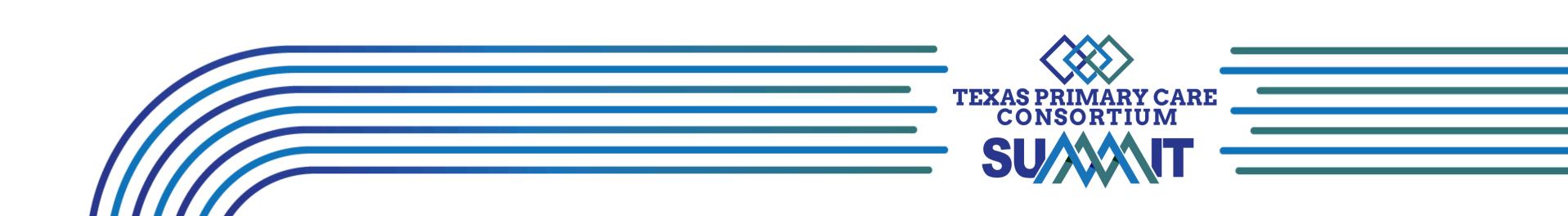
# 2025 Texas Primary Care Consortium Summit Advancing High-Quality Primary Care

**2025 Outcomes Report** 



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# Introduction

The 2025 Texas Primary Care Consortium Summit hosted its 12th summit in Austin, TX, on October 23-24, 2025. The convening was shaped in thanks to our partners, sponsors, collaborators, and subject matter experts who are dedicated to advancing high-quality primary care in Texas.

With the theme of "Advancing High-Quality Primary Care," the summit explored systemic issues such as access to care, payment reform, and the primary care workforce, and included conversations about behavioral health, rural health, maternal health, community-based interventions, value-based care, interprofessional care, and more.

Participants with broad and diverse backgrounds from various sectors of public health and health care gathered to learn how to strengthen and prioritize primary care in our health care system.

Attendees left the summit with an increased understanding of current health care challenges, lessons learned, best practices, and innovative approaches to improve the health of all.

# Thank You

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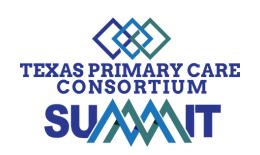








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# Advisory Committee

The advisory committee consists of statewide health leaders representing various primary care and health system perspectives, including clinicians, payors, hospitals, community leaders, philanthropists, and academia.

**Baylor College of Medicine** 

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# Summary





Days Plenary **Facilitators Speakers 25 Breakout** Roundtable Poster **Presentations Discussions Presentations** Plenary Panel Workshops **S**essions **Presentations** 89 191 **Exhibitors Presenters** Registrants

# Takeaways

### > Investment & Payment Reform

A central theme of the summit was the urgent need to rethink investment in primary care. Speakers described how fee-for-service models fail to reward outcomes or long-term community health.

### **Workforce Sustainability**

Speakers discussed building and supporting a sustainable primary care workforce, including growing local pipelines, retaining talent, and expanding health roles to meet patient needs.

