

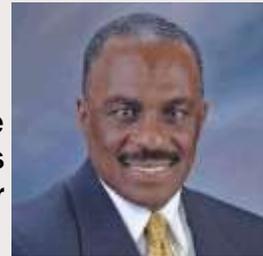


**February 2018**

## **Texas Health Institute Monthly Highlights**

### **Welcome THI New Board Chair, George N. Miller, Jr. MHA, FACHE!**

I am delighted to share with you some exciting news about the Texas Health Institute Board of Directors. George Miller, who has been on our board since 2015, will be our new Board chair for 2018-2019.



George brings in over three decades of leadership experience in improving health care and public health in Texas and nationally. Currently, he serves as the President/CEO at Loretto Hospital, a not-for-profit, community-focused health care provider serving the Chicago's Austin and surrounding communities. Prior to this, he served as the President and CEO at CommUnity Care Health Center. CommUnityCare is the largest FQHC in Texas and the 10th largest in America.

George succeeds Dr. Ben Raimer, Senior Vice President, Health Policy and Legislative Affairs at University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, who will continue to serve on our board. I want to offer my thanks to Dr. Raimer for his dedication to improving health for all Texans and nationally and for many volunteer roles, including serving as Texas Health Institute board chair for last two years. Dr. Raimer feels passionately about the importance of improving health for everyone, and we at Texas Health Institute are very appreciative of the time and devotion that he has given to our organization.

We are excited about this update, and I thank our board for their dedication and leadership.

Sincerely,  
**Ankit Sanghavi BDS, MPH**  
Executive Director  
Texas Health Institute

## Welcome THI New Project Manager for Mountain States Regional Genetics Network (MSRGN), Annette Lara!



Annette Lara is the Project Manager for the Mountain States Regional Genetics Network (MSRGN). Prior to joining Texas Health Institute, Annette worked at the Texas Department of State Health Services for 14 years with various programs throughout the agency. Annette has a Master in Business Administration from West Texas A&M University. Click [here](#) to contact Annette Lara.

## Children's Dental Health Month



Join us in celebrating the Children's Dental Health Month by participating in the Smiles are Bigger in Texas photo contest. You can submit in one of the three categories as School, Organization, or Individual. Each category will have three winners and will receive up to \$300 in prizes. Click [here](#), to know more about the contest rules and submission details. The Smiles are Bigger in Texas campaign is coordinated by the Communications Workgroup of Advancing the Oral Health Movement in Texas (ATOHMIT) initiative. ATOHMIT is collaborative initiative between Texas Health Institute and Texas Oral Health Coalition.

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## 2017's Awards for Excellence in Texas School Health



Please join us in congratulating 2017's Awards for Excellence winners. This year's Reaching for Excellence winners include Barton Hills Elementary - Austin ISD - EagleFIT!, Barrington Place Elementary - Fort Bend ISD - Bike Rodeo Program, Dr. JM Ogle Elementary - Frisco ISD - Family Fitness Nights at Ogle Elementary, and La Porte Independent School District - La Porte ISD Stop the Bleed. Applications are taken and winners are chosen to Texas school(s) or school district(s) that would like to begin a new health project or have started a new health project that has been in place less than a full school year. Winners would use the award money as start-up seed funding to put the project into action.

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## **Continuing Nursing Education Credits to be Offered!**



Now more than ever, health care is a team endeavor. As health care becomes more complex, the role of nurses becomes increasingly important. This year we are excited to be offering nursing credits!

In primary care, the number of patients we treat continues to increase along with the complexity of their medical and social needs. New models of primary care are needed in order to meet the needs of our patients as well as to most effectively utilize the skills and talents of all team members.

The patient-centered medical home model of primary care is founded on the principle that care is best delivered by a well-trained team of professionals who work collaboratively, communicate effectively and have clearly defined roles and responsibilities.

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