CENTER *for* PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

# HOBBY POLICY SUMMIT

OCTOBER 14-16, 2014

## SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

### Tuesday, October 14

1:00 p.m. Opening Plenary: Public + Private + Non-profits ..... Salon D/E

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- Deep Dive on Minimum Wage ..... Rm 404
- Deep Dive on Cover Texas Now ..... Rm 406
- Connecting Education to Workforce Development and Good Jobs ..... Rm 408
- Mobilizing Texans for Action ..... Rm 410
- When the Cupboard is Bare: the Impact of Food Insecurity ..... Rm 412
- The New Majority: Race, Poverty, and the Future of Texas ..... Rm 416

4:45 p.m. Plenary: The Future of Texas ..... Salon D/E

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- Bright Futures Start Early: State and Local Responses to Pre-K ..... Rm 412
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- Investing in Opportunity: Our Neglected Human Infrastructure ..... Rm 616

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- Harnessing Art, Culture, and Creativity for Social Change ..... Rm 410
- From Recidivism to Recovery: Peer Support in Texas County Jails ..... Rm 412
- Kids and the Texas Sunset Process ..... Rm 416

3:00 p.m. Offsite Tour of M Station Development ..... Meet at Summit Check-In

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- Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About School Finance ..... Rm 406
- Building Economic Power in Communities of Color ..... Rm 408
- Leveraging Local Innovation for Statewide Change ..... Rm 410
- Advancing Women's Health at a Challenging Time ..... Rm 412
- Immigrants and Opportunity in the Texas Economy ..... Rm 416

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### Thursday, October 16

7:30 AM Breakfast and Open Space Meetups ..... Salon D/E

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# Tuesday, October 14

**12 – 5 p.m.** **Registration** ..... Foyer Outside Salon D

**1 – 2:30 p.m.** **Plenary #1** ..... Salon D/E

## Welcome: Opening Remarks

**Ann Beeson**, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

#HPSplenary

## Public + Private + Non-profits = Powerful Formula for Change

Texas is known for attracting businesses and creating jobs. Yet we have one of the highest poverty rates in the country and rapidly growing income inequality. Texas leads the nation in the percentage of people without health insurance and adults without a high school degree – indicators out of sync with a proud state that likes to be the best. This plenary will explore how businesses, government, and non-profits can work together to build an economy that works for all Texans. Featured guests will share innovative models for cross-sector collaboration and concrete solutions to combat entrenched poverty and expand opportunity.

**Moderator: Ann Beeson**, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**The Honorable Mark Strama**, former Texas State Representative and Head of Google Fiber, Austin

**Regina Montoya**, Co-chair, Dallas Mayor's Poverty Task Force

**Ann Hilbig**, Vice President of Program Planning and Evaluation, Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

**2:30 – 2:45 p.m.** **Break**

**2:45 – 4:15 p.m.** **Breakout Session #1** ..... *Please choose among the following sessions:*

RM 404

## Deep Dive on Minimum Wage: Opportunities and Barriers at the City, State, and Federal Levels

#HPSecon

Getting by in Texas… it's harder than it used to be. And for most Texans, making the minimum wage just doesn't cut it. While raising the minimum wage has been a hot topic around the country lately, what real opportunities and barriers exist to making changes in the minimum wage laws in Texas? And, if we do make changes, is it an effective method for combating poverty and expanding opportunity in Texas? Join us to learn about the local, state, and federal roles in minimum wage policy and what we can do to give low-wage workers a fighting chance at economic stability.

**Moderator: Don Baylor**, Senior Associate, Policy Advisory Group, Urban Institute

**Regina Montoya**, Co-chair, Dallas Mayor's Poverty Task Force

**Tiffany Hogue**, Policy Director, Texas Organizing Project

**Frances Deviney, Ph.D.**, Associate Director and Program Director, Research and Planning, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Pat Wong, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin

**The Honorable Lon Burnam**, Texas State Representative

RM 406

## Deep Dive on Cover Texas Now: How We Can Close Coverage Gaps, from Medicaid-CHIP to the Marketplace

#HPSACA

This session will provide the latest on the alternative approaches to the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Medicaid expansion for low-income adults that conservative states have negotiated with federal Medicaid authorities. Participants will also learn about the network of players advocating for closing the Coverage Gap, how to do outreach and assistance to enroll Texans in the full spectrum of coverage types, from public to private, as well as opportunities for advocacy and engagement. Participants will identify: (1) their most critical policy questions related to Medicaid expansion and alternative approaches; (2) their top recommendations for Texas actions to close the Coverage Gap; (3) the biggest needs/challenges for Texas to have a highly successful second Open Enrollment period for health coverage; and (4) their top priorities for next steps.