### > Technology Integration

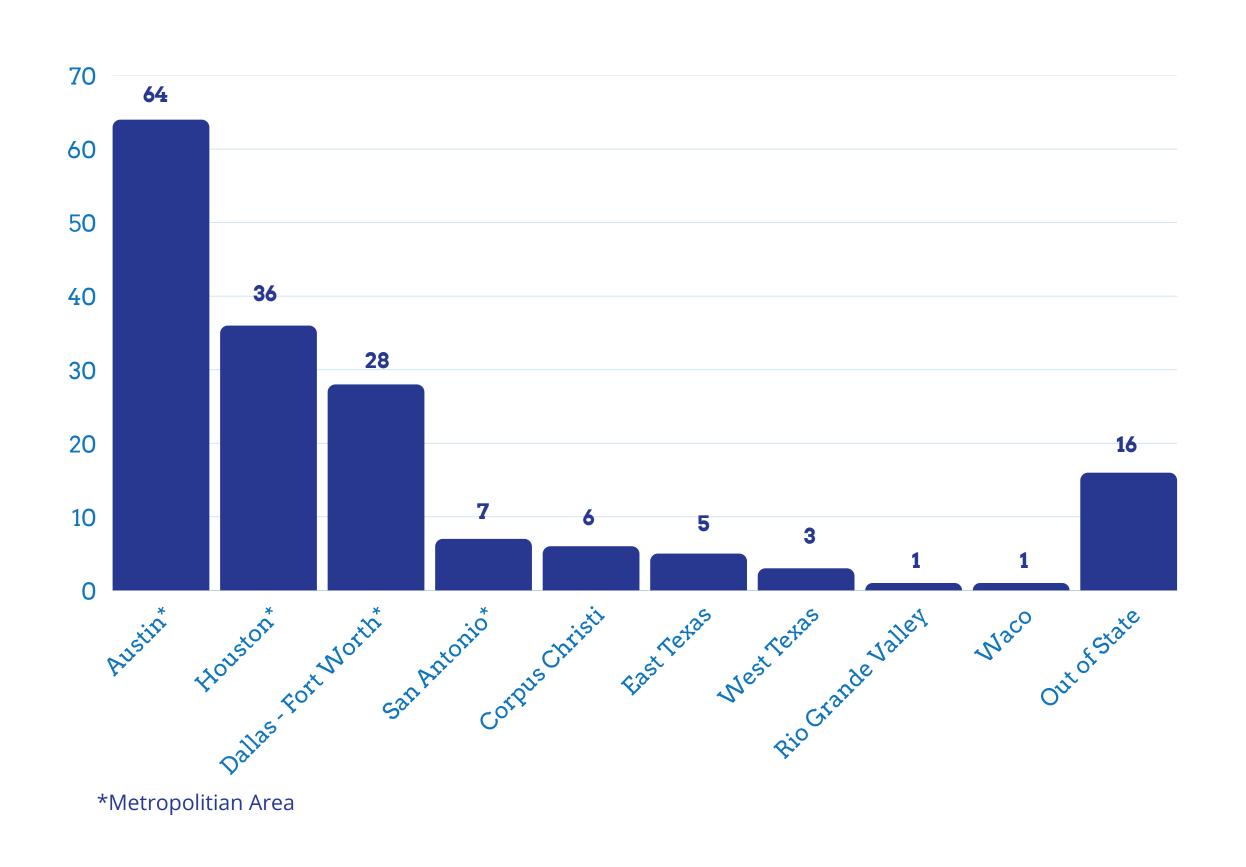
Technology was framed as both opportunity and challenge. Sessions explored how AI, telehealth, and data systems can improve access and efficiency while avoiding clinician burnout.

### **Rural Health**

With 224 of Texas' 254 counties designated as health professional shortage areas, speakers emphasized the urgency of expanding rural health access and tailoring solutions to local needs.

