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Perinatal Advisory Council Meeting

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Texas Designation Survey Guidelines



Guidelines apply to all designated surveys



Goal: standardize the survey processes

Facility Survey Planning and Preparedness
Survey Organization Expectations
Surveyor Expectations



Posted in April of 2023



Survey Organizations – Applications August 1 and return deadline of October 1, 2023



Survey Guidelines Implementation – January 1, 2024

Maternal Rule Update

Maternal Proposed Rules Timeline:

- December 30th, 2022 – Maternal Rules Adopted
- January 8th, 2023 – Maternal Rules Effective
- May 1st, 2023 – Facilities will be surveyed with the adopted rules

Neonatal Rule Update

Neonatal Proposed Rules:

- January 13th to February 13th, 2023 – Neonatal Formal Comment Period (comments received from 22 organizations and 13 individuals)
- February 16th, 2023 – HHSC Executive Council Meeting
- March 15th, 2023 – Neonatal Rule Packet due to Rules Coordination Office

Designation Update

Elizabeth Stevenson, BSN, RN, Designation Programs Manager

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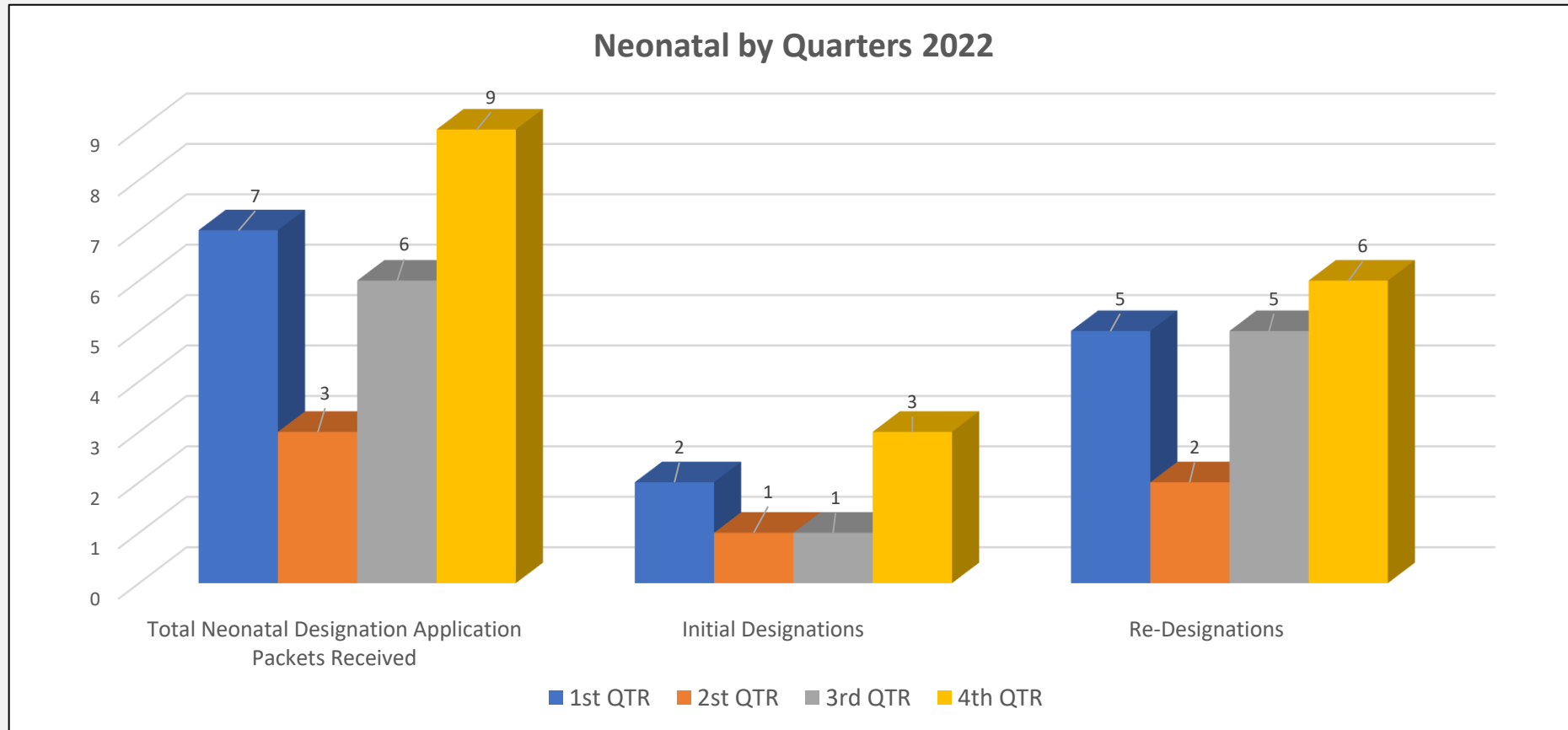
Designation Unit Performance

