

2024 TTUHSC Compliance Symposium

Confirmed Speakers September 17th-19th, 2024

Academic Event Center

3601 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79430

**Healthcare & National Security: An FBI Perspective on the Healthcare Industry's role in National Security**

**Jeffrey DiQuattro**, FBI – Special Agent

Objective: Understand how the Healthcare and Public Health Sector safeguards the economy from hazards like terrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and natural disasters, highlighting the link between national security and the resilience of US healthcare. [jjdiquattro@fbi.gov](mailto:jjdiquattro@fbi.gov)

**Understanding the Clery Act and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act**

**Cindy Flores**, TTUHSC Clery Compliance Officer

Objective: Understand how TTUHSC complies with the Clery Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act at the 2024 Compliance Symposium. [Cindy.Flores@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Cindy.Flores@ttuhsc.edu)

**Updates on Federal Research Security Initiatives**

**Amy Cook,** TTU - Associate Vice President for Research

Objective: Understand how the latest federal research security initiatives impact research administrators and faculty, focusing on key updates and compliance requirements. [amy.cook@ttu.edu](mailto:amy.cook@ttu.edu)

**FERPA Essentials: Safeguarding Student Information in Education**

**Amanda McSween,** TTUHSC - Registrar

Objective: Understand how to train educators and school staff on FERPA to protect student privacy in schools.[amanda.mcsween@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:amanda.mcsween@ttuhsc.edu)

**Moving Beyond Risk Assessment**

**Christine H. Packard**, UMASS - Assistant Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management

Objective: Understand how to use risk assessment to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation strategies and their connection to risk mitigation assessment. [CPackard@umassp.edu](mailto:CPackard@umassp.edu)

**Title IX Compliance: Regulatory Updates and Application**

**Leslie Collins Bean**, TTUHSC - Title IX Coordinator

Objective: Understand how to stay updated on the Department of Education's New Rule, the Texas injunction, and the current TTU System policy. [Leslie.Collins@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Leslie.Collins@ttuhsc.edu)

**Federal Regulatory Landscape: Discussion of HHS’ Office for Civil Rights’ Three Recent Rules**

**Jenny Ma**,Principal Deputy Director & **Marisa Smith,** Regional Manager, U.S. Objective: Understand how recent changes to Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the HIPAA Privacy Rule enhance the protection of reproductive health care privacy. [Jenny.Ma@hhs.gov](mailto:Jenny.Ma@hhs.gov) [Marisa.Smith@HHS.GOV](mailto:Marisa.Smith@HHS.GOV)

Marisa M. Smith, Ph.D., is the Regional Manager for the Southwest Region at the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. She began as an Equal Opportunity Specialist in Seattle, became Supervisor in 2009, and was appointed Deputy Regional Manager in 2013 before taking her current role in Dallas in 2015. She holds degrees in history and a Ph.D. in sociology, focusing on combat-related PTSD. She also served as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. During the pandemic, she started running and has completed several 5K races for animal welfare.

**Keys to Compliance in Public Health**

**Eugenia Krieg**, Texas OIG for Texas Health Services - Chief of Staff,

Objective: Understand how the OIG in Texas protects program integrity by collaborating with stakeholders and focusing on data, telehealth, trends, and supporting compliance professionals. Eugenia.Krieg@hhs.texas.gov

**Billing Compliance Challenges**

**John Geist, Robin Collins, Kitty Hinkle, Teri Murphy, and Tonny Smith,** TTUHSC

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**Stand Tall for Small**

**John Henderson**, TORCH - CEO/President Governmental/Advocacy

Objective: Understand how to enhance knowledge of the healthcare landscape in rural Texas.[jhenderson@torchnet.org](mailto:jhenderson@torchnet.org)

Bio: John Henderson is the president/CEO of TORCH (Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals). He works for the 158 rural Texas Hospitals – primarily in the areas of advocacy and education. Prior to joining TORCH in April of 2018, John served as CEO at his hometown hospital (Childress Regional Medical Center) for 16 years. During that time, he served as chairman of both the TORCH and Texas Hospital Association (THA) boards.

**Top Federal Healthcare Regulatory, Guidance, and Legal Developments**

**Current Drug Trends and the Fentanyl Crisis**

**Wade C. Sparks**, DEA - Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Objective: Understand how to recognize current drug trends in Lubbock, particularly illicit Fentanyl trafficking, to enhance awareness and knowledge. [Cynthia.Velazquez@dea.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Velazquez@dea.gov)

Bio: Wade C. Sparks is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the DEA's Dallas Field Division, where he supervises various enforcement groups. He previously led the Texoma High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, collaborating with multiple law enforcement agencies. Sparks joined the DEA in 2004 as a Special Agent in Los Angeles, focusing on undercover operations and dismantling drug organizations. He later worked on the U.S.-Mexico border targeting Mexican traffickers. In 2017, he moved to DEA Headquarters to oversee media inquiries and manage Congressional affairs, returning to Dallas as ASAC in 2021. A native of San Angelo, Texas, Sparks earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Angelo State University.

**Ransomware- What You Need to Know.**

**Lane Timmons**, TTUHSC - Information Security Officer (ISO)

**Alvin Mills**, TTUHSC - Director, IT Governance Risk & Compliance

Objective: Understand how TTUHSC's ransomware readiness affects vendors and partners. [Lane.Timmons@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Lane.Timmons@ttuhsc.edu) [Alvin.Mills@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Alvin.Mills@ttuhsc.edu)

**Kimberly Brandt, Tarplin**, Downs & Young, LLC - Partner

Objective: Understand how to explore major CMS regulations, Congressional healthcare priorities, the upcoming election's implications on healthcare policy, and the impact of Supreme Court administrative law decisions on healthcare compliance. [kbrandt@tdyllc.com](mailto:kbrandt@tdyllc.com)

**Mastering Fraud Detection and Prevention**

**Matt Walsh**, TTU - Audit Director

Objective: Understand how to develop expertise in fraud detection, prevention, and control.[Matt.Walsh@ttu.edu](mailto:Matt.Walsh@ttu.edu)

**OIG’s General Compliance Program Guidance**

**Sonya Castro-Quirino**, TTUHSC - VP, Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)

Objective: Understand how to implement the key principles of OIG's General Compliance Program Guidance to ensure organizational compliance and integrity..[sonya.castro@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:sonya.castro@ttuhsc.edu)

Bio: Castro-Quirino is the Vice President for Compliance at TTUHSC, where she leads a team overseeing compliance across multiple campuses serving 108 counties. A TTUHSC alumna, she holds a bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science and an MBA with a focus on Health Organization Management. Her career began in laboratory work before she transitioned into healthcare administration and compliance. She gained invaluable experience as an analyst with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) in Washington, DC, monitoring healthcare providers and shaping compliance guidance. Later, she joined Wal-Mart's pharmacy division, where she led the healthcare audit group and eventually became the compliance officer. Now back at TTUHSC, she has implemented crucial compliance controls for information security, emphasizing that compliance is a collective responsibility across the institution. Castro-Quirino actively promotes a culture of transparency and accountability among staff.