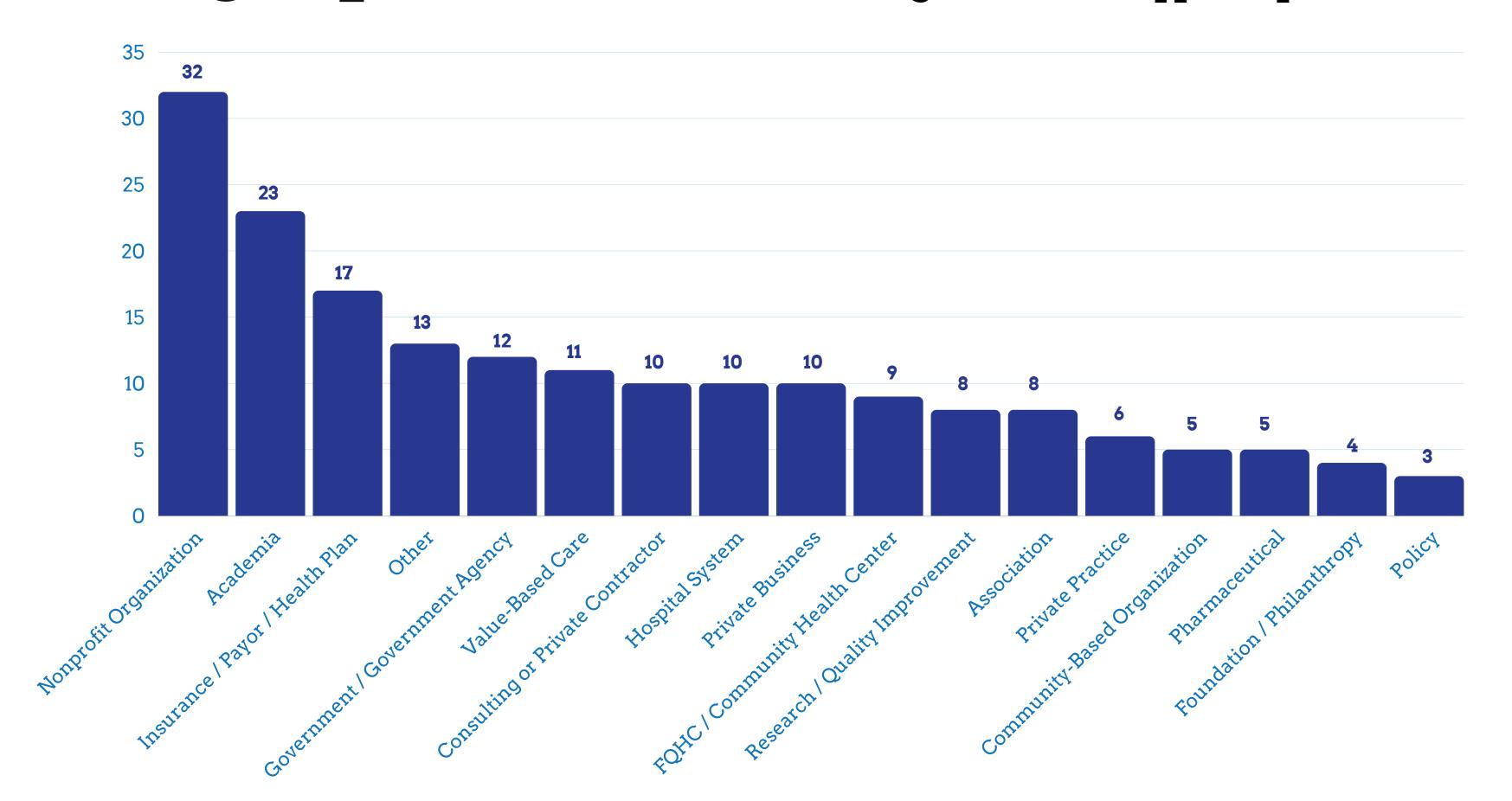
## Demographics

### **Registrant Location**



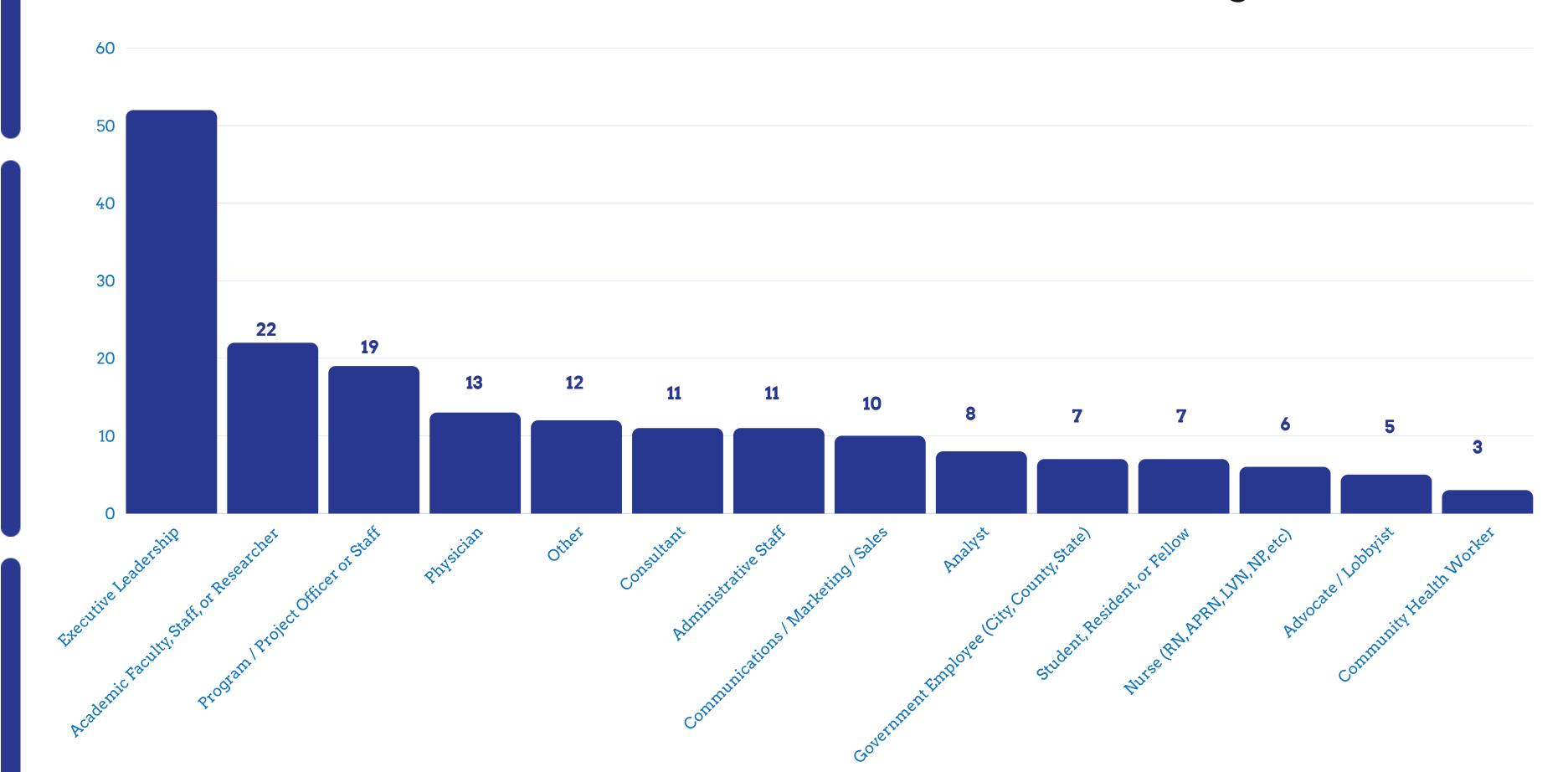
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### Organization Type Represented



# Demographics

### **Registrant Role**



# Reflections

Quite relevant to the current healthcare dynamics under the new federal

Each session was valuable and interesting.

administration.

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I really enjoyed all my sessions. The speakers provided a wealth of information and there were opportunities for collaboration in between sessions.

Excellent speakers and

subject matter experts.

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Diverse and knowledgeable presentations.

All speakers were open to sharing resources and ensured participants were engaged.

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It was well organized, and information provided was relevant to address some of the challenges faced currently in health care.

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All of the information was very interesting and helpful.







### Plenary Session



# Safeguarding Primary Care

Jana Eubank - CEO, Texas Association of
Community Health Centers, Facilitator
David Valdez, MD - Chief Medical Officer,
