

# **NEWSLETTER: JULY 2017**



# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Heidi Knowles, MD, FACEP President

Working in my garden last week, trying to quickly get things done before the next storm rolled in, I realized how oddly similar Texas weather is to working in the Emergency Department. Bright sunny days, where lives are saved and patients are happy with your ability to relieve pain with ibuprofen, followed the next day by a crazy loud thunderstorm, riddled with tornados...

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# **BIG STATE. BIGGER CAREER MOVE.**

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**Government Relations Committee** 

REPORT

Diana Fite, MD, FACEF Chair, Government Relations Committee

For readers of our Government Relations Committee reports, I am going to take this opportunity to review the issues that we have been involved in or have been following that were mentioned in our last report, and summarize the outcome of each of them. Then in future issues, I will go into more detail for some of the more pertinent/interesting bills. The legislative session ended at midnight on May 29...



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#### **TCEP Director's Message**



It is a great honor to be selected as TCEP's new Executive Director. I think sometimes physicians forget the high esteem and respect their fellow citizens have for them. One of the most fulfilling parts of my new job at TCEP is to keep that regard and respect working for you. Texans understand that no state or community can thrive and prosper without access to quality and affordable health care. We need to cultivate and nurture that understanding...

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#### **TCEP Residency Visit From a Resident's Perspective**

# REPORT

RJ Sontag, MD

TCEP's visit to UT Health San Antonio served as an excellent introduction for our residency. In conversations with fellow residents, moments that stick in our memory include realizing the power of advocacy and understanding various ways to practice once we graduate...

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Elections of Officers were held at the TCEP Board meeting as part of the annual meeting. The elected officers were:

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New TCEP President: Heidi Knowles, MD FACEP



New TCEP President Elect: Gerad Troutman, MD, FACEP

New TCEP Treasurer: Hemant Vanawala, MD, FACEP

New TCEP Secretary: Robert Hancock, DO, FACEP

# Photos from UTHSA Residency Visit



Highlights of UT Health San Antonio Residency Visit; TCEP joins residents for an evening reception in San Antonio.

TCEP thanks the following sponsors for this event:

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#### **Calendar of Events**

2017 August 16-17 GETAC meeting Austin, TX August 18 Pediatric Readiness program meeting Austin, TX September 14 Corpus Residency Visit September 15 TMA Fall Conference Bastrop, TX September 16 EMIG Colloquium (medical students) September 28 Austin Residency Visit Austin, TX September 28-29 Board meeting in Austin Austin, TX October 27-28 ACEP Council Meeting October 29-November 1 ACEP Scientific Assembly November 18 GETAC meeting Fort Worth, TX November 19-22 Texas EMS meeting Fort Worth, TX December 1-2 TMA Advocacy Retreat, Omni Barton Creek Austin, TX 2018 January 26-27 TMA Winter Conference January 27-28 TCEP BOD meeting Austin, TX

EMS Week

May 20-26

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