Designated Neonatal Facilities	January 2023	October 2022	July 2022	April 2022
Total	227	227	227	227
Level IV	22	22	22	22
Level III	73	73	73	69
Level II	52	52	50	54
Level I	80	80	82	82

Neonatal Designation Performance

Calendar Year	1st Quarter 2022	2nd Quarter 2022	3rd Quarter 2022	4th Quarter 2022
Total Neonatal Designation Application Packets Received	7	3	6	9
Level I	1	1	4	5
Level II	1	0	1	1
Level III	5	2	0	2
Level IV	0	0	1	1
Initial Designations	2	1	1	3
Level I	0	0	0	0
Level II	1	0	1	1
Level III	1	1	0	2
Level IV	0	0	0	0
Re-Designations	5	2	5	6
Level I	1	0	4	5
Level II	0	0	0	0
Level III	4	2	0	0
Level IV	0	0	1	1
Total Designations Completed	7	3	6	9

Neonatal Designation Data



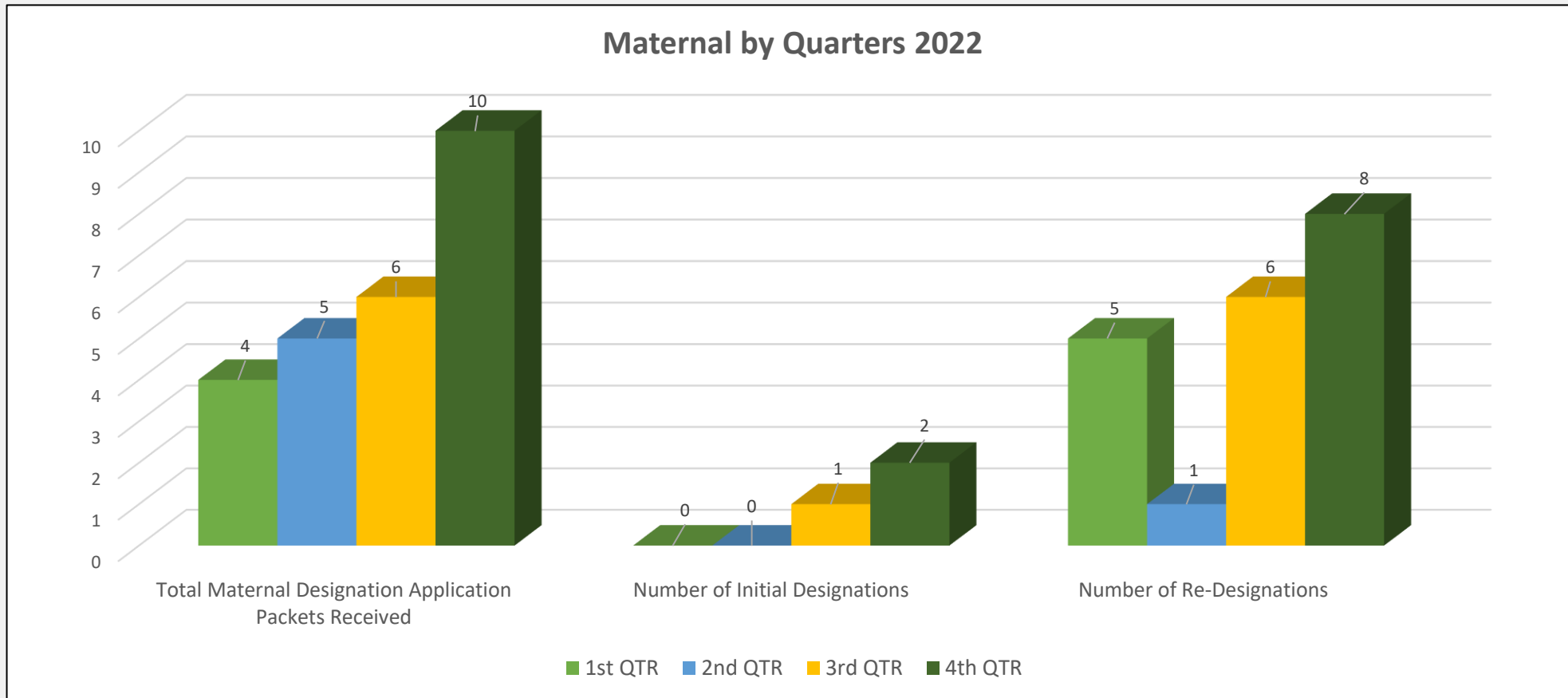
Designation Unit Performance

Designated Maternal Facilities	January 2023	October 2022	July 2022	April 2022
Total	222	222	222	222
Level IV	32	32	32	32
Level III	44	44	44	44
Level II	93	93	93	93
Level I	53	53	53	53

Maternal Designation Performance

Calendar Year	1st Quarter 2022	2nd Quarter 2022	3rd Quarter 2022	4th Quarter 2022
Total Maternal Designation Application Packets Received	4	5	6	10
Level I	0	0	1	6
Level II	0	2	2	3
Level III	1	2	1	0
Level IV	3	1	2	1
Number of Initial Designations	0	0	1	2
Level I	0	0	0	1
Level II	0	0	1	1
Level III	0	0	0	0
Level IV	0	0	0	0
Number of Re-Designations	5	1	6	8
Level I	0	0	0	5
Level II	0	0	2	2
Level III	0	1	2	0
Level IV	5	0	2	1
Total Designations Completed	5	1	7	10