Community Health Development, Inc. & Molina
Healthcare of Texas
Pritesh Ghandi, MD, MPH - Senior Vice President,
CommonSpirit Health
Julie Schilz, BSN, MBA - Senior Director, Primary

Care Development Corporation



### Plenary Session



### Primary Care Fireside Chat: Unpacking the Access Story in Rural Texas

Sue Bornstein, MD, MACP - Co-Lead, Texas
Primary Care Consortium, *Facilitator*Douglas Curran, MD - Chief Medical Officer, East
Texas Community Clinic
John Henderson - President and CEO, Texas
Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals



### Plenary Session



# Harmonization in Primary Care

**Tom Banning** - CEO, Texas Academy of Family Physicians, *Facilitator* 

Michael Kwame Poku, MD, MBA, FACP - Chief Clinical Officer, Equality Health Jamie Dudensing - CEO, Texas Association of Health Plans

**Lance Spivey** - Co-Founder and President, Catalyst Health Group





# Awards Celebration: 2025 TPCC Primary Care Champion Award

Mary Dale Peterson, MD, MSHCA, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Driscoll Health Plan

# Sessions



#### 2030 Mandate: Aligning Primary Care with ACOs for a Value-Driven Future

Christina Bocanegra, Ph.D., MHA, MACRA SME - Director, Analytics & Metrics & Innovation, Community Family Medicine, P.A.

