ABOUT THE THINK TANK

MISSION AND GOALS:
Texas Tech University System Health Policy and Public Health Think Tank strives to develop, promote, and implement best practices in health equity and access to care throughout the Texas Tech University System and surrounding areas. The Think Tank aims to foster collaborative research and volunteerism, engage with communities to develop policy recommendations, and assist with the implementation of best practices. Our four key focus areas include: rural health disparities, underserved populations in urban areas, inter-professional health education, and community empowerment and education.

AFFILIATING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE TEXAS TECH SYSTEM:
- Texas Tech University
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso
- Angelo State University
- Midwestern State University

CO-FOUNDERS:

- REAGAN COLLINS
  Reagan Collins is a MD candidate at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics. Previously, she spent her days as a student athlete on the Texas Tech Women’s Tennis Team, but now devotes her time to advocating for health equity through national research pursuits related to social determinants of health and through her role as Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of the TTU System Public Health and Health Policy Think Tank.

- JAD ZEITOUNI
  Jad Zeitouni is a MD candidate at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He is passionate about using health policy and advocacy to better serve underserved and underrepresented populations. He’s pursued these passions during his undergraduate career and continues to do so as Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of the TTU System Public Health and Health Policy Think Tank.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE THINK TANK, VISIT: https://www.ttuhsc.edu/medicine/academic-affairs/think-tank/think-tank.aspx

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ACCRREDITATION AND DESIGNATION:
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Texas Tech University System Health Policy & Public Health Think Tank. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

PHYSICIANS:
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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NOTE: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center reserves the right to cancel this meeting or substitute speakers in the event of unforeseen or extenuating circumstances.

1ST ANNUAL WEST TEXAS HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
APRIL 27-28TH, 2023
ACADEMIC EVENT CENTER
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
LUBBOCK, TEXAS
Texas Tech University System Health Policy and Public Health Think Tank and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Continuing Medical Education is proud to announce the inaugural West Texas Health Disparities Research Symposium. The Texas Tech University System spans from Dallas to El Paso, and the health disparity challenges vary greatly across the region. This symposium aims to provide a forum to share various works regarding health disparities and approaches to addressing health equity challenges in the West Texas region. Attendees will learn from distinguished national keynote speakers, panelists, and interactive discussions from various healthcare professionals across the West Texas region and different institutions within the Texas Tech University System.

**SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES**

1. Identify current health care disparities afflicting West Texas
2. Present primary and secondary data related to healthcare disparities in West Texas
3. Propose current or prospective interventions or strategies that address healthcare disparities in West Texas

**SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 27th** (Times Denoted in CDT)

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Registration
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Welcome by Executive Directors of TTU System Think Tank
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Keynote – “Left Behind – Rural Health”

- John Henderson, MBA, CEO and President of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals

- Q&A from 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM Exhibitor Booths/Break

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Health Disparities Research Oral Presentations

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Exhibitor Booths/Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Panel – The Diverse Leaders in West Texas Healthcare, Academia, and Health Policy

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Keynote – "Leading Collaborative Efforts to Increase Access to Mental Health Care"

- Nancy Trevino, PhD, Director of the Texas Tech Mental Health Initiative

- Q&A from 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Mixer/Reception

Welcome given by John A. Griswold, MD, FACS

**Friday, April 28th** (Times Denoted in CDT)

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Coffee and Pastries/Check-in

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Health Disparities Research Posters

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Health Disparities Research Oral Presentations

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Exhibitor Booths/Break

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Keynote Luncheon – “Advancing Addiction Education / Reducing Stigma”

- Joseph Skrajewski, MA, MFTI, National Director of Business Development – healthcare solutions at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

- Q&A from 12:15 PM – 12:30 PM

12:30 PM – 12:45 PM Exhibitor Booths/Break

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Panel – West Texas Nonprofit and Community Partners

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Health Disparities Jeopardy

2:45 PM Closing

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION FEES**

- Physicians: $50.00
- Non-Physicians: $30.00
- Students, Non-Licensed: $0.00

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Registration and credit card payments may be completed online until Friday, April 21, 2023. Notification of registration cancellation must be received in writing by Friday, April 21, 2023 to obtain a refund less a $5.00 administrative fee; thereafter, no refunds will be made.

**FOR REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE TTUHSC CME OFFICE AT 806.743.2929.**

Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services must include a written request with the registration form, so the TTUHSC-CME Office can make appropriate arrangements. If any, a written request is not received at least two weeks prior to the program date, individuals are responsible for their own auxiliary aids or services.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**John Henderson, MBA**

Dr. Nancy Trevino currently serves as the Director of the Texas Tech Mental Health Initiative (TTMHI) at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where she works to coordinate and build collaborations for research, training, and clinical services across the community in an effort to improve mental health and wellness. The collaborative efforts of TTMHI include community-based training sites for learners from TTUHSC and TTU Programs, implementation of high quality, evidence-based practices, integration of telehealth, and additional interdisciplinary training opportunities for providers across the community. These workforce development and expansion efforts aim to increase access for individuals who are underserved and that contribute to them utilizing high-cost, less appropriate options in crisis situations.

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**Joseph Skrajewski, MA, MFTI**

Dr. Joseph Skrajewski is the National Director of Business Development and Executive Director of Medical and Professional Education at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. His focus on innovative approaches to advancing addiction education in healthcare settings. He will share models and techniques that have been proven successful and led to the creation of students and practitioners reducing stigma and carrying the message of hope and healing in treatment and recovery.

Mr. Skrajewski will offer insight and empathy surrounding the realities and misconceptions of addiction based on years of professional service in the field and through his own lived experience stemming from a previous career working on Wall Street and through the 9/11 First Responder experience.