

Project Goal #1: Create an inventory of historical & current programs, to include (but not limited to) legislative, educational, membership retention, leadership development, collaboration, EM residency engagement, para-emergency medicine (e.g. collaboration with emergency nursing, paramedics, etc.), and other similar activities.

Approach: Begin with review of last 36 months of TCEP minutes and/or recordings as well as TCEP's annual event calendar to identify legislative efforts and approved programs. Assign themes to various committee members for development and completion.

Project Goal #2: Identify and compile list of TCEP Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who may serve as a resource (mentor, consult, etc.) to other chapters on an ad hoc basis as needs arise.

Approach: Begin with review of last 36 months of TCEP minutes to identify SMEs who have consulted with TCEP. Interview TCEP Board Members to develop list of SMEs, areas of expertise, and contact information.

TCEP Leaders/SMEs

Dr Vankawala	Dr Troutman	Dr Best
Dr Hancock	Dr Meek	Dr Sparkman
Dr Overstreet	Dr Fairless	Beth Brooks
Dr Hensley	Dr Jeffrey	Annette Mitrosz
Dr Tran	Dr. Lorelle Knight	Dr Dunn
Dr Wood	Dr Kirk	Dr Nguyen
Dr Sims	Dr Williams	Kayla Nussbaum
Dr Andrabi	Dr Fite	Marcus Sims
Dr Knowles	Dr Greenberg	Dr Kuo
Dr Charles	Lindsey Wencil	Jonathan Brewer

Additional Guests from BOD calls: Drs. Rick Robinson, Dan Peckenpaugh, Katie White, Paul Kivela, Lonnie Schwirtlich, Carrie deMoor, Rene Johnson, Arlo Weltge, Dr. Angela Gardner, Dr. Alison Haddock, Dr. Andrea Green, Lenexa Morais

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Year	Month	Program	Contact	Brief Description	Stated Objective	Obj. Achieved Y/N/O
Legislative Advocacy						
2021	April	HB 1827 Finance	Huffman et al.	Relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account.	State to fully fund the Prescription Monitoring Program with electronic health record integration.	Ongoing
2021	April	HB 1445 Finance	Dr. Tom Oliverson	Relating to the applicability of the sales and use tax to medical or dental billing services. Clarify certain medical/dental billing services were not insurance services subject to sales and use taxes.	Codify the sales tax exemption for certain insurance billing services, preventing an increased tax burden from being imposed on medical practices.	O
2021	April	SB 6 Business & Commerce	Kelly Dr. Hancock	Relating to liability for certain claims arising during a pandemic or other disaster or emergency	Provides retroactive civil liability protections for large/small businesses, religious institutions, non-profit entities, healthcare providers, first responders, and educational institutions.	O

2021	April	HB 3659 Business & Commerce	Jeff Leach	Relating to liability for certain claims arising during a pandemic or other disaster or emergency	Provides retroactive civil liability protections for large and small businesses, religious institutions, non-profit entities, healthcare providers, first responders, and educational institutions.	O
2021	April	HB 2241 Insurance	Dr. Tom Oliverson	Relating to the definition of emergency care for purposes of certain health benefit plans.	Seek to strengthen the prudent layperson standard. The patient's emergency care coverage is supposed to be assessed using the prudent layperson standard.	O
2021	April	HB 2035 Insurance	Julie Johnson	Relating to utilization review of emergency care claims under health benefit plans.	Seek to strengthen the prudent layperson standard. The patient's emergency care coverage is supposed to be assessed using the prudent layperson standard.	O
2021	March	HB 2029 Business & Commerce	Klick et al.	Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.	Reinforce medicine's perspective that scope expansions are unnecessary and unwarranted.	Died
2021	March	HB 2340 Business & Commerce	Klick et al.	Relating to the practice of therapeutic optometry; requiring an occupational	Reinforce medicine's perspective that scope expansions are unnecessary and unwarranted.	O