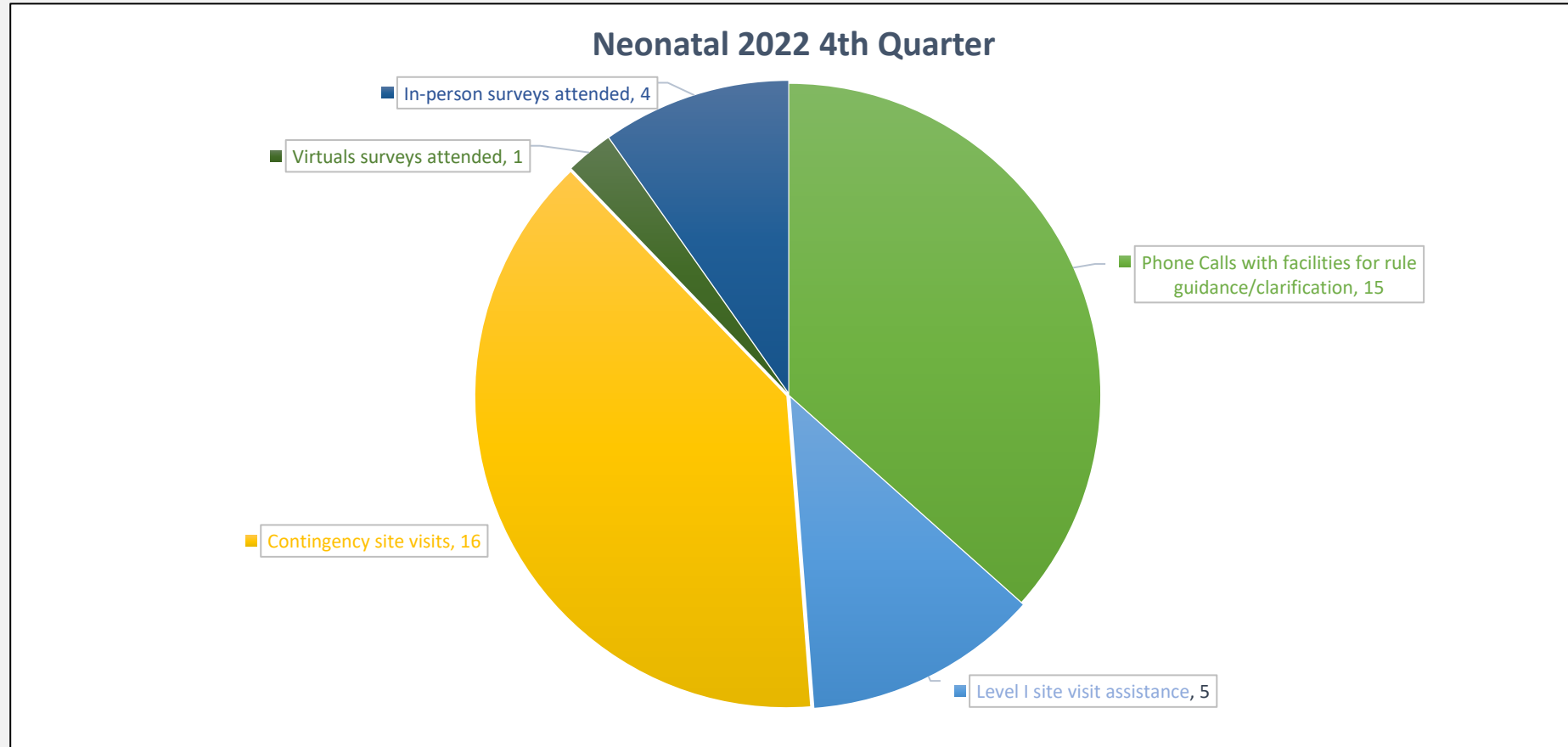
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