**Moderator: Anne Dunkelberg**, Associate Director and Program Director, Health and Wellness, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Joan Alker**, Director, Georgetown University Center for Children and Families

**Mimi Garcia**, Texas State Director, Enroll America

RM 408

## Connecting Education to Workforce Development and Good Jobs

What do we need to do in Texas to ensure that our education and workforce development systems are working together to prepare for and expand access to good jobs? Join in to hear a national best practice perspective on two advanced workforce development strategies – career pathways development and sector partnership initiatives – that connect education and training programs to high wage jobs. This interactive session will include how these strategies are being implemented across Texas today and discussion on where state and local opportunities exist to strengthen and expand education and workforce training efforts that are aligned to the needs of the workforce.

**Garrett Groves**, Program Director for Economic Opportunity, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Dazzie McKelvy**, Board Member, Center for Public Policy Priorities and Founder, Workforce Matters

**Steve Jackobs**, Executive Director, Capital IDEA

**Charles Cook, Ed.D.**, Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Austin Community College

#HPSjobs

RM 410

## Mobilizing Texans for Action

Our ability to elevate issues often depends on bridging policy research and analysis, legislative advocacy, and community organizing. Understanding the strengths of different approaches can help us explore authentic ways to link our work to create better outcomes for all Texans. This session will highlight different organizing models utilized in Texas to promote community engagement around some of our most pressing policy challenges. In the session, we will: (1) identify strengths of different approaches to policy change and community engagement; (2) share our own experiences and learn from other participants; (3) think about what we want to do better (as individual organizations and together).

**Moderator: Robb Gray**, State Engagement and Partnerships Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

#HPSaction

**Lydia Bean, Ph.D.**, Senior Consultant, PICO Network

**Brianna Brown**, Lead Dallas County Health Care Organizer, Texas Organizing Project

**Christina Sanders**, State Director, Texas League of Young Voters Education Fund

RM 412

## When the Cupboard is Bare: the Impact of Food Insecurity

#HPSpoverty

Food is the most basic of all needs, yet each day millions of Texans struggle to put food on the table. Learn about the connection of food insecurity to mental and physical health, education and economic stability. How is food insecurity negatively impacting struggling Texans, and what can we do to change things?

**Moderator: Rachel Cooper**, Senior Policy Analyst, Health and Wellness, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Celia Cole, Chief Executive Officer**, Feeding Texas (formerly the Texas Food Bank Network)

**Jenna Anding, Ph.D.**, Associate Department Head Texas Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M University

**The Honorable Eddie Lucio**, Texas State Senator *(Invited)*

RM 416

## The New Majority: Race, Poverty, and the Future of Texas

#HPSrace

Texas, like three other states and the District of Columbia, already has a population that is "majority minority," and demographic forecasts often focus on concerns about immigration, educational attainment gaps, or rising poverty and income inequality. This session will go beyond the demographic forecasts to discuss the policy implications of a Texas that is more Latino, Black, and Asian, and identify ways that our schools and health care systems can be more responsive and effective.

**Moderator: Eva DeLuna Castro**, Program Director, Investing in Texas, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Ana Almaguel, MPA**, Planning Project Manager, Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Service Department

**Raul Alvarez**, Administrator, Austin Independent School District; former Austin City Council member

**Kevin Foster, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, African and African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas at Austin; founder of ICUSP, the Institute for Community, University and School Partnerships

**Terri E. Givens, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

**4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Break**

#HPSplenary

**4:45 – 5:45 p.m. Plenary #2** ..... Salon D/E

## The Future of Texas: A Cross-Generational Conversation with Two Texas Leaders

**Moderator: Patsy Woods Martin**, Interim Executive Director, Annie's List, and Founder, I Live Here, I Give Here

**The Honorable William P. Hobby**, former Texas Lieutenant Governor

**Cristina Tzintzún**, Executive Director, Workers Defense Project

**5:45 – 7:30 p.m. Evening reception at the Hilton**..... Foyer Outside Governor's Ballroom

Mix and mingle with summit attendees while joining Houston artist Taft McWhorter in creating a large collaborative painting that imagines our shared vision for Texas, using words and ideas from Summit conversations. Experience Sewn on the Street, an art installation that provokes conversation about the true cost of what you're wearing and who really pays in our global economy. Created by textile artists Rebecca Layton of Austin and Monika Jakubiak of Warsaw, Poland, Sewn on the Street is a pop-up sweatshop that invites participants to sit down at a sewing machine and make clothes on the spot.

