



September 2017

Friends,

We all are still in shock from the terrible loss and devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. We grieve for those who lost their lives and for their families. We thank God for all the sacrifices and acts of courage and love that so many strangers have made for others. As the water recedes, we are learning more. I pray we learn as much as we can and make sure those who lost their lives did not die in vain. There will be more extreme weather -- we must be prepared for the next time.

The following is the newsletter I prepared before the storm.

More to come:

This is my last newsletter from THI, as I retire on September 16, 2017. I hope you can come to our fundraiser event and celebrate the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new chapter.

It is both a challenging and exciting time to be in the health arena. This board and staff stand ready, willing, and able to partner and collaborate in so many ways. It is time to dream big dreams and make big plans.

To be successful we have to bridge the great divides of partisanship, and many differences. We need to listen to each other, tell each other what we heard - then find the common ground in win-win plans and strategies. We all have so much more in common than we have in differences. We have to concentrate on those common desires to produce a health system that balances quality, access and cost.

In closing, I recommend the Op-Ed piece in this link. Click [here](#) to read this article. My good friend, Larry Cohen, is a co-author and one of the most eclectic and brilliant thinkers you will ever meet. He sent me his newest book for a retirement present.

His Prevention Institute has also completed a guide for communities. [Here](#) is a link to that as well, but it is up to YOU to find, and use, what is useful and put it into action at the community level.

God bless each of you!

"16th of September"

Join Us As We Celebrate Camille Miller's Birthday!

"Diez Y Seis de Septiembre"

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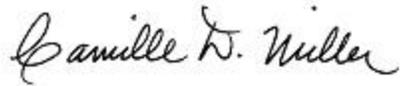
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September 16th, 3-8 p.m.
Charles Johnson House
American Legion Post 76
404 Atlanta Street, ATX
On MoPac/Loop 1 at West 6th
(Next door to Lake Austin Pawn)

- **6th Annual Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit** - new addition to TPCCHS website: Sue's (Bornstein) Blog. Click [here](#) to visit that new page!
- **2017 Southern Obesity Summit** -October 1-3, 2017, Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia. **Early Bird Registration ends TODAY!** Register Now! Don't Miss this Year's 11th Annual Southern Obesity Summit Atlanta, GA. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Congratulations to this year's Texas Health Champion Individual Honoree, **Stephen J. Pont, MD, MPH FAAP**, Texas Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Childhood Obesity Dell Children's Medical Center! Click [here](#) for the entire article.
- **Communities Joined in Action (CJA) 2018 Save the Date!** Click [here](#) for more information.



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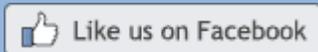
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