				certificate to perform certain surgical procedures.		
2021	March	HB 4352 Business & Commerce	Beckley	Relating to the scope of practice of physician assistants.	Reinforce medicine's perspective that scope expansions are unnecessary and unwarranted.	O
2021	March	HB 915 Business & Commerce	Dr. Hancock et al.	Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.	Reinforce medicine's perspective that scope expansions are unnecessary and unwarranted.	O
2021	March	HB 993 Business & Commerce	Dr. Hancock	Relating to the practice of therapeutic optometry; requiring an occupational certificate to perform certain surgical procedures.	Reinforce medicine's perspective that scope expansions are unnecessary and unwarranted.	O
2021	March	HB 2117 Public Health	Price et al.	Relating to the prescribing of controlled substances and dangerous drugs for acute pain.	Deals with legislation that requires onerous informed consent and documentation requirements when physicians prescribe any type of painkiller for acute pain.	O

2021	March	HB 768 Jurisprudence	Huffman et al.	Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for manufacture or delivery of fentanyl and related substances; creating a criminal offense.	TCEP was asked to support Sen. Huffman's legislation to enhance criminal penalties for those that illicitly manufacture and/or distribute fentanyl	O
2020-2021	Jan-Dec	Texas Tribune PR Media Relations	Dr. Fairless	To represent TCEP from a PR standpoint via a media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.	The Texas Tribune is a nonpartisan, nonprofit media organization. Their mission is to provide readers with impartial, informative reporting, and with an outlet for civic engagement and discourse on public policy, politics, government and other matters of statewide concern.	O
2018-2020	Nov-Jan	Mental Health Holds Task Force	Dr. Tran, ?Dr. Greenberg	A task force formed by the Government Relations Committee	Determine TCEP's stance on legislation around mental health issues and legislation	Y
2020	January	Prescription Drug Monitoring (PMP) Advisory Council	Dr. Kirk	Outside of the TMA, Dr. Kirk acts as the emergency physician for the state for the PMP Advisory Board	Meets several times a year and advises the Pharmacy Board's Director and Counsellor on the Physician (and APP) the realities of using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).	O

2020	January	SB 1264	Dr. Tran with Michael Grimes (lobbyist)	Protects consumers who have state-regulated health plans from surprise medical bills in certain situations. It allows physicians to initiate arbitration if there is a dispute. The bill acted as a model for the national No Surprises Act.	The new protections will apply to bills for medical services received on or after January 1, 2020.	Y
2020	July	TMA/ACEP Covid PPE task force	Dr. Greenberg			
2019	January	TAPA	Dr. Hancock			
2019	January	GTECH (Governor appointed Texas EMS advisory council)	Dr. Greenberg			
2019	January	Free-Standing Emergency Departments	Dr. Tran	A task force formed by the Government Relations Committee	Determine TCEP's stance on legislation around free-standing emergency departments	Y

2019	July	Legislative Update	Dr. Tran	Dr. Tran provides legislative updates during strategy meetings with lobbyists. These occur every other week and are open to TCEP membership.	Discussion of legislative updates	Y
2019	Oct	EMTALA Expansion Resolution	Dr. Calderon Former TLAF	Promote that EMTALA should be expanded to urgent care and primary care clinics and further modify the law so that if a patient is required to be sent to the ED, the urgent care and PCP must call ahead to facilitate transfer, document that the patient is safe for transfer, and facilitate safe transportation or direct admission.	To Expand the benefits of EMTALA to Ensure Safety of the Public	Y
2019	October	GETAC (Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council?)	Dr. Greenberg			
2019	October	TCEP Government Relations Committee	Drs. Tran, Kirk, Chaethana, Yalamanchili, and Roe	The overarching committee for government relations. Plans interactions with legislators and	Creates multiple task forces to reach their goals, including the task force on free standing emergency departments and the	O