#### Advancing Health Access: A Conversation on Building an Effective Texas Alliance

Helen Kent Davis - Founder and Principal, HKD & Associates Lisa Madry - Founder and Principal, Rare Bird Advisors

#### **Advancing High-Quality Primary Care**

Wanda Harris - SVP & President, Village MD, Houston Market Drew Bell - President & COO, Village Medical

#### **Ambient AI Documentation in Primary Care**

James Geracci, MD - Chief Medical Officer, Village Medical

### Assessing FQHC Capacity to Address Maternal Health, Food & Nutrition Security, and Diabetes Prevention in Primary Care

Briana Martin - Research and Evaluation Associate, Episcopal Health Foundation Nancy Gilliam, MBA, PCMH, CCE - Chief Member Officer, Texas Association of Community Health Centers

Amy Willa, MPH, IBCLC - Research and Evaluation Associate, Episcopal Health Foundation

#### **Brain Scientist Dads**

Melissa Valerio-Shewmaker, PhD, MPH - Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs, UTHealth Houston - School of Public Health

Anita Rosas, CHW - Program Coordinator, UTHealth Houston - School of Public Health

#### Bridging the Gaps: An Innovative Pathway to Build a Rural Primary Care Workforce

Joseph B. Schenkman, MS - Director of Primary Care Pathway Program, Midland College Shawna Lopez, MS, MEd - Associate Professor Biology, Midland College

#### Collaborate Care Model (CoCM) Creating a Triangular Prism of Care

Gregg Sherrill - Health Services Director, Behavioral Health Integration Leader, United Healthcare Community Plan Texas



### Community and Academic Synergy for Cancer Survivorship Care Delivery Enhancement (Project CASCADE)

Bijal Bala, PhD, MBBS - Professor of Epidemiology, UTHealth School of Public Health Simon Craddock Lee, PhD, MPH - Professor and Chair, Department of Population Health, University of Kansas School of Medicine

#### Creating a Primary Care Solution for Treating Latent Tuberculosis Infection

Janet Hurley MD, FAAFP, FABFM - Director of Physician Practice Operations, Medical Director of Associate Health, CHRISTUS Health

#### Creating Harmony: Reducing Documentation & Data Entry Burden for Clinicians

Kara Hill, MHA, BSSW - Senior Director of Health Integration, Texas Health Institute

#### Direct Primary Care and Health Plans: Collaborating for the Healthcare Quintuple Aim

Ken Janda - Professor of Practice, University of Houston College of Medicine Omar Matuk-Villazon, MD, MBA - Chief Medical Officer, SuVida Healthcare

#### **Effective Implementation of Integrated Care: Considerations for Primary Care**

Julie Schilz, BSN, MBA - Senior Director, Primary Care Development Corporation

#### Enhancing Maternal Health Outcomes Through Social Support and Doula Care

Tracie Penny, RN, BSN, CCM - Health Services Manager, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas

### Enhancing Measurement-based Behavioral Care Through Technological and Educational Innovation in Pediatric Primary Care

Sabrina Browne, MD - Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center Vijeta Salunkhe-Pansare, MD, MHA, MBA - Board Certified Pediatrician, Children's Health

#### **Enhancing Primary Care Quality through a Collaborative Team-Based Approach**

Zachary Menn, MD, MHA, MBA - VP of Population Health, Houston Methodist Coordinated Care Tessy Eapen, LCSW, ACM-SW - Manager, Case Management, Houston Methodist Coordinated Care Agnes Kats, MHL, BSN, RN, CCM - Nursing Manager of Value Based Care, Houston Methodist Coordinated Care

#### Enhancing Rural Chronic Pain Management: Insights from a Pilot Study on Smartphone App-Based Auricular Point Acupressure

