

# Texas MCO NMDOH Learning Collaborative In-Person Meeting

March 27, 2026

Thompson Auditorium  
Texas Medical Association  
401 West 15th Street, Austin



## Agenda

### Welcome and Introductions

10:00am - 10:15am

**Ryan D. Van Ramshorst, MD**

Chief Medical Director, HHSC

**Shao-Chee Sim**

Executive Vice President for Health  
Policy, Research & Strategic  
Partnerships, Episcopal Health  
Foundation

**Aliya Hussani, MD, MSc**

Head of Health Initiatives, Michael and  
Susan Dell Foundation

### HHSC Executive Commissioner

#### Opening Remarks

10:15am - 10:30am

**Stephanie Muth**

Executive Commissioner, HHSC

### Year 7 Kick-off

10:30am - 10:40am

**Laurie Vanhooose**

Founder and Principal, Treaty Oak  
Strategies

### HHSC Updates: HB 1575 & HB 26

10:40am - 10:55am

**Joelle Jung, MPH**

Manager, Delivery System Quality and  
Innovation, Medicaid and CHIP Services,  
HHSC

## **DSHS Updates: CHW Program and Diabetes Prevention**

10:55am - 11:10am

### **Raiza M. Ruiz, MPA, CPM**

Community Health Worker and School Health Branch Manager, DSHS

### **Samuel Ortiz Severiano**

Diabetes and CVD Branch Manager, DSHS

## **North Texas Maternal Health Incubator**

11:10am - 11:30am

### **Cameron Combs**

Senior Director, Child Poverty Action Lab

## **Outcome Based Contracting Project Updates**

11:30am - 11:45am

### **Matthew Mellon**

Director, Impact Advisory, Social Finance

## **Lunch**

11:45am - 12:15pm

## **National Policy Perspective**

12:15pm - 1:00pm

### **Matt Salo**

Founder and CEO, Salo Health Strategies

Diabetes Prevention and RHT

### **Shilpa Patel**

Director, Population Health, CHCS

## **Small Group Discussions**

1:00pm - 1:50pm

HB 26: ILOS

### **Stephanie Stephens (Moderator)**

Principal, Stephens Consulting

HB 1575: Screening, CHWs, Doulas

### **Shannon Kelley (Moderator)**

Principal, Shannon Kelley Consulting

Data Sharing: Providers and MCOs

### **Laurie Vanhooose (Moderator)**

Founder and Principal, Treaty Oak Strategies

CBO and MCO Contracting

### **Michelle Harper (Moderator)**

Principal, Treaty Oak Strategies

## **Closing Remarks**

1:50pm - 2:00pm

### **Laurie Vanhooose**

Founder and Principal, Treaty Oak Strategies

### **Shao-Chee Sim**

Executive Vice President for Health Policy, Research & Strategic Partnerships, Episcopal Health Foundation

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