Partnership for A Healthy Texas: Conquering Obesity

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Mission: To develop and promote policies that prevent obesity in Texas

Guiding Principles:

- Encourage collaboration among all interested parties in reducing obesity
- Inform policy makers about the consequences of the disease
- Promote evidence-based strategies at multiple levels: individual, family and community
- Serve as a resource for individuals and entities interested in addressing obesity prevention

Video:

http://www.linkedin.com/redirect?url=http%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FEQgY0csIcz0&urlhash=b8y
Partnership for a Healthy Texas: Conquering Obesity - Membership

- AARP
- Active Life
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
- Center for Public Policy Priorities
- Children at Risk
- Children’s Hospital Association of Texas
- Children’s Medical Center Dallas
- The Cooper Institute
- East Texas AHEC
- Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services
- Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas
- National Federation of Independent Business
- National Wildlife Federation
- Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Temple
- Secondary and Elementary Administrators for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- Sustainable Food Center
- Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health
- Texas Academy of Family Physicians
- Texas Action for Healthy Kids
- Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
- Texas Association of Health Plans
- Texas Association of Local Health Officials
- Texas Association for School Nutrition
- Texas Bicycle Coalition
- Texans Care for Children
- Texas Diabetes Program/Council
- Texas Dietetic Association
- Texas Health Institute
- Texas IMPACT
- Texas Medical Association
- Texas Oral Health Coalition
- Texas Orthopaedic Association
- Texas Pediatric Society
- Texas PTA
- Texas School Health Association
- Texas School Nurses Organization
- Trans Texas Alliance
- University Interscholastic League

Advisors:
- Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service
- Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Michael & Susan Dell Center for Advancement of Healthy Living
- Senate Committee on Health & Human Services
- Texas Department of Agriculture
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- University of North Texas Health Science Center
- University of Texas at Austin
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The 82\textsuperscript{nd} Legislative Session

- 75 bills filled relating to obesity – 27 Directly related to Partnership Priorities
- The political climate of the 82\textsuperscript{nd}
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School Health

**Physical Education and Physical Activity**

- Require school districts to report de-identified, individual FitnessGram data to TEA allowing the Agency to accurately correlate fitness data with academic data, and make that data available to parents. *(SB 226/Nelson)*

- Implement national standards for physical education including minutes per week, class size and certified teachers for grades K-12. *(SB 185/Nelson, HB 281/Alvarado)*

- Prohibit schools from withholding physical activity, PE or recess time as a consequence for classroom behavior or academic remediation. *(HB 3770/Burkett)*
School Health

Physical Education and Physical Activity

- Not in favor of: Reducing implementation of Fitnessgram to only be used in PE classes (HB 400/Eissler).
  - NOTE: Passed as SB 8 during Special Session
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**School Health**

**Health Education**
- Make health education a requirement for high school graduation.  
  *(SB 186/Nelson, HB 280/Alvarado, HB 281/Alvarado)*

**Accountability**
- Require that yearly SHAC reports to school boards include information on how campuses have incorporated coordinated school health into their campus improvement plans.  
  *(SB 225/Nelson, HB 829/Farias)*
- Recognize schools that are meeting and exceeding minimum standards for implementing coordinated school health.  
  *(SB 224/Nelson, HB 860/Diane Patrick)*

**School Nutrition**
- Maximize opportunities to improve the Texas school nutrition environment through the federal Child Nutrition Act reauthorization.  
  *(HB 127/Alvarado, HB 3679/Martinez Fischer, SB 1533 Hinojosa, HB 3467/Patrick)*
- Related to summer feeding programs and collaboration projects  
  *(SB 89/Lucio, HB 643/Rodriguez, SB 199/West)*
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Built Environment

Support physical activity in the community environment by supporting “complete streets” policies to encourage walking and bicycling for health, transportation and recreation.

(SB 513/Ellis, HB 1105 Harper-Brown)
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**Early Childhood**

*Improve nutrition and physical activity in early childhood programs, including support for following current Dietary Guidelines for Americans in childcare settings.*

(HB 2199/Miles, HB 2212/Farias)

While no bills were passed, DFPS has enacted new guidelines for licensed childcare facilities that improve standards for nutrition and physical activity.
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**Food Access**

*Improve access to healthy foods.*

- Strengthen farm to school linkages. **SB 199/West**
  - Community Gardens **SB 184/Nelson**, **Universal Breakfast HB 642/Rodriguez**, **HB 3288 Giddings**, **SB 88/Lucio**, **Summer Feeding HB 643/Rodriguez**
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**Curbing Obesity’s Cost**

- Obesity Intervention and prevention program as well as data collection/evaluation through Comptroller’s office (HB 3790/Pitts)
  - Bill was not passed, but funding for this initiative has been put into the budget

- Redefining the Interagency Obesity Council that was formed last session (SB 1454/Lucio)
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Looking Forward

- Partnership Interim Charges Requests
- What We Expect Next Session
- DSHS Community Transformation Grant
- Hunger and Obesity
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