

Information for Website Listing of Advisory Committees

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.	Enyinnaya Merengwa 512-776-6878 HAItexas@dshs.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/IDCU/health/infection_control/hai/Advisory-Panel/
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.texas.gov	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.texas.gov	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Obesity/InteragencyObesityCouncil/
Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee	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.	Julie Stagg 512-776-6917 Julie.Stagg@dshs.texas.gov	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.	Indra Hernandez 512-834-6669 Indra.Hernandez@dshs.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/medical-advisory-board/
Newborn Screening Advisory Committee	Advises DSHS regarding strategic planning, policy, rules, and services related to newborn screening.	Aimee Millangue 512-776-3386 Aimee.Millangue@dshs.texas.gov	http://dshs.texas.gov/newborn/NBSAdvComm.aspx

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Preparedness Coordinating Council	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).	Kari Younger 512-776-7503 Kari.Younger@dshs.texas.gov	
Promotor(a) Community Health Worker Training & Certification Advisory Committee	Advises DSHS on rules concerning training and regulation of promotores/community health workers.	Beatrice Smith 512-776-2208 Beatrice.Smith@dshs.texas.gov	https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/chw/advMEM.aspx
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.texas.gov	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.texas.gov	
Sickle Cell Task Force	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	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/newborn/committees/sickle-cell-task-force.aspx
State Preventive Health Advisory Committee	Works with DSHS in development and implementation of state plan for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.	Lesley Brannan 512-776-3690 Lesley.Brannan@dshs.texas.gov	
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.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/allergiesandana-phylaxis/seac/

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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.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/shadvise/
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.texas.gov	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.texas.gov	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.	Jeff Mantia 512-231-5753 Jeffrey.Mantia@dshs.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/youthcamp/advisory-committee.aspx

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.	Indra Hernandez 512-834-6669 Indra.Hernandez@dshs.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/governor.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.texas.gov	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.	Heather Bertero 512-776-3434 heather.bertero@dshs.texas.gov	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/heart/Overview.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.	Ashley Doyle 512-776-2883 Ashley.Doyle@dshs.texas.gov	https://dshs.texas.gov/txdiabetes/Texas-Diabetes-Council/
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.	Liz Speights 512-231-5605 liz.speights@dshs.texas.gov	https://www.dshs.texas.gov/trab/

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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 SHCC@dshs.texas.gov	http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hs/shcc/default.shtm
Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response	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.	Jodie Vanyo 512-776-2194 TaskForceID@dshs.texas.gov	http://dshs.texas.gov/TaskForceID/
Task Force of Border Health Officials	Identifies and raises awareness of health issues impacting border communities and establish policy priorities to enhance border public health, creating a healthy binational community. Makes recommendations to the commissioner for short-term and long-term border health improvement plans.	John Simo Villarreal 512-776-7436 John.Villarreal@dshs.texas.gov	http://dshs.texas.gov/borderhealth/Task-Force-of-Border-Health-Officials.shtm