**Rebecca Layton, Visual Artist, Sewn on the Street**

**Taft McWhorter, Visual Artist**

#HPSart

# Wednesday, October 15

**7:30 a.m.** **Registration and Check-In** ..... Foyer Outside Salon D

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** **Breakfast** ..... Salon D/E

**8:30 – 9:45 a.m.** **Plenary #3** ..... Salon D/E

## Engaging Students, Using Data, and Building Meaningful Futures

**Introduction: Frances Deviney, Ph.D.**, Associate Director and Program Director, Research and Planning, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Daniel P. King, Ph.D.**, Superintendent, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD and 2013 Texas Superintendent of the Year

#HPSplenary

**9:45 – 10 a.m.** **Break**

**10 – 11:30 a.m.** **Breakout Session #2** ..... *Please choose among the following sessions:*

**RM 406**

## Removing Barriers to Economic Security: Payday Lending, Student Loan Debt, and Asset Limits

#HPSecon

Instead of building ladders out of poverty, state and national policies and regulations, or a lack thereof, can perpetuate it. This session will highlight how student loan debt, our state's policy on household assets for eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as well as payday and auto title lending are all undermining the ability of Texans to get ahead. The session will provide an overview of current state policies and regulations and give participants the opportunity to explore solutions to address these barriers.

**Moderator: Don Baylor**, Senior Associate, Policy Advisory Group, Urban Institute

**Rachel Cooper**, Senior Policy Analyst, Health and Wellness, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Jeff Webster**, Assistant Vice President for Research and Analytical Services, TG

**Ann Baddour**, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Appleseed

**Perla Cavazos**, Legislative Director, Office of State Senator Sylvia Garcia

**RM 408**

## "Lean in, Texas": How Policies and Programs Can Better Meet the Needs of Low-Income Mothers

#HPSmoms

Low-income mothers in Texas face many challenges in making ends meet for their families. Participants will learn about a local "dual-generation" approach that simultaneously serves mothers and their children. Participants will also learn about financial empowerment and asset-building strategies targeted specifically towards women. Finally, participants will walk away with knowledge of policy changes that better address the needs of moms today.

**Moderator: Jennifer Lee**, Research Associate, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Shannon Moody**, Executive Director, Jeremiah Program

**Jennifer Ware**, CEO, YW Dallas

**Ariane Hegewisch**, Study Director, Institute for Women's Policy Research

RM 410

## Messaging Workshop: So You Think You Know Your Audience?

#HPScomms

This highly interactive session will allow communicators, policymakers, analysts, staff members and others to roll up their sleeves and workshop some of the language they use to describe the issues they work on and why they matter. Ahead of the 2015 legislative session, it is critical to understand audiences, demographics, messaging best practices and the latest research on words that work. Participants will leave with: (1) new knowledge about communications and messaging trends, best practices and research; (2) concrete ideas for improving their message; (3) connections with peers working on other policy issues, working on similar messaging challenges; and (4) a renewed belief in the importance of strategic, culturally competent communications and messaging.

**Oliver Bernstein**, Communications Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Marcia Kinsey**, Program Associate, Public Works

**James Aldrete**, President and Creative Director, Message Audience & Presentation

RM 412

## Bright Futures Start Early: State and Local Responses to Pre-K

#HPSpreK

During the 2011 Legislature, session funding for the pre-K expansion grant program was completely eliminated, in addition to the formula funding cuts that hit all levels of education from pre-K through 12th grade. These devastating cuts threw pre-K into the spotlight and ignited local efforts to preserve pre-K for their communities. This session will provide an overview of the current state of pre-K in Texas in terms of access and quality, an in depth look at San Antonio's Pre-K 4 SA local initiative, and highlight a model program that goes beyond early education and focuses on the whole family. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss and explore solutions to bring high quality early education opportunities to their own communities.