				responses to proposed legislation.	task force on mental health holds, as mentioned above	
2019	October	TAPA	Dr. Hancock			
2018	Fall	The Emergency Medicine Workforce Resolution in EMRA	Dr. Jason Lesnik	EMRA serves as the voice of emergency medicine physicians in training and the future of the speciality.	Their existing policy at this time was not grouped together in the policy compendium and their current policy on medical licensure could benefit from being restated in a more succinct, easily interpretable manner that was more consistent with EMRA's definition of an EM physician and moonlighting policies.	Y
2018-ongoing	ongoing	Political Action Committee (PAC)	Dr. Tran	Sends out legislative updates to TCEP members, provides financial support to legislators that is delivered by TCEP members; send in cards in support of or against a bill; provide written and in-person testimony for or against a bill;	Develop opinions on which politicians and legislation to support each campaign cycle, connect members to their legislators, and engage in advocacy	O

				arrange legislative office visits		
Educational						
2020-2021	Jan-Dec	Education Committee	Dr. Andrabi	Co-Chair Education Committee Meeting. Develop program conference schedule, contracts for selected speakers, create sub-committees for policy, education, resident, medical students; draft correspondence to speakers, deadline reminders, onsite coordinating day of. Post conference follow ups to attendees and speakers.	Bring in speakers, sponsorships and organize CME for attendees	O
2020	Jan-Dec	Education Committee Baylor	Dr. Andrabi	Set up virtual visits with residencies for Q&A, PD/APD and residents at Baylor.	Increase recruitment of medical students during COVID.	Y
2020	January	TCEP Connect	Dr. Best Dr. Andrabi Dr. Tran	Annual meeting allowing all members of TCEP	Bring in speakers, sponsorships, research forum, resident track,	O

				the opportunity to gather together.	medical student track, residency fair and policy track for advocacy. This includes a Legislative Day, where members advocate at the Capitol	
2020	January	International Trauma and Life Support	Dr. Sparkman EMS Committee			
2020	January	SIM Center and Cadaver Course	Beth Brooks			
2020	July	Virtual Education on ethics and opioids	Dr. Best Dr. Hancock Dr. Andrabi Dr. AJ Kirk	Determine whether to provide virtual education on ethics and opioids	Texas Medical Board has specific requirements for CME that physicians need to complete every 2 years. There is a free product that already exists, so this group ultimately decided not to provide virtual education. Ultimately, this project did not move forward.	Y
2019	January	TCEP Connect	Dr. Best Dr. Andrabi	Annual meeting allowing all members of TCEP the opportunity to gather together.	Bring in speakers, sponsorships, research forum, resident track, medical student track, residency fair, policy track for advocacy, legislative day; Wrote sim scenarios for medical students (Dr. Renee Johnson)	
2019	July	CME courses	TCEP Board	Holding a one-day SIM course		

2018	2018 (January)	Texas Two Step, Hemorrhagic Control	Medical Student Council			
Membership Retention						
2020	Jan-Dec	Annual Business Meeting	Dr. Andrabi, Dr. Kirk Membership Committee	Overall goal to increase membership through student, resident, attendings retention. Continue residency site visits.	To increase membership, gauge constituency interaction, and limit member losses	0
2020	Jan-Dec	Wellness Committee	Dr. Fairless	To promote and implement wellness initiatives for TCEP members.	To improve the mental and physical health of TCEP members.	0

2019	January	Membership update	Dr. Charles	Many people who don't join TCEP say that they can't afford it, or they feel like ACEP meddles too much with the big groups/CMGs, etc.	ACEP put together a response/talking points to give people when they say ACEP meddles with the big groups too much.	
2019	July	Membership update	Annette	<p>Students:(36 respondents): Top needs – resources on website and regional networking.</p> <p>Residents: Top: want networking. 12 respondents; want more involvement with legislators.</p> <p>Physicians (171 respondents): top 3 – Emphasis, connect and legislative. Want more involvement with local legislators.</p>	Survey Medical Student members to determine what is most valuable to them with their TCEP membership, or what more TCEP can provide to them.	Y

