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TX CVD & Stroke Council Update

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Overview

- Texas Legislative Work
- Local/Regional Campaigns
- Hypertension Learning Collaborative

Texas Legislative Update

HB 786 – Telecommunicator CPR

- HB 786 (Oliverson) will implement consistent training standards across the state for telecommunicator CPR training.
- Training on best practice for recognizing an OHCA and relaying compression-only instructions to callers.
- Will use current, nationally-recognized guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care.
- Will be incorporated into the 24-month continuing training already required for telecommunicators.
- Sent to the governor on 5/4/2020.



Texas Legislative Update

SB 248 – Tobacco Enforcement

- SB 248 (Johnson) will implement a permitting and licensing system for e-cigarette retailers.
- Retailers currently not required to obtain a permit, and there is no comprehensive list of retailers or their locations.
- Bill would strengthen the penalties for retailers who sell tobacco to minors and escalate penalties for repeat offenders.
- Would dedicate funds generated from permits to administration and enforcement.
- Has passed the Senate; currently in House Ways & Means Committee.



Regional Update

North Central Texas Stroke Protocols

- April: North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council approved updated Regional Stroke Plan.
- Considers triage and transport of stroke patients across four tiers of facilities.
- AHA stroke transport algorithm will increase likelihood patients are taken to the most appropriate hospital rather than the nearest.

Other Updates

Texas Hypertension Control Learning Collaborative

Together with the DSHS - Heart Disease and Stroke Program, AHA plans to invite primary care clinics to participate in the Texas Hypertension Control Movement Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) Learning Collaborative (TXHCMSMBPLC).

- Aims to increase adoption of SMBP monitoring policies/protocols; focus on priority risk populations.
- Up to 15 clinics; prioritizing areas with high rates of hypertension.
- Will conduct three webinars on strategies for developing SMBP protocols, sample policies, workflows, etc.
- AHA responsible for facilitating webinars and helping recruit clinics.



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Thank you!

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