

Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Forum Presenters and Workgroup Leaders



John Hellerstedt, MD, serves as commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, leading one of the state's largest agencies with a staff of 12,000 and an annual budget of \$3.3 billion. As commissioner, Dr. Hellerstedt oversees programs such as disease prevention and disaster preparedness, family and community health services, environmental and consumer safety, regulatory programs, and mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs. Dr. Hellerstedt became commissioner on Jan. 4, 2016.

Previously, Dr. Hellerstedt served as chief medical officer at Seton Family of Hospitals. He also served as the vice president of medical affairs for Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas and as the medical director of Texas Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Dr. Hellerstedt earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, graduating with high honors from Allegheny College, and received his medical degree from Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Hellerstedt completed his residency in general pediatrics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.



David Lakey, MD, serves as vice chancellor for health affairs and chief medical officer of The University of Texas System. Dr. Lakey previously served as commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services from 2007 to 2015. Prior to that, Dr. Lakey served as associate professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Clinical Infectious Disease, and medical director of the Center for Pulmonary and Infectious Disease Control at The University of Texas Health Center in Tyler.

At the UT Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness, Dr. Lakey served as associate director for infectious disease and biosecurity. He also chaired a bioterrorism preparedness committee for 34 hospitals in East Texas and led the development of the Public Health Laboratory of East Texas in 2002.

Dr. Lakey has been recognized for his distinguished service in public health by organizations including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and was awarded the Presidential Medal by the Texas Medical Association for his service to Texas during the 2014 Ebola emergency. In addition to his service on the March of Dimes Board of Trustees, he is chair of TMA's Council on Science and Public Health.

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Lisa Hollier, MD, MPH, is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology (OB-Gyn) at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She serves as the chief medical officer for OB-Gyn for Texas Children's Health Plan and is the medical director of OB-Gyn for Texas Children's Health Plan's medical home initiative, The Center for Children and Women. She received her medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and master's of public health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She completed a residency in OB-Gyn at Baylor University Medical Center and a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, both in Dallas.

Dr. Hollier serves as chair of the Texas Department of State Health Services Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force. She is the president-elect of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and will take office as president in April of 2018. Throughout her career, she has been dedicated to caring for the underserved and improving women's health by advancing women's health policy.



Carla Ortique, MD, practices obstetrics and gynecology at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and is vice chair of the Texas Department of State Health Services Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine who completed residencies in both family medicine and OB-Gyn. Board certified in OB-Gyn, Dr. Ortique's mission has been to improve women's access to quality care and to use science and evidence to help improve systems of care.

When she practiced in Austin, she was chair of the OB-Gyn department at North Austin Medical Center and served as a board member of Austin Diagnostic Clinic. Working with the National Medical Association, she also has been a long-term advocate at the national level in addressing racial and ethnic disparities.

Dr. Ortique has dedicated years of service as a member and valued leader of TMA through her committee work, including as the former chair of the Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health. Most recently, she was appointed to the board of the Texas Medical Association Foundation. Dr. Ortique is involved in other state organizations, including TMF Health Quality Institute, the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the state's Texas Health Steps Advisory Panel.

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Manda Hall, MD, was named the interim associate commissioner for community health improvement in July of 2017 and serves as the Title V maternal and child health medical director at the Texas Department of State Health Services. Prior to these positions, Dr. Hall served as the Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs director for more than three years. She also has experience in private practice and worked as a state agency medical consultant at Disability Determination Services in Texas.

Dr. Hall graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology from Lamar University and received her medical degree from Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine. She completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Hall is board certified in internal medicine, pediatrics and allergy and immunology.

Dr. Hall is the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Region VI director and is a member of the organization's Legislative and Health Care Finance Committee. She graduated in May 2014 as a fellow in the Maternal and Child Health Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and in 2017 from the Texas Health and Human Services Executive Leadership Academy. She is a faculty member of the Department of State Health Services Preventive Medicine/Public Health Residency Program and serves as a mentor in The University of Texas Health Careers and Mentorship Program. Dr. Hall is an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Texas A&M College of Medicine.



Tara Das, PhD, MPH, MLIS, is the state registrar and director of the Vital Statistics Section at the Texas Department of State Health Services. She oversees the statewide vital statistics registration system, including reporting, registration, issuance, preservation, and analysis of vital events. Dr. Das previously was the director, Office of the Registrar, Bureau of Vital Statistics, in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She has served on the board of directors for NAPHSIS, the national professional association for vital statistics. Dr. Das has a joint doctorate and master's of public health in anthropology and political science from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's of public health in quantitative methods from Harvard University, and a master's of library and information science from Pratt Institute. She received her bachelor of science degree in policy analysis from Cornell University.