

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Friday, March 22nd (Times Denoted in CDT)

- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM LUNCH & REGISTRATION**
- 12:00 PM – 12:15 PM WELCOME**
Welcome given by Think Tank Faculty Member(s)
- 12:15 PM – 12:30 PM THINK TANK UPDATE**
Reagan Collins and Jad Zeitouni, Co-Founders of the TTU System Health Policy and Public Health Think Tank
- 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM KEYNOTE – “RURAL HEALTH DISPARITIES: UNRESOLVABLE?”**
Nancy Wilson Dickey, MD, President Emerita, Department of Primary Care & Rural Medicine, Texas A&M School of Medicine, Texas A&M Health Science Center
- 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM EXHIBITOR BOOTHS/BREAK**
- 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM COMBATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN PRACTICUM**
*- Stormie Aguirre, BSW, Program Manager Health Equity
- Jamie Felberg MD Associate Professor Hospital Medicine TTUHSC/UMC
- Katherine Wells, MPH, Executive Director Lubbock County Department of Health
- Valeria Sanchez, Executive Director of West Texas Alzheimer Association
- Kelly Bennett, MD TTUHSC Professor-Family Medicine
- Chris Williams, Director, AHEC of the Plains*
- 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM EXHIBITOR BOOTHS/BREAK**
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM KEYNOTE – “PREVENTING DISEASE IN THE PASO DEL NORTE REGION”**
Tracy J. Yellen - Chief Executive Officer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation/Paso del Norte Community Foundation

Saturday, March 23rd (Times Denoted in CDT)

- 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN/ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS**
- 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM PANEL – “THE ROLE OF ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IN REGIONAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT”**
*- Anna Gitter, PhD, Assistant Professor in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health
- Cynthia A. Jumper, MD, MPH, Vice-President for Government Relations, Texas Dept. Criminal Justice, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- Jennifer Wilson, MD, Assistant Professor - Pediatrics, Professor-NTT*
- 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM EXHIBITOR BOOTHS/BREAK**
- 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM KEYNOTE LUNCHEON – “RURAL HEALTH DISPARITIES”**
Albert Ruiz, Rural Health Specialist & SORH Grant Coordinator, Texas State Office of Rural Health
- 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM EXHIBITOR BOOTHS/BREAK**
- 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM PANEL – “INNOVATIONS AND STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCESS”**
*- Deborah Clegg, PhD, Professor-NTT Depart of Research, Professor, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso
- John Gachago, PhD, Executive Director - Telehealth Tech and Innovation Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- Joseph Heppert, PhD, Vice President – Research & Innovation, Texas Tech University
- Jessica Chacon, PhD, Assistant Professor – Medical Education, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso*
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM POSTER SESSION**
- 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM CLOSING**
Closing Remarks Given By Chris Williams, Center Director, AHEC of the Plains