

Texas MCO NMDOH Learning Collaborative In-Person Meeting

October 16, 2026

Texas Hospital Association
1108 Lavaca Street, Suite 700
Austin, TX 78701



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

10:00am - 10:15am

Aliya Hussaini, M.D., MSc

Head of Health Initiatives, United States,
Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

Shao-Chee Sim, PhD, MA

Executive Vice President for Research,
Innovation and Evaluation, Episcopal Health
Foundation

VBPQIAC Legislative Recommendations

10:15am - 10:30am

Ardas Laurel

Dell Medical School, UT Austin

David Weden

Chief of System Finance, Texas Council of
Community Centers

Learning Collaborative Key Topic Discussion

10:30am - 11:00am

HB 1575 Implementation

Shannon Kelley

Principal, Shannon Kelley Consulting

CBO and MCO Contracting

Michelle Harper

Principal, Treaty Oak Strategies

Data Sharing

Madeleine Richter-Atkinson

Associate, Treaty Oak Strategies

MCO & FQHC Discussions - Attribution

Laurie Vanhooose

Principal, Treaty Oak Strategies

MCO Corner

11:00am – 11:30am

Andrew Dentino, MD

Chief Medical Officer, BCBSTX

Nathan Hoover

Vice President, Behavioral Health Services,
Superior Health Plan

Kathy Schwab

Director STAR & CHIP Population Health,
Cook Children's Health Plan

HHSC Updates

11:30am – 12:00pm

Finance and Operations: LAR, HB 18 & Rural
Health Transformation

Victoria Grady

Deputy Chief, Finance, HHSC

Eligibility Services: SNAP & Eligibility Updates

Molly Regan

Chief of Family Resources and Eligibility
Services, HHSC

Networking Lunch

12:00pm – 12:20pm

Food is Medicine Impact Fund

12:20pm – 12:30pm

Ariana Barth

Project Manager, Food is Medicine Impact
Fund

Diabetes Prevention Program Pilot

12:30pm – 12:50pm

Salil Deshpande, MD, MBA, FACP

Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare
Community Plan of Texas

Joshua Fernelius, MPH, CPHQ, CLSSBB

Director, Population Health

Medicaid & CHIP Services Updates

12:50pm – 1:05pm

Stephanie Stephens

Chief Medicaid and CHIP Officer, HHSC

National Policy Landscape Discussion

1:05pm – 1:45pm

Stephanie Rogers (Moderator)

President & CEO, Aetna

Dawn Alley

Chief Scale Officer, IMPaCT Care

Year 8 Preview & Closing Remarks

1:45pm – 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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