

# Recommendations Report Workgroups Update

Task Force of Border Health Officials  
2025-2026 Recommendations Report Process

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# Workgroups Created

## Chronic Disease

- Alzheimer's and dementia
- Diabetes and obesity
- Physical activity

## Infectious Disease

- Immunizations
- New World Screwworm
- Tuberculosis

## Public Health Workforce

- Internships and fellowships
- Public health careers



# Workgroups Composition

- TFBHO members
- TFBHO members' staff
- DSHS staff
  - ▶ Center for Public Health Policy and Practice
    - ◊ Health Professions Resource Center, and Public Health Partnership Advancement
  - ▶ Office of Border Public Health
  - ▶ Public Health Laboratory
  - ▶ Regional Epidemiologists
- Subject matter experts
  - ▶ Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
  - ▶ Unidos Contra la Diabetes

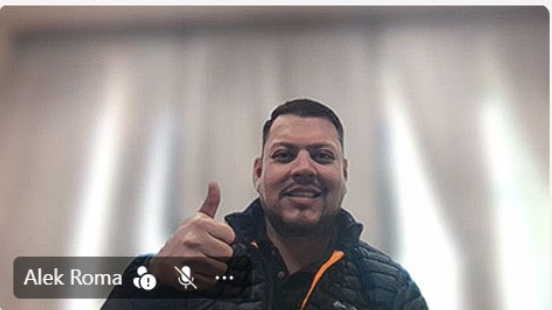
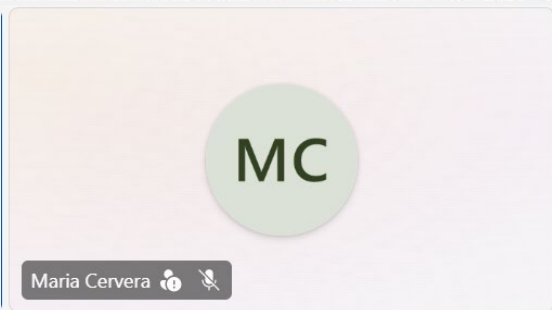
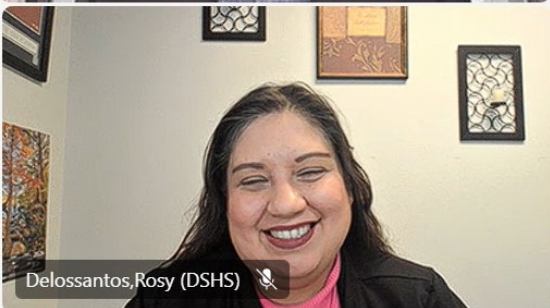
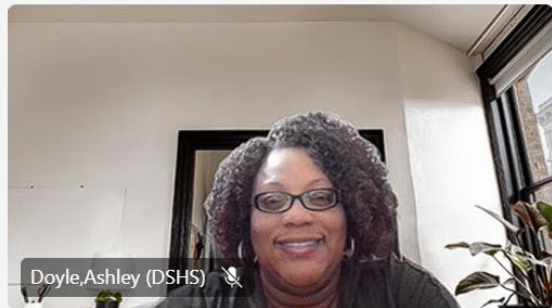
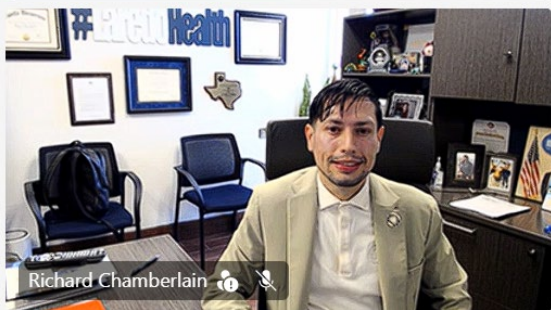
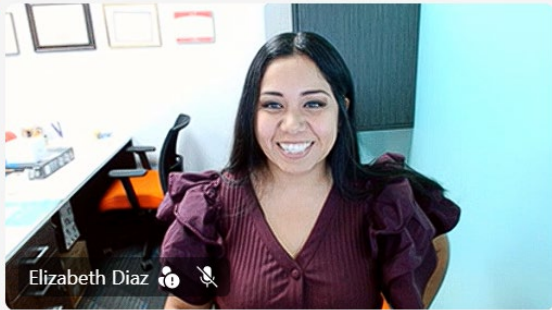