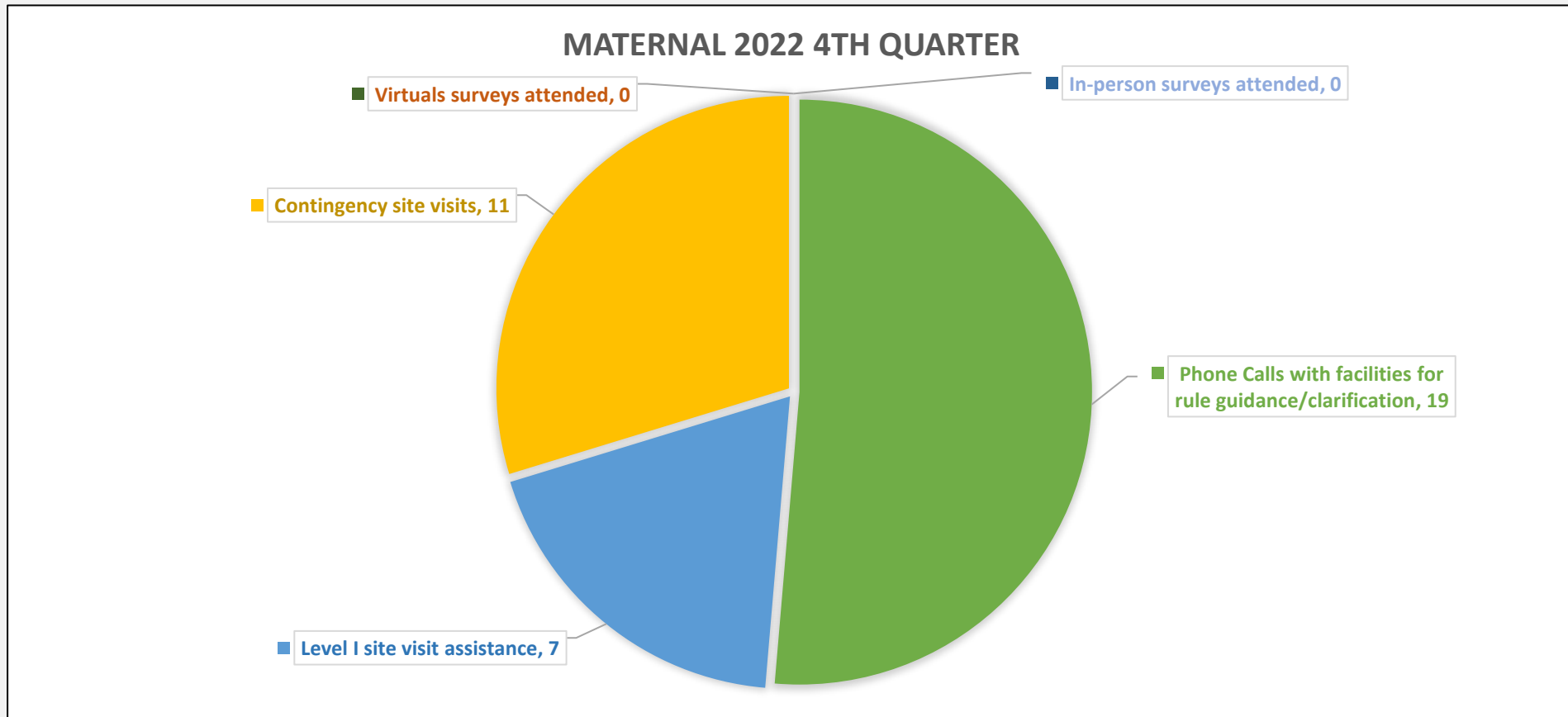
Designation Unit Performance

