

Information for Website Listing of Advisory Committees

DSHS Advisory Committees and Councils

Committee Name	Description	Contact	Website
Healthcare Safety Advisory Committee	Makes recommendations to guide implementation, development, maintenance, and evaluation of HAI and PAE reporting system.	Shawn Tupy 512-776-6355 shawn.tupy@dshs.state.tx.us	
HIV Medication Advisory Committee	Advises in the development of procedures and guidelines for the Texas HIV Medication Program. Reviews program's goals and aims, evaluates ongoing efforts, and recommends short-range and long-range goals and objectives.	Rachel Sanor 512-533-3002 rachel.sanor@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/meds/advise.shtm
Interagency Obesity Council	Monitors and evaluates obesity prevention efforts in the state for both children and adults.	Brett Spencer 512-776-6161 brett.spencer@dshs.state.tx.us	
Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force	Studies and reviews cases of pregnancy-related deaths and trends in severe maternal morbidity; determines feasibility of task force study of several maternal morbidity; makes recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in Texas.	Rachelle Vega 512-776-2907 Rachelle.vega@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/maternal_mortality_and_morbidity.shtm
Medical Advisory Board	Assists the Department of Public Safety in determining whether an applicant for a driver's license or a license holder is capable of safely operating a motor vehicle; or an applicant or holder of a private security commission or a license to carry a concealed handgun is capable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.	Janet Leubner 512-834-6600 Janet.leubner@dshs.state.tx.us	
Newborn Screening Advisory Committee	Advises DSHS regarding strategic planning, policy, rules, and services related to newborn screening.	David R. Martinez 512-776-2216 DavidR.Martinez@dshs.state.tx.us	http://dshs.texas.gov/newborn/NBSAdvComm.aspx

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Preparedness Coordinating Council	Advises DSHS on activities regarding preparedness, training, planning, communications, and emergency response to public health and medical emergencies.	Don Sheahan 512-776-6257 donald.sheahan@dshs.state.tx.us	
Promotor(a) Community Health Worker Training & Certification Advisory Committee	Advises DSHS on rules concerning training and regulation of promotores/community health workers.	Beverly MacCarty 512-776-6663 Beverly.maccarty@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/chw.shtm
Public Health Funding and Policy Committee	Defines core public health services a local health entity should provide in a county or municipality; evaluates public health in the state and identifies initiatives for areas that need improvement; identifies funding sources available to local health entities; establishes public health policy priorities; and makes recommendations to DSHS annually.	Glenna Laughlin 512-776-6323 glenna.laughlin@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hfpcommittee/default.aspx
Residency Advisory Committee	Assists the preventive medicine residency program director with developing educational experiences for residents.	Amanda Cernovich 512-776-3686 Amanda.Cernovich@dshs.state.tx.us	
Sickle Cell Advisory Committee	Reviews and suggests methods of raising public awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait and recommends strategies to raise public awareness.	David R. Martinez 512-776-2216 DavidR.Martinez@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/newborn/SCAdvComm.aspx
State Child Fatality Review Committee	Develops an understanding of the causes and incidences of child death. Identifies procedures to reduce the number of preventable child death and makes recommendations to the Governor and legislature for changes in law, policy, and practice.	Amy Bailey 512-776-2311 Amy.bailey@dshs.state.tx.us	
State Preventive Health Advisory Committee	Works with DSHS in development and implementation of state plan for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.	Amy Pearson 512-776-2028 Amy.Pearson@dshs.state.tx.us	
Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee	Examines and reviews the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors to a person experiencing an anaphylactic reaction on a campus of a school district or an open-enrollment charter school.	Anita Wheeler 512-776-2909 anita.wheeler@dshs.state.tx.us	

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Texas School Health Advisory Committee	Provides assistance to DSHS and the Executive Council in supporting and delivering coordinated school health programs.	Anita Wheeler 512-776-2909 anita.wheeler@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/shadvise.shtm
Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Administration Advisory Committee	Advises DSHS on program rules and reviews results of any audit conducted or any dispute filed concerning Tobacco Settlement Proceeds.	Elaine Quinn McHard 512-776-6646 Elaine.mchard@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/tobaccosettlement/advcom.shtm
Toxic Substances Coordinating Committee	Protects and promotes the health and environment of Texas through the prevention and control of adverse health and environmental effects related to toxic substances and harmful agents.	Heidi Bojes 512-776-6351 heidi.bojes@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.tsc.state.tx.us/
Youth Camp Advisory Committee	Provides advice on the development of standards, procedures, and rules to implement the Youth Camp Act.	Michael Minoia 512-834-6788, ext. 2305 Michael.minoia@dshs.state.tx.us	