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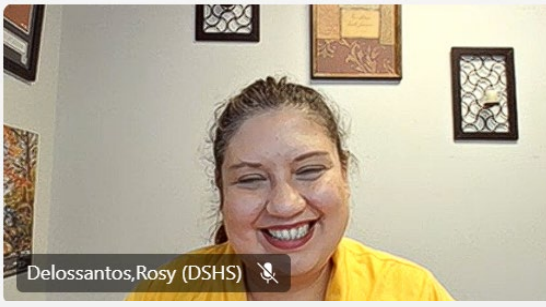
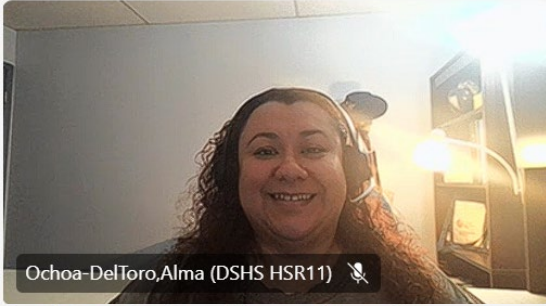
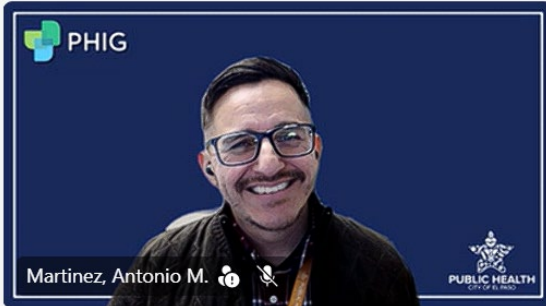
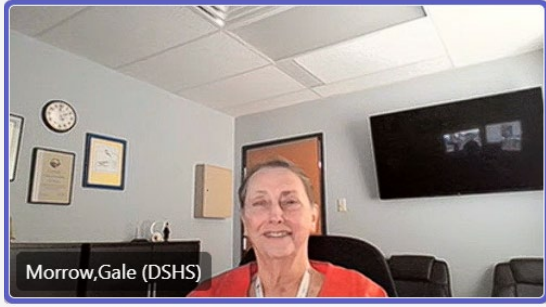
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TFBHO MEMBERS	Elizabeth Diaz*	Dairen Sarmiento Rangel*	Dr. Arturo Rodriguez*
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	Dr. Emilie Prot	Esmeralda Guajardo	Shannon Harvill
	Dr. Arturo Rodriguez	Steven Kotsatos	Dr. Lillian Ringsdorf
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	Pamela Alvarez (Pharr)	Antonio M. Martínez (El Paso)	
	María Cervera (Brownsville)		

\*Workgroup leader

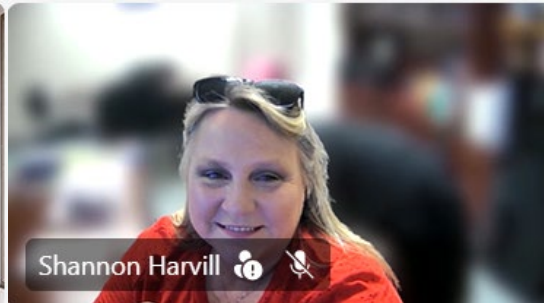
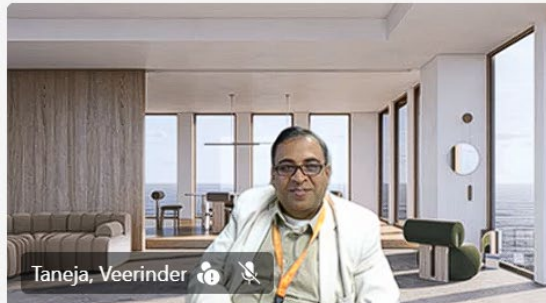
# Chronic Disease Workgroup



# Public Health Workforce Workgroup



# Infectious Disease Workgroup



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