**Moderator: Andrea Brauer**, Early Education Policy Associate, Texans Care for Children

**Mandi Kimball**, Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Children at Risk

**Linda Hamilton**, Director of Professional Development, Pre-K 4 SA

**Maria Rodriguez-Farris**, Family Literacy Facilitator, Ridgemont Early Childhood Center at Fort Bend ISD

**Autry Williams-Bowers**, Head Start Operations Manager, Ridgemont Early Childhood Center at Fort Bend ISD

RM 416

## The Intersection of Financial Security and Health Insurance: Emerging Issues and Advocacy

#HPSACA

Advocates have long focused on the goal of making health insurance affordable, and the Affordable Care Act in large part helped make that goal reality. But affordable premiums and even affordable cost-sharing aren't enough to ensure that health insurance protects families' financial security. In this session, we'll learn about some emerging issues at the intersection of financial security and health insurance, which are especially important now with the ACA making private health insurance accessible to millions of low-income consumers. We'll hear about some problems newly enrolled low-income consumers are facing and together map out some of the next steps for connections, education, and advocacy.

**Moderator: Blake Hutson**, Senior Associate, Consumers Union

**Frances Deviney, Ph.D.**, Associate Director and Program Director, Research and Planning, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Elizabeth Colvin**, Director, Insure Central Texas

**Stacey Pogue**, Senior Policy Analyst, Health and Wellness, Center for Public Policy Priorities

RM 616

## Investing in Opportunity: Our Neglected Human Infrastructure

#HPSkids

This session will explore trends in Texas' investments in early childhood programs, public education, health care, nutrition, abuse/neglect prevention, and other services for young Texans, as well as the connections between children's outcomes and federal, state, and local spending on kids. Participants will gain a better understanding of the partial restorations and other re-investments made in the 2013 Legislative sessions, and the challenges and opportunities that will present themselves in 2015 and beyond.

**Moderator: The Honorable Sherri Greenberg**, former Texas State Representative; Director of the Center for Politics and Governance, LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT Austin

**Kaeley Bobbitt, Ph.D.**, Senior Policy Associate, Child and Family Research Partnership, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin

**Eva DeLuna Castro**, Program Director, Investing in Texas, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**11:30 – 11:45 p.m. Break**

**11:45 – 1 p.m. Luncheon Plenary** ..... Salon D/E

## What to Expect in the 2015 Legislative Session

#HPSplenary

**Moderator: Christy Hoppe**, Austin Bureau Chief, Dallas Morning News

**The Honorable Donna Howard**, Texas State Representative

**The Honorable Kirk Watson**, Texas State Senator

**1 – 3:15 p.m. Offsite Tour,** *Space Limited* ..... Meet at Summit Check-In

## Expanding Opportunity in Austin: Offsite Tour with Foundation Communities of Highland Mall Redevelopment

Participants will meet promptly at 1 p.m. at the Summit Registration desk and then take the Austin Metro to Highland Mall Station for a guided walking tour of anti-poverty programs in the redeveloped Highland Mall.

The Community Financial Center at Highland Mall provides free financial services to families and individuals in Central Texas. During the tour, you will learn about Foundation Communities' health insurance enrollment program — Insure Central Texas — along with their one-on-one financial coaching, college financial aid assistance and income tax preparation programs, Capital IDEA's education to workforce programs, and the Austin Community College's new Highland Mall campus.

*(Please remember to wear comfortable shoes for the tour!)*

#HPStour

**1 – 1:15 p.m. Break**

**1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Breakout Session #3** ..... *Please choose among the following sessions:*

RM 406

## School, Community, and State Policy Approaches to Patching the Leaky Education Pipeline

#HPSed

One in five eighth-graders in Texas will receive a higher education credential eleven years later, and only one in ten low-income students will. What are the causes behind the leaky education pipeline? What can schools, community organizations, and state policymakers do to make sure more students are successful? This session will bring together leaders working in different arenas to discuss strategies and solutions to patching the leaks. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in small-group discussions with each speaker to better understand their roles and responsibilities in ensuring student success.

**Moderator: Jennifer Lee**, Research Associate, Research and Planning, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Shirley Reed, Ed.D.**, President, South Texas College

**Danita McAnally**, Chief of Planning and Advancement, Amarillo College

**Nichole Lopez-Riley**, Director, Target Graduation at United Way for Greater Austin

**Melissa Henderson**, Postsecondary Policy Analyst, Educate Texas

RM 408

## Tax Cut Fever: Inoculate Yourself!

#HPStaxcut

A body can be inoculated against a germ by exposure to a small amount of the infection, allowing the body to develop defenses against infection. This workshop will expose you to arguments by tax-cut proponents and allow you to prepare and test your counter-attack. An ever more conservative Legislature, combined with increasing state/local revenue from a growing economy, is a sure-fire recipe for a strong legislative push to cut taxes. Policy Summit attendees need to gird themselves to defend against this expected onslaught. This session will help you prepare.