Reporting Quarter	Maternal 4th Quarter 2022	Neonatal 4th Quarter 2022
Phone Calls with facilities for rule guidance/clarification	19	15
Level I site visit assistance	7	5
Contingency site visits	11	16
Virtual surveys attended	0	1
In-person surveys attended	0	4

Neonatal Designation Data



Maternal Designation Data



Designation SharePoint Pilot Project

- Designation SharePoint pages were created to better manage our meeting distribution lists.
- Pros – aesthetically pleasing, centralized place for designation resources, collaborative environment
- Cons – calendar feature was not accessible to external users, access to the page was challenging for some users, other users did not use it once they gained access.

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Monthly Meeting Format Change

- No longer access monthly meetings from the Designation SharePoint pages
- Please do not forward the meeting invitation or join information to others.
- Email DSHS.EMS-TRAUMA@DSHS.TEXAS.GOV to gain access to the meeting that corresponds with your role in the designation process.

Report Designation Role Staffing Changes

- Facility staffing changes for the *Program Manager, Medical Director,* and *CEO/Administrator* must be reported within **10 days of change**.
- Let us know if your phone number or email address changes by completing the form by accessing the below link.
- Complete the *Facility Personnel Update Form* to update DSHS with your staffing changes:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TTb97Cbsqm>

Appeal Panel

- Applications
- Requesting
 - 6 neonatal
 - 6 maternal
 - Various levels
 - Various geographic regions



Thank you!

DSHS EMS/Trauma Systems Section

Designation Programs Unit