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#### From Crisis to Care: Improving Access to Vulnerable Perinatal Population

Priya Kumar-Kaparaboyna, MD - Reproductive Psychiatrist, Dell Medical School Patrizia Perazzo, PhD - Psychologist, Dell Medical School Erin Richardson, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC - Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Dell Medical School Lisa Boyars, MD - Perinatal & Reproductive Psychiatrist, Dell Medical School

### From Screening to Action: Connecting NMDOH Data with Primary Care through Health Information Exchange

Vidya Lakshminarayanan - COO, Connxus Sandra Frasser, MD - Pediatrician, People's Community Clinic Brenda Garza - Community Health Worker HUB Manager, Connxus Nancy Sanchez - Community Advocacy & Resource Director, People's Community Clinic

#### Harnessing AI for Rural Hospitals: Advancing Healthcare Access and Equity

Deepak Pahuja, MD, MBA - Chief Medical Officer, Aerolib Healthcare Solutions Mehul Pahuja – Intern, Aerolib Healthcare Solutions Nishi Pahuja – Intern, Aerolib Healthcare Solutions Anish Arora – Intern, Aerolib Healthcare Solutions Ashkita Arora – Intern, Aerolib Healthcare Solutions

#### Headache Management in the Disenfranchised Patient Population

Shawna Scully, D.O., COL (ret.) - Chief Medical Officer, Emergence Health Network

### Implementing a Novel Training Program to Support Integration of Cancer Survivorship into Primary Care Practice

Katherine Gilmore - Director, Survivorship Program, MD Anderson Cancer Center Nancy Nguyen-Vu, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AMB-BC, CPN - Nurse Practitioner, UTHealth – UT Physicians Bayshore Family Practice

#### Improving Rural Healthcare Access: Innovative Nurse-Led Mobile Clinics in Texas

Kevin Lambing - Senior Program Officer, T.L.L. Temple Foundation Kirsten Perricone, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, CVRN-BC - Nurse Practitioner, Texas A&M HSC



#### **Increasing Rural Healthcare Access with Drones**

Ty Harmon - Co-Founder, Matador UAS Consortium Melanie Richburg - CEO, Lynn County Hospital District

### Insights to Action: Implications of THI's Research and Evaluation Projects for Primary Care

Andrea Jacks, PhD - Chief Research & Evaluation Officer, THI Dana Minney, Ed.D - Senior Program Manager, THI Cody Price, MPH - Health Policy Analyst, THI Blair Williams, MPA, MBA, CPH - Senior Director, THI

#### Innovative Approaches to Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination in Texas

Melissa Varon - Director, MD Anderson Cancer Center
Jessica Calderon-Mora - Assistant Professor, UT Austin Dell Medical School
Jane Montealegre - Associate Professor, MD Anderson Cancer Center
Susan Parker - Program Manager, MD Anderson Cancer Center
Kathleen Schmeler - Professor, MD Anderson Cancer Center
Erika Thompson - Associate Professor, UTHealth

#### Innovative Model of Primary Care in Rural Texas

Douglas Curran, MD - East Texas Community Clinic Glen Robison - CEO, East Texas Community Clinic

### Innovative strategies for delivering whole person care for patients with complex needs and preventable readmissions

Wendy D. Bradley, LPC-MHSP, CAADC, CPHQ - Director, Behavioral Health Integration, TMF Health Quality Institute

 $\label{lem:condition} Grace\ Bolanos\ Sewell, MA, CCLS, CPHQ, CPPS-Health care\ Quality\ Improvement\ Specialist, TMF\ Health\ Quality\ Institute$ 

#### North Texas Expanded Access for Vulnerable Populations

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#### Nurture Program: Scalable Model for Integrating Patient Choice and Social Needs to Address Maternal Health

Karl Serrao, MD, MBA, FAAP, FCCM - Chief Medical Officer, Driscoll Health Plan Tanya Arredondo, MSN, RN - Quality Program Manager, Driscoll Health Plan