2018	January	Membership	Dr. Peckenpaugh Dr. Andrabi	Life members originally did not pay yearly dues; changed to 50% normal annual dues; Discount for first year out attendings; Worked with residencies to ensure all residents were members.		
2018	Jan-Dec	Membership	Dr. Andrabi	Developed regional database for TCEP mentors to match with medical students.	To increase access to mentors for medical students through TCEP.	Y
<p style="text-align: center;">Year of Effect/Minutes Program Contact Brief Description</p>						
Leadership Development						
2018-2021	Dec-Now	TCEP Nominating Committee	Drs. Vankwalla, Meek, Tran	Nominates members to run for TCEP executive board	Develop upcoming TCEP leadership	O
2021	Ongoing	Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Nominations	Dr. Tran, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Troutman	Nominates members to GETAC	Develop TCEP leadership roles	O
2021	Ongoing	Texas Medical Board (TMB) Nominations	Dr. Tran	Nominates members to the state advisory board	Develop TCEP leadership roles	O

2020	Jan-Dec	By Laws Review Committee	Dr. Fairless	Review TCEP By Laws	Responsible for the creation and maintenance of the organization's bylaws, which is the set of rules that guide its operations and activities.	O
2020		Nomination of members to the ACEP board	Dr. Haddock	Increase participation of members in ACEP board positions through nominations	Leadership development of current members	Y
2019	January	Tlaf Structure Discussion	Dr. Jeffrey	Attendings and residents eligible, increase involvement and participation; focus on leadership skills, mentoring, powers/ perception/ social media presence going to events (LAC), networking	future steps: how to bring people into the program, discussing financially how to assist with expenses for residents going to meetings (focus on council, LAC and texmed)	O
2019	March	Leadership and Advocacy Conference Scholarship Stipend	Dr. Knight Dr. Lee	Motion passed to allocate \$500 for each scholarship stipend		

2019	July	Profile XT testing	Dr. Meek	Explaining the different personality traits of board members. Through the four traits (decisiveness, accommodation, assertiveness and outlook), he explained how the Board can best work together, and how our differences make the board stronger.		
2019	July	TLAF	Dr. Jeffrey	A new TLAF committee has been created with 8 members. New co-chairs are Drs. Eddie Kuo and Katie Dowdell. Dr. Jeffrey to remain on as advisor.	a way to continue to create leadership opportunities after TLAF and for those interested; making decisions as a group; the committee to still continue, in the future could be an advisory board	O
Collaboration						
General	General	ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference participation	Widespread	Annual conference	To work for a better political environment through Lobby Day, educational content on leadership and advocacy, discussions about the current issues	O

					on capitol hill, and preparation to discuss these with Members of Congress and their staff	
General	General	ACEP Council participation	Widespread	Annual conference	To represent TCEP as councillors and alternate councillors	O
General	General	TMA and AMA participation	Widespread (Dr. Fite is TMA's current president)	Texas Medical Association, the largest state medical society American Medical Association, the largest	"TMA stands up for Texas physicians by providing distinctive solutions to the challenges they encounter in the care of patients." AMA's mission: "to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. ends."	O
2019	January	MOST Coalition	Dr. Greenburg Dr. Haddock	Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment Coalition	Advance care planning tool, based on the POLST Paradigm, designed for those facing advanced and life-limiting illnesses.	Y

2019	July	Sickle Cell association proposal	Beth Brooks	It was suggested offering them the opportunity to buy a booth at Connect, or possibly doing a lecture at Connect.		
2019	July	Women's Conference San Antonio USCAS	Beth Brooks	USCAS requesting that TCEP partner with them on a fall summit.		
Community Engagement						
2020		TCEP Rural Emergency Health Outreach Task Force	Dr. Bryan Dunn Dr. Tom Xu	Developing a broad-based Rural ED survey to assess the needs of Texas rural EDs.		
2020	November	Hard Hats for Little Heads program	Tammy Wishard, TMA outreach coordinator	Hosted a virtual helmet giveaway of 315 bicycle helmets at a school in Fort Worth; continuing to give away helmets to other programs		O
2020	May	Mercury/Iron Clad Collaboration	Dr. Tran Dr. Hancock Dr. Jeffrey Dr. Falcouner	Hire Mercury x4MO, public relations	media campaign focused on promoting the college; during COVID specifically worked on getting patients to know to come to ED for emergencies and now	O