Governor-Appointed Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

Council Name	Description	Contact	Website
Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council	Provides professional advice to the EMS regulatory and EMS/Trauma systems programs. Serves as a forum for stakeholder input. Reviews and recommends changes to rules, assesses the need for EMS in the rural areas of the state, and develops a strategic plan for refining the educational requirements for certification and maintaining certification as EMS personnel.	Jane Guerrero 512-834-6745 Jane.guerrero@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emtraumasystems/governor.shtm
Stroke Committee (Subcommittee of the Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council)	Assists Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council in the development of a statewide stroke emergency transport plan and stroke facility criteria.	Jane Guerrero 512-834-6745 Jane.guerrero@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emtraumasystems/StrokeCommittee.shtm
Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders	Advises and recommends needed actions for the benefit of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorder and their caregivers; disseminates information on services and related activities; coordinates services and activities of state agencies, associations and other service providers; and encourages statewide coordinated research.	Lynda Taylor 512-776-6618 lynda.taylor@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers/council.shtm
Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke	Develops a plan to reduce the morbidity, mortality, economic burden of cardiovascular disease and stroke in Texas. Conducts health education, public awareness, and community outreach. Coordinates activities among agencies to improve access to treatment. Develops a database of recommendations for treatment and care. Collects and analyzes information related to cardiovascular disease and stroke.	Nancy Eichner 512-776-2782 Nancy.eichner@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/heart/Texas-Council-on-Cardiovascular-Disease-and-Stroke.aspx
Texas Diabetes Council	Addresses issues affecting people with diabetes. Advises the Legislature on legislation that is needed to develop and maintain a statewide system of quality education services for all people with diabetes and health care professionals who offer diabetes treatment and education.	Richard Kropp 512-776-3580 richard.kropp@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/diabetes/default.shtm
Texas Radiation Advisory Board	Provides technical guidance and advice on radiation programs to DSHS, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission of Texas, and Texas Board of Medical Examiners.	Chuck Flynn 512-834-6770 ext. 2821 chuck.flynn@dshs.state.tx.us	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/trab/

Independent Boards

Board Name	Description	Contact	Website
Council on Sex Offender Treatment	Licenses and regulates sex offender treatment education treatment providers in Texas pursuant to specific statutory authorization.	Celeste Lunceford 512-834-4551 Celeste.lunceford@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/cot/
Statewide Health Coordinating Council	Ensures that health care services and facilities are available to all citizens in an orderly and economical manner. Based on these planning activities, makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature through the Texas State Health Plan.	Matt Turner 512-776-6541 Matt.turner@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hs/shcc/default.shtm
Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee of Statewide Health Coordinating Council)	Under the governance of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, serves as a resource on the nursing workforce in Texas. Collects and analyzes data on nurses in Texas in regard to educational and employment trends, supply and demand trends, nursing workforce demographics, and migration of nurses.	Pamela Lauer 512-776-6723 Pamela.lauer@dshs.state.tx.us	
Texas Medical Disclosure Panel	Determines which risks and hazards related to medical care and surgical procedures must be disclosed by health providers or physicians to their patients.	Pamela Adams 512-834-6648, ext. 2607 Pamela.adams@dshs.state.tx.us	
Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists	Licenses and regulates the profession of marriage and family therapy in Texas pursuant to specific statutory authorization, to include the adoption of rules and standards of practice, the review of complaints, and the imposition of enforcement actions.	Cheryl Gomez 512-834-6628, ext. 2772 Cheryl.gomez@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/mft/default.shtm
Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors	Licenses and regulates the profession of counseling in Texas pursuant to specific statutory authorization, to include the adoption of rules and standards of practice, the review of complaints, and the imposition of enforcement actions.	Cristina DeLuna 512-834-6791 cristina.deluna@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/counselor/default.shtm
Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners	Licenses and regulates the profession of social work in Texas pursuant to specific statutory authorization, to include the adoption of rules and standards of practice, the review of complaints, and the imposition of enforcement actions.	Alice Bradford 512-834-6628, ext. 2715 sarah.faszholz@dshs.state.tx.us	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/socialwork/default.shtm