OBJECTIVES

Friday January 23, 2015

University of North Texas Health Science Center
Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas
January 23, 24, 25, 2015

7:15  a.m. Meet in lobby of the Hilton Fort Worth to catch van to campus.

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast

7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  Welcome
  Don N. Peska, DO, M.Ed
  Dean, University of North Texas Health Science Center
  Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  The Impact of Cultural Competency on Access to Quality Care
  Meredith Masel, Ph.D., MSW
  Oliver Center for Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare
  University of Texas Medical Branch

  Ottawa Personal Decision Guide

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Health Disparities in Minority and Ethnic Populations
  Syeda S. Jesmin, Ph.D., MPH
  Assistant Professor
  Department of Sociology and Psychology
  University of North Texas at Dallas

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  The Impact of Poverty on Health
  Aletha C. Huston, Ph.D.
  Priscilla Pond Flawn Regents Professor of Child Development
  University of Texas, Austin

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Tour of Campus**

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Vulnerable Populations: The Elderly**  
*Sustainable Senior Living*  
Stanley Ingman, Ph.D.  
Professor and Director, College of Public Affairs and Community Service  
University of North Texas

2:30 a.m. - 2:45 a.m.  
**Break**

2:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Discussion of The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, by Ann Fadiman**  
Facilitator: Michael Finley, D.O.  
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3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Health Policy Briefs: Research Presentations (4-5)**  
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**Saturday January 24, 2015**

**Hilton Fort Worth**  
815 Main Street, Fort Worth  
Continental Room

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
**Vulnerable Populations: Women and Children**  
Amy Raines-Milenkov, DrPH  
Professor, Department of OB/GYN  
University of North Texas Health Science Center  

*International Comparisons of Infant Mortality and Related Factors: United States and Europe, 2010*  
*Levels of Neonatal Care*

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
**Break**

10:30 - 12:00 a.m.  
**Health Care for Immigrant Populations**  
James Stimpson, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor, Health Services Research & Administration, College of Public Health  
Director, Center for Health Policy  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
**Lunch**

12:45 p.m - 3:00 p.m.  
**Health Policy Briefs: Research Presentations (7-8)**  
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3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Break and Drive to the Amon Carter Museum

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  An Eye for Detail: An Experience in Observation
Amon Carter Museum
3501 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas

7:30 p.m.  Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo
Will Rogers Memorial Center

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Hilton Fort Worth
815 Main Street
Continental Room

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast and Debrief Discussion

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  Preparation of Group Assignment
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Group Assignment: Vulnerable Populations 2015

Forming a Coalition to Advocate for Increasing Access to Care for Vulnerable Populations

You are a member of a new coalition of Texas providers and patient advocates interested in increasing access to vulnerable populations and in eliminating health disparities. Your coalition’s action plan includes seeking an audience with newly elected Governor Greg Abbott to respond to his Healthy Texans Plan (section specific to Medicaid, page 22) and to advocate for policies to increase access to care for Texas’s uninsured as a means to reduce/eliminate health disparities.

The Coalition formed for the following reasons:

• To develop and use political clout to gain health care services for vulnerable people in Texas. A unified community coalition can advocate for the area more effectively than a number of disparate groups and individuals working alone. In addition, a wide-ranging coalition can bring to bear political pressure from all sectors of the community, and wield a large amount of political power.

• To create long-term, permanent social change. Real change usually takes place over a period of time through people gaining trust, sharing ideas, and getting beyond their preconceptions to the real issues underlying community needs. A coalition, with its structure of cooperation among diverse groups and individuals and its problem-solving focus, can ease and sometimes accelerate the process of change in a community.

Your Audience

Newly-inaugurated Texas Governor Abbott joined the majority of Republican Governors in his opposition to expanding Medicaid. He believes “that Texas should be able to address our unique health-care situation without federal interference; putting patients and doctors in charge of health-care decisions. . . Medicaid is in dire need of reform by giving the states more local control in the form of block grants.”

Knowing that Texas ranks last in the number of insured, Governor Abbott is concerned about access to care – and is keenly aware of health disparities in his state – some of which no doubt due to lack of access to insurance.

Process

The Coalition will hold its first meeting on January 25 for 1.5 hours to accomplish the following goals:

1. Introductions all around. Everyone present should give a brief statement of who they are, the organization, if any, they're connected with, and the nature of their interest in the issue.

2. Appoint or elect a Chair.

3. Start defining the issue or problem around which the coalition has come together. The group should come up with an actual statement as well as a name.

   Is the issue or problem clear enough that everyone can agree on what it is? If there's no agreement that it is an issue, it's unlikely that you'll be able to form a coalition around it. It needs to be clearly defined, even if the solution is not.

4. Agree on shared values about the direction of the coalition. This is the first step toward developing the vision and mission statements that will define the coalition and guide its work.

5. Start the process of analyzing the pros and cons of Governor Abbott's stance on Medicaid expansion and attempt to craft a consensus statement on his proposal for a Medicaid Block Grant.

6. Review the things to be done before the next meeting, and who has agreed to do them. As mentioned above, it's important that people leave the first meeting feeling that something has been accomplished.

After the meeting, Fellows will debrief and discuss the process and content generated during the session.

Members

1. Associate Director: Texas Hospital Association
2. Chair, San Antonio Office/Texas Affiliate of the National Council of La Raza

3. Member: Texas Medical Association

4. Member: Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

5. Administrator, Texas Women’s Health Program

6. Member: Cover Texas Now

7. Member: Texans Care for Children

8. Chief of Staff, office of State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, (D-20)

9. Member: Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice

10. President/CEO Texas Health Institute

11. Health Equity Coordinator at the Center for Health Equity, Tarrant County Department of Public Health

12. President, Texas Rural Health Association

Resources:

AHRC HealthCare Quality and Disparities Report: Texas

Greg Abbott’s Healthy Texan’s Plan

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  Break

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Debrief of Group Assignment

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10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Evaluation and Closing