#### Outcomes of Implementation of Screening and Referral of Non-Medical Drivers on Health in Pediatric Health Homes

Tanya Arredondo, MSN, RN - Quality Program Manager, Driscoll Health Plan Karl Serrao, MD, MBA, FAAP, FCCM - Chief Medical Officer, Driscoll Health Plan

#### Partnering with Families to Optimize Primary Care for Children with Medical Complexity

Lisa Kirsch - Senior Policy Director, Dell Medical School Rahel Berhane, MD - Medical Director, Dell Children's Comprehensive Care Clinic

#### Patient-Integrated Care Team: Working at the Top of Your License

Logan Thornton, DrPH, MPH, CHES, PCMH CCE, CLSSBB - Executive Director, UTHSC Houston Ingrid Castillo, MPA, CLSSBB - Director, Strategic Initiatives, UTHSC Houston

#### Population Health and Non-Medical Drivers of Health in an ACO World

Mital Brahmbhatt, MHA, LMSW - System Director, Care Coordination & Population Health, Memorial Hermann Health System

#### Prioritizing Maternal Health Nutrition in Primary Care

Alex Atkisson, MA, RD, LD, CPHQ - TMF Health Quality Institute Nina Lavi-Hoke, MPH, CPHQ - TMF Health Quality Institute Crystal Turner, RN - TMF Health Quality Institute

#### Significance of Behavioral Health Care for PCP

Jayanthi Subramanian, MS OT, DBA - Co-Founder & CEO, Doctorite Inc.

#### Target: BP - A Hypertension Resource for Improving Care Quality, Outcomes, and Recognitions

Eduardo Sanchez, MD - Chief Medical Officer for Prevention, American Heart Association

#### Texas Gun Sense: Healthcare Partners For Gun Safety

Nicole Golden - Executive Director, Texas Gun Sense

#### Texas Rural Maternal Health Rescue Plan - Update

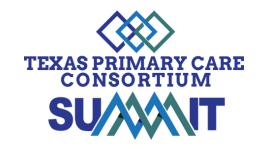
Kia Parsi, MD - Executive Director, A&M Rural & Community Health Institute Helen Kent Davis - Founder & Principal, HKD & Associates

#### The True Impact of Social Determinants of Health: Cost Implications and Strategic Value

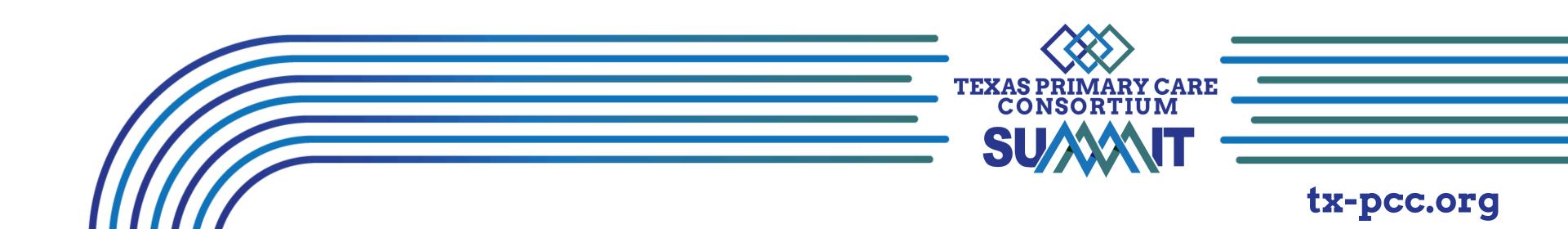
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#### Workplace Safety & De-escalation: Protecting staff, patients and continuity of care

Hilal Salami, LP, BS, HSO - Clinical Advancement Director, Texas Association of Community Health Centers



The 2025 TPCC Summit reaffirmed that advancing high-quality primary care in Texas requires rethinking investment, strengthening the workforce, leveraging technology wisely, and deepening cross-sector collaboration. Across two days of shared learning, attendees gained clearer insight into systemic challenges as well as practical, community-driven solutions to improve access and outcomes. The collective optimism and determination expressed throughout the summit reflect a shared belief that meaningful progress is both necessary and achievable. Looking ahead, TPCC is committed to continuing to advance high-quality primary care for Texans and beyond.



# Thank you!

