

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Advisory Committees

Council Name	Description	Contact
Antimicrobial Stewardship Regional Advisory Committee (ASRAC)	Committees in each of Texas’ eight public health regions promote the appropriate use of antimicrobials, thereby improving patient outcomes and slowing the spread of antimicrobial resistance.	Committee Email: AntibioticStewardship@dshs.texas.gov
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Medication Advisory Committee (HIV-MAC)	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.	Sylvia Jimenez 512-917-6928 Sylvia.jimenez@dshs.texas.gov
Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (MMMRC)	Studies and reviews cases of pregnancy-related deaths and trends in severe maternal morbidity; determines feasibility of task force study of several maternal morbidity; and makes recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in Texas.	Committee Email: maternalhealth@dshs.texas.gov Phone: 512-776-7373 Kobi Ajayi Kobi.ajayi@dshs.texas.gov Sarah Beard Sarah.beard@dshs.texas.gov
Medical Advisory Board (MAB)	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.	Jorie Klein 512-535-8538 jorie.klein@dshs.texas.gov
Newborn Screening Advisory Committee (NBS)	Advises DSHS regarding strategic planning, policy, rules, and services related to newborn screening.	Committee Email: NewbornAdvisory@dshs.texas.gov Aimee Millangue 512-776-3386 aimee.millangue@dshs.texas.gov

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Preparedness Coordinating Council (PCC)	Advises and assists the Department of State Health Services as a multidisciplinary strategic review forum concerning topics related to preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities in Texas at the state-level as they pertain to Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 (Public Health and Medical).	Dana Birnberg dana.birnberg@dshs.texas.gov Aimee Wong aimee.wong@dshs.texas.gov
Promotor(a) Community Health Worker Training and Certification Advisory Committee (CHW)	Advises DSHS on rules concerning training and regulation of promotores or community health workers.	Beatrice Smith 512-776-2208 Beatrice.smith@dshs.texas.gov Frank Luera 512-776-2777 frank.luera@dshs.texas.gov
Public Health Funding and Policy Committee (PHFPC)	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 512-431-9642 Glenna.laughlin@dshs.texas.gov Michael Comfort 512-839-4963 Michael.comfort@dshs.texas.gov
Sickle Cell Task Force (SCTF)	Studies and advises the department on implementing the recommendations made in the 2018 Sickle Cell Advisory Committee Report published by the Sickle Cell Advisory Committee, or any other report the Executive Commissioner determines is appropriate.	Aimee Millangue 512-776-3386 aimee.millangue@dshs.texas.gov

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State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT)	Develops an understanding of the causes and incidences of child deaths. Identifies procedures within the agencies represented on the committee to reduce the number of preventable child deaths. Promotes public awareness and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for changes in law, policy and practice to reduce the number of preventable child deaths.	Committee Email: CFRT@dshs.texas.gov Sarah Blezinger 512-776-4618 sarah.blezinger@dshs.texas.gov Jia Benno 512-902-0197 Jia.benno@dshs.texas.gov
State Preventive Health Advisory Committee (SPHAC)	Works with DSHS in development and implementation of state plan for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.	Laura Bianco 512-963-0389 Laura.Bianco@dshs.texas.gov
Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee (SEAC)	Examines and reviews the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors to a person experiencing an anaphylactic reaction on a campus of a school district, an open-enrollment charter school, a private school, or an institution of higher education.	Ashley Khanhkham 512-776-7279 Ashley.khanhkham@dshs.texas.gov Dianna Pierson 512-413-9089 Dianna.pierson@dshs.texas.gov
Texas School Health Advisory Committee (T-SHAC)	Advises Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) on school health matters as described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Establishes a leadership role for DSHS in the support for and delivery of coordinated school health programs and school health services, B. Uses the findings of the analysis of the student physical fitness assessment instrument adopted by the Texas Education Agency in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assessing the effectiveness of coordinated health programs provided by school districts, and b. Developing recommendations for modifications to coordinated health program requirements or related curriculum. 	Ashley Khanhkham 512-776-7279 Ashley.khanhkham@dshs.texas.gov Dianna Pierson 512-413-9089 Dianna.pierson@dshs.texas.gov

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Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Administration Advisory Committee (TSPTAAAC)	Advises DSHS on program rules and reviews results of any audit conducted or any dispute filed concerning Tobacco Settlement Proceeds.	Committee Email: DSHSTobacco@dshs.texas.gov Amira Suton amira.suton@dshs.texas.gov
Toxic Substances Coordinating Committee (TSCC)	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.texas.gov
Youth Camp Advisory Committee (YCAC)	Provides advice on the development of standards, procedures, and rules to implement the Youth Camp Act.	Jeff Mantia 512-231-5753 jeffrey.mantia@dshs.texas.gov

Governor, Legislative, and Executive Commissioner-Appointed Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

Council Name	Description	Contact
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)	Provides professional advice to the EMS regulatory and EMS and 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.	Jorie Klein 512-535-8538 jorie.klein@dshs.texas.gov
Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)	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.	Committee: Email: SHCC@dshs.texas.gov Lissette Curry 512-776-6541 lissette.curry@dshs.texas.gov

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Task Force of Border Health Officials (TFBHO)	The TFBHO is responsible for providing recommendations to the Texas Commissioner of Health on policy priorities that address major public health issues affecting border residents' health conditions, including access to health, border public health infrastructure and population health (wellness and diseases).	Committee Email: OBPH@dshs.texas.gov Guillermo Zenizo Lindsey 512-865-7380 guillermo.zenizolindsey@dshs.texas.gov
Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response (IDPR)	The Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response is an advisory panel the governor created to provide expert, evidence-based assessments, protocols, and recommendations related to state responses to infectious diseases, including Ebola, and serve as a reliable and transparent source of information and education for Texas leadership and citizens.	Committee Email: TaskForceID@dshs.texas.gov Phone: 512-969-0428 Austin Bailey austin.bailey@dshs.texas.gov Saroj Rai saroj.rai@dshs.texas.gov
Texas Center for Nursing and Workforce Studies (TCNWS)	Guides in the accuracy of reporting nursing workforce data and research results; Develop priorities and an operations plan for the Center for Nursing and Workforce Studies (CNWS). Provides policy recommendations to assure an adequate nursing workforce for the State of Texas. Identifies other issues concerning nursing professionals in Texas that need further study.	Pamela Lauer 512-776-6723 pamela.lauer@dshs.texas.gov
Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (TCARD)	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.	Committee Email: alzheimers@dshs.texas.gov Julie Ketelsen 512-695-3846 Julie.ketelsen@dshs.texas.gov Rachel Wiseman rachel.wiseman@dshs.texas.gov

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Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCDS)	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.	Committee Email: cardio@dshs.texas.gov Julie Ketelsen 512-695-3846 Julie.ketelsen@dshs.texas.gov Rachel Wiseman rachel.wiseman@dshs.texas.gov
Texas Diabetes Council (TDC)	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.	Committee Email: diabetes@dshs.texas.gov Julie Ketelsen 512-695-3846 Julie.ketelsen@dshs.texas.gov Rachel Wiseman rachel.wiseman@dshs.texas.gov
Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB)	Provides technical guidance and advice on radiation programs to DSHS, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission of Texas, and the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.	Gem Naivar 512-942-9238 Gem.Naivar@dshs.texas.gov Lisa Bruedigan Lisa.bruedigan@dshs.texas.gov