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Friends,

Years ago, when **Steve Murdoch** was our state's first demographer, **Steve** said "Our children are our state's oil wells of the future!" **Steve** was talking about how our state's fortunes were directly related to the ups or downs of the oil industry in Texas. He predicted that this would be changing, and/or we could also reduce our dependence on oil if we invested in our children recognizing the huge role they can play as members of our workforce of the future. Leaders in Austin invested in recruiting and supporting the tech industry. The tech industry is exploding in Austin. Austin is thriving with young millennial professionals who are making a difference in the tech industry.

All that is background to say --- this newsletter is devoted to THI's investment in the workforce of the future in health, in Texas, and beyond! We are featuring our interns! We want you to meet the leaders, and "movers and shakers" of the future!

- ***Texas Health Institute welcomes its 2017 Summer Interns!*** It is our hope that the time they invest at THI will be a fulfilling experience that helps lead them to rewarding careers in public health and their other chosen fields. We are grateful to them and their sponsoring university programs for the opportunity to mentor and learn from these bright young students. While at THI, they will be under the tutelage of **Camille Miller, MSSW; Ankit Sanghavi, BDS, MPH; John Oeffinger; Marilyn Brown, MPH** and **Anna Stelter, LMSW, MPH**. Click [here](#) to meet our interns!



- Texas Medical Home Initiative and Texas Health Institute recently celebrated our ***5th Annual Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit*** which was held on

May 11-12 in San Antonio, TX. Click [here](#) for more about this summit.

- Texas Health Institute, in collaboration with the Texas Oral Health Coalition, hosted the end-of-year-one meeting, *Advancing the Oral Health Movement in Texas* initiative, on June 09, 2017 in Austin, Texas. Click [here](#) for more about this meeting.
- *Mountain States Regional Genetics Network* - June 2017 Message from Project Directors, Kathryn Hassell, MD & Janet Thomas, MD. Click [here](#)!
- *2017 Southern Obesity Summit - Save the Date* - October 1-3, 2017, Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia. Click [here](#) for more information about the 11th Annual SOS!
-  *Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month* - During the month of June, the Alzheimer's Association asks you to learn more about Alzheimer's, share your story and take action. Click [here](#) for more information.
- *June 27th PTSD Awareness Day* - "Greater understanding and awareness of PTSD will help Veterans and others recognize symptoms, and seek and obtain needed care." - Dr. Paula P. Schnurr, Executive Director of the National Center for PTSD. Click [here](#) for more information.



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