					promoting COVID vaccines among patients; moving forward, it's expensive and we'd need to see what our return on investment would be	
2020	July	Texas Two Step and Lone Star virtual endeavor	Kayla Nussbaum			
2019	January	Texas Two Step Update	Jonathan Brewer			
2019	January	Texas Two Step and Lonestar Survival updates	Dr. Lorelle Knight			
2019	July	Lonestar Survival updates	Lindsey Wencel			
2019	October	Texas Two Step Grant Proposal	Lenexa Morais	\$1000		
2018	January	Texas Two Step TCEP Connect	Medical Student Council			
EM Residency Engagement						
2018-2021	Jan-Dec	Residency Outreaches/Visits	Dr. Meek Dr. Andrabi Dr Tran	Reach out to residency programs within	Engage residents and community members	O

		UTSW UTHSCSA UT Houston CCEM JPS Baylor Ft Worth		their own cities to meet both the residents, discuss what they needed from TCEP, and obtain feedback from residency visits via a flipped classroom approach, and identify and fill in gaps from in residency training. Dr. Theresa Tran was responsible for discussing legislative updates with residents.		
2020	July	Meet the Residency Directors	Kayla Nussbaum			
2017-2020		Olympics	Dr. Meek	Boosted conference attendance with innovative new approach. Lots of team building and sim wars.		
Para-Emergency Medicine						

2020	Jan-Dec	EMS Liaison Committee	Dr. Fairless	Monitor and advise the Board of Directors on EMS issues.	Provide a path of participation and exchange of information with the EMS Medical Director's community. Organize and sponsor the annual EMS Medical Director's Seminar.	O
2020	January	Texas CARES	Dr. Troutman	A partnership with 9-1-1 centers, EMS agencies and municipal fire departments, hospitals and other healthcare providers, university researches, and the public. EMS and hospitals can get benchmarking information. Cardiac arrest data for researchers.		
2019	January	EMSC (EMS for Children)	Dr. Hensley	Governors EMS and Trauma Advisory Council assessing pediatric-ready processes in the state	Define organizational Principles to Guide and Define the Child Health Care System and/or Improve the Health of All Children	Y

2019-2021	January	Tx NAEMSP EMS medical directors conference	Dr. Troutman Dr. Fairless	Partner organization for EMS medical directors, several publications for EMS COVID protocols in 2019- 2020, air medical transport	Publish guidelines for EMS COVID protocols 2019-2020. Currently working on protocols for air medical transport.	Y
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Dr. Theresa Tran	Government Relations		Theresatranbcm@gmail.com
Dr. AJ Kirk	<p>EMS: He is a BioTel faculty member; BioTel provides online medical direction for 13 agencies including Dallas Fire, Irving and Acadian's Texas-wide program</p> <p>Tactical Medicine: He is the Physician for Ft. Worth Police Department's TacMed Unit</p> <p>Medical Legal affairs: Serves on the ACEP Medical Legal Committee</p> <p>Administration: He is the Chief and Medical Director for the Parkland ED (largest single site ED in the country with approximately 250K annual visits) and on many quality initiatives (he serves on the</p>		AJ.Kirk@UTSouthwestern.edu

UTSW EM Quality Committee and Parkland's quality oversight committee)

Sports/Combat Sports: He was one of the two Physicians covering North America for the UFC and worked with the Dallas Mavericks and Stars on their programs as well as previously being a firefighter/medic for collegiate athletics and motorsports venues

Rural Emergency Medicine: He worked in a critical access remote hospitals with limited resources

Education: He started an EM program and currently serves in a large residency program

Population Health: Parkland's health system integrates wellness initiatives across the enterprise including the ED