**Moderator: Dick Lavine**, Senior Policy Analyst, Investing in Texas, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Dale Craymer**, President, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association

**The Honorable Harvey Hilderbran**, Texas State Representative

**James LeBas**, lobbyist for Texas Oil and Gas Association, Association of Electric Companies of Texas

RM 410

## Harnessing Art, Culture & Creativity for Social Change

This breakout session will inspire Summit participants with creative new approaches to change hearts and minds and engage artists in social change work. Participants will have the chance to experience creative engagement techniques directly, and will work in small groups with artist/activists to develop creative approaches that incorporate art and culture to advance concrete social change goals in their work.

#HPSart

**Facilitator: Michelle Dahlenburg**, Artistic Director, Conspire Theatre

**Ann Beeson**, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Lauren Johnson**, Criminal Justice Advocate and Writer/Performer

**Rebecca Layton**, Visual Artist, Sewn on the Street and Four Plus Four Equals

**Taft McWhorter**, Visual Artist

**Kenneth Bailey**, Design Studio for Social Intervention

RM 412

## From Recidivism to Recovery: Peer Support in Texas County Jails

#HPSrecovery

Texas inmates with mental illness are more likely to return to jail or prison than inmates without, pointing to the difficulties associated with transitioning from a correctional facility to the community. Barriers to successful community re-entry for inmates with mental illness can include a lack of continuity in mental or physical care as well as difficulty establishing access to basic services such as housing or transportation. In this session, we will discuss the use of peer support specialists to ensure that inmates with a lived experience of mental illness successfully transition from county jail into community-based services and supports.

**Moderator: Lynda Frost, Ph.D.**, Director of Planning and Programs, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

**Michele Bibby**, Certified Peer Specialist and Mental Health Consultant with MAB Consulting Services

**Linda Werlein**, Executive Director, Hill Country MHDD Centers

**Jorge Renaud**, Policy Analyst, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

RM 416

## Kids and the Texas Sunset Process

This session will explore why following and working the Sunset review process can be a critical form of advocacy for Texas kids. We will discuss the Sunset review process, which agencies are currently undergoing sunset review, and why it would matter for kids. Because process matters, we will also talk about when and how you can best have influence on the issues that matter most to you. We will discuss the ways that you can use the Sunset review process to help kids within your realm of work; potential negative turns that agency reform could take for kids; and strategies for making the Sunset process work for kids.

#HPSsunset

**Moderator: Eileen Garcia**, CEO, Texans Care for Children

**Amy Tripp**, Policy Anlayst, Texas Sunset Commission

**Katherine Barillas**, Director of Child Welfare Policy, One Voice

**Stacey Pogue**, Senior Policy Analyst, Health and Wellness, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Josette Saxton**, Mental Health Policy Associate, Texans Care for Children

**2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Snacks and Networking** .....Foyer Outside Salon D

**3 – 5:15 p.m. Offsite Tour,** *Space Limited* .....Meet at Summit Check-In

## Expanding Opportunity in Austin: Offsite Walking Tour with Foundation Communities of M Station Development

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M Station is an affordable family housing community owned and operated by Foundation Communities. During the tour led by Executive Director Walter Moreau and Center for Public Policy Priorities Board Member John-Michael Cortez, you will get to learn about the community's environmentally-friendly features, onsite support services and Community Learning Center, which helps children and adults increase their education or economic standing without the barriers of transportation, cost or childcare. You will also get a chance to hear the inspiring stories of some of their residents.

*(Please remember to wear comfortable shoes for the tour!)*

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**3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Breakout Session #4** ..... *Please choose among the following sessions:*

**RM 406**

#HPSschoolFin

## Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About School Finance

How schools are funded and at what amount is a question our Legislature has struggled with for more than 40 years. Over the years, Texas schools have seen rapid growth, especially in the number of economically disadvantaged students, and a demographic shift where Hispanic students now make up the majority. However, our school finance system has not kept up with the growing and changing needs of our students. The latest round of lawsuits was kicked off after the Legislature cut $5.3 billion from school funding in 2011. This session will provide participants a thorough understanding of how school finance affects public education in Texas, an historical overview of the school finance litigation in the state, and what the latest school finance ruling means for the 2015 Legislative Session.

