



THBI Summit and Luminary Dinner
The Policies and Politics for a Healthy Texas
May 1, 2018 | Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol
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The 5th annual THBI Summit is the premier health policy conference in Texas.

THBI is the leading health policy voice in the state, influencing legislation that has led to economic investment and medical breakthroughs for over 20 years. Join us May 1st and be a part of the conversations on The Policies and Politics for a Healthy Texas. The Summit includes key networking opportunities with pharmaceutical companies, academic institutions, biotech and medical device companies, economic development entities, patients, and service providers.

8:30: **Sponsor and Legislator VIP Breakfast** (*sponsors only*)

Stephanie Muth, State Medicaid Director, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

9:30 am-5:00 pm THBI Summit

9:45-10:25: **Is the Texas Miracle at Risk? How to Keep Texas Competitive in an Evolving Political Market**

Texas politics has had its share of crazy antics and evolving political opinions over the years. With social agendas moving into the forefront last session and an ever-more hostile opinion of economic incentives where does this leave Texas business and community leaders heading into next session.

Chris Wallace, President, Texas Association of Business

Tony Bennett, President & CEO, Texas Association of Manufacturers

Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, Texas Municipal League

Moderator: Drew Scheberle, Senior Vice President, Federal/State Advocacy & Education/Talent Development, Austin Chamber of Commerce

10:25-11:10: **The Cost of Healthcare: Challenges Facing Patients, Providers and Innovators**

A discussion on market-based solutions for innovative healthcare, importation, value and patient access to life-saving medicines.

Robert Popovian, Pharm.D., Vice President, US Government Relations, Pfizer

Peter Juhn, M.D., Vice President and Head of Global Value-based Partnerships, Amgen

Leigh Anne Leas, Vice President and US Country Head, Public Policy, Novartis

Moderator: Paul Lammers, M.D., M.Sc., President & CEO, Triumvira Immunologics

11:10-11:35: **Keynote** Phyllis Post, Vice President and CIO, Global Human Health IT, Merck

11:35-12:20: **Solutions to Community Health Epidemics**

Texas communities and their leaders are facing several health epidemics including drug addiction and growing mental health challenges. What is the role of the State in bringing forth solutions and what are the opportunities for public/private collaboration within those solutions.

Nelson Jarrin, Senior Director, Government Affairs, The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Chase Bearden, Director of Advocacy and Community Organizing, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

Brian O'Connor, Vice President, Alliance Development, AdvaMed

Moderator: Saiza Elayda, JD, Director, State Policy, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)



12:30-1:30: Lunch | CPRIT and Preserving Our Competitive Edge

Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas has had a profound effect on the Texas life science landscape. CPRIT is set to expire soon – so what’s next for Texas and in the fight against cancer? Over lunch, learn the latest updates from the agency as they wind down their work and outline Texas’ impact on the world of oncology.

Will S. Montgomery, Presiding Officer of Oversight Committee, Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas and Partner, Jackson Walker- Dallas

Introduced by: Wayne Roberts, CEO, Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas

1:45-3:05: The Evolution of Communities Through Healthcare Innovation. A Rapid Fire Discussion with Executive Leaders

Greg Hartman, President, External Affairs and Network Support Services, Ascension Texas

Dean Clay Johnston, M.D., Ph.D., Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin

Frank Grassler, J.D., Vice President for Technology Development, UT Southwestern Medical Center

President Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso and Dean, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

Dean John H. Krouse, MD, PhD, MBA, School of Medicine and Executive Vice President, Health Affairs, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

COL (ret) George E. Peoples, MD, FACS, Founder & CEO, Cancer Insight

Moderator: Mini Kahlon, Ph.D., Vice Dean for Strategy and Partnerships, Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin

3:05-3:25: Keynote Carrie Byington, M.D., Vice Chancellor, Health Services at The Texas A&M University System

3:25-4:30: The Impact of Disaster: Life After Hurricane Harvey and its effect on the 86th Legislative Session

With the 86th legislative session on the horizon, hear from legislative champions on the challenges of sustaining a disaster area and rebuilding the communities impacted from a natural disaster. How did the state get medicines to the people who needed them in the hours after the storm hit and what best practices can be learned in preparation for the next disaster.

Chairman Larry Taylor, Texas Senate

Representative Donna Howard

Chairman Todd Hunter, Texas House of Representatives

Moderator: Holly Turner, Director, State Government Affairs & Policy, Merck

4:30-4:55: Closing Keynote Matthew McManus, M.D., Ph.D., President & CEO, Asuragen

5:30-8:00 pm Reception and Luminary Awards Dinner (*Luminary Dinner tickets must be purchased*)

Honoring Mayor Sylvester Turner, City of Houston, Chairman Kelly Hancock, Texas Senate, Chairman Richard Pena Raymond, Texas House of Representatives, and Greg Hansch, National Alliance on Mental Illness

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