by April 13** to be awarded CNE.

The next Texas Perinatal Forum will be on **April 14 at 1:00 p.m.** CST, the topic will be, "Trauma Collaboration, LDRP Model During COVID, Social Work and Interdepartmental Collaboration." The following month the Texas Perinatal Forum will be on **May 13 at 11:00 a.m.** CST and the topic will be, "Tracking Urgent Response Times, MMD/MPM Collaboration Form, Dietary Guidelines and Quality Board." Be sure to mark your calendar now for each of these forums.

If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact Carla Rider at crider@tetaf.org to register.



In the News

[MCH gets maternal designation](#) - *Odessa American*
[Fort Worth hospital awarded highest designation for caring for expectant moms, babies](#) - *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

[Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas as a Level IV maternal care facility](#) - *D Magazine, Health Brief*
['Our women are dying': Texas lawmakers urged to extend Medicaid to a year after birth for new mothers](#) - *San Antonio Express-News*



Mark Your Calendar

[National Minority Health Month](#) - April

[Caesarean Awareness Month](#) - April

[National Infertility Awareness Week](#) - April 18-24, 2021

[National Nurses Month \(May\) and Week](#) - May 6-12, 2021

[Preeclampsia Awareness Month](#) - May

[National Women's Health Week](#) - May 9-15, 2021

[National Hospital Week](#) - May 9-15, 2021