**Moderator: Chandra Villanueva**, Policy Analyst, Economic Opportunity, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**David Hinojosa**, Southwest Regional Counsel, MALDEF

**The Honorable Scott Hochberg**, former Texas State Representative

**RM 408**

#HPSecon

## Building Economic Power in Communities of Color

Income inequality tells only part of the story when it comes to racial economic gaps in the United States. The wealth gap, as we see when combining data for African Americans and Hispanics, is much larger than the income gap. This session will highlight economic development strategies being utilized in Texas to promote economic empowerment in communities of color. Participants will leave with a better sense of the difference between wealth inequality and income inequality and talk about state and local policy solutions that can help address racial wealth inequities.

**Moderator: Anika Fassia**, Program Associate, Public Works

**Nicole Marín Baena**, Co-Director, Cooperation Texas

**Rachel Fausett**, Business Development Officer, Greater TEXAS Federal Credit Union

**Matt Hull**, Executive Director, Texas Association of Community Development Corporations

**RM 410**

## Leveraging Local Innovation for Statewide Change

Communities around the state have devised their own programs to address many of the challenges facing low-income Texans. This session will highlight three promising local projects – a health insurance access and enrollment effort, a pilot working to scale college access through college savings accounts, and an initiative to end hunger in Texas by building local capacity –and explore strategies to support the replication of these and other promising local initiatives and how they can inform state policy. Learn what you can do in your community to support statewide change.

**Moderator: Laura Rosen**, *OpportunityTexas* Coordinator and Policy Analyst, Economic Opportunity, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Woody Widrow**, Executive Director, RAISE Texas

**Jeremy Everett**, Director, Texas Hunger Initiative

**Jose Ibarra**, South Texas Organizing Lead, Enroll America

#HPSlocal

RM 412

## Advancing Women's Health at a Challenging Time

#HPSwomen

Access to contraception and accurate information on its use are vital for both women's health and economic security, but these fundamental services come under constant political attack. Participants will hear from experts engaged in a range of approaches, from health policy wonks working at the state and local levels to residents of medically underserved areas organizing a human rights campaign for increased access to women's reproductive health care. Participants will be able to engage in the discussion about solutions and next steps to improve access to contraceptive services and information at both the state and local levels.

**Moderator: Stacey Pogue**, Senior Policy Analyst, Health and Wellness, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Janet Realini, M.D.**, MPH, President, Healthy Futures of Texas

**Kathy Miller**, President, Texas Freedom Network

**Jessica González-Rojas**, Executive Director, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

RM 416

## Immigrants and Opportunity in the Texas Economy

This session will engage voices beyond the immigrant rights and service provider communities about how best to promote the positive impact of immigrants in Texas and advocate against policies that harm immigrants and our economy. We'll seek ideas about how to work across sectors to shift the frame from "immigrants are a problem" to "immigrants are essential to building an economy that works for all Texans." This session will be a fishbowl conversation, a highly interactive format that invites Summit participants to join and leave the conversation with featured guests as the topics evolve.

**Joaquin Guerra**, Political Director, Texas Organizing Project

**Julieta Garibay**, Co-Founder, United We Dream

**Atul Varadhachary, M.D., Ph.D.**, Managing Partner, Fannin Innovation Studio (Past President, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston)

**Richie Jackson**, CEO, Texas Restaurant Association

#HPSecon

**7 – 9 p.m.** **Offsite IGNITE Party!**

**IGNITE Party with Riders Against the Storm**

**Location: Tap Room at The Market**
319 Colorado Street (*Five blocks from the Hilton)*

*Take a stroll or hitch a ride on an Austin pedi-cab!*

We're throwing the best party in Texas featuring Austin Music Awards 2013-2014 Band of the Year, **Riders Against the Storm**! The award-winning husband and wife hip-hop team curate a magical experience of movement and community. Backed by **DJ Chorizo Funk**, a Texas native who fuses Afro-Latin, Afrobeat, funk, soul, and hip hop, this social justice duo will provide an evening you won't soon forget!

#HPSparty

# Thursday, October 16

**7:30 a.m.** **Check-In** ..... Salon D/E

**7:30 – 9 a.m.** **Breakfast and Open Space Meetups** ..... Salon D/E

Summit participants are encouraged to propose your own "hot topics" for conversation over breakfast, which you will facilitate. Sign-up sheets for Open Space Breakfast Meetups are located across from the Summit registