

Leadership Roundtable Series

Texas Health & Human Services Commission:

Hosted by:

Wye River Group on Healthcare

Join senior Texas policy-makers and other experts in an invitational leadership dialogue focusing on innovations in health and healthcare with applications to efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery services to Texans. The leadership roundtables will provide health policy expert insight and highlight private sector innovations that enable better care while avoiding unnecessary costs. The discussions will culminate in a *Report to the 83rd Legislature* in January, 2013.

The HHS agencies combined are the largest of the 37 agencies operating with a budget of \$34 billion divided into four agencies that oversee the Texas health and human services system and programs including (partial list):

- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Food Stamps and Nutritional Programs
- Family Violence Services
- Refugee Services
- Disaster Assistance
- Child and adult protective services
- Aging programs
- Public health readiness

The HHS enterprise is faced with critical challenges as demand for public services continue to grow while economic, political and fiscal considerations make it necessary to attain maximum efficiency and effectiveness of expenditures in this significant area of taxpayer investment.

HHSC has been a national leader in looking to the private sector for innovative approaches and workable solutions and will further benefit from such resources.

Three invitational Leadership Roundtables focusing on HHS enterprise programs will be held during 2011-2012. Each Roundtable will focus on a different dimension of health, healthcare, and social services including:

- The role of Information technology in improving outcomes;
 - Medical records
 - Patient records
 - System transparency
 - Accountability
 - Maximizing use of existing data sources and interoperability

- The value of health promotion through disease avoidance strategies;
 - Learning's from employers
 - Role of education and youth
 - Partnerships
 - Social marketing

- Tools and techniques for optimally managing the cost of chronic disease;
 - Targeting and managing patients
 - Tele-medicine
 - Lowering cost through compliance and adherence using technology
 - Self management
 - Value of patient teams

Texas Sunset Commission Chairman Senator Glenn Hegar, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee of the Texas Senator Jane Nelson, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Joe Straus, David Dewhurst Lt. Governor for the State of Texas, Chairman of the House Public Health Committee Representative Lois Kolkhorst and HHSC Chief Executive Tom Suehs are among those invited to participate.

Each Roundtable series will consist of three separate meetings organized within the framework of the topics described. When complete, nine meetings will have transpired. This approach offers maximum opportunity for the sharing of ideas and developing relationships leading to new public-private alliances, collaboration and innovative initiatives.

Through a structured and moderated discussion we will hear from private sector innovators who will share their knowledge and ideas. The discussion will culminate in a set of recommendations based on proven practices garnered from across the country.

- Participation will be limited to 20 -25 key individuals for each of the 9 meetings, the meetings will be held beginning in November 2011
- Each roundtable will begin with a reception and dinner the first day. The group will convene over breakfast the following morning, continue all day and recess at 5:30 PM.

- Discussion topics will be determined by participants and sponsors and include information technology, chronic disease management, health promotion & wellness and managed care.
 - There will be no media, recording or filming of the proceedings.
 - Written meeting notes will be kept and a final report including recommendations for consideration by HHSC leadership, Legislative Committees of jurisdiction in the Texas House and Senate, the Sunset Review Commission and other key policy-makers will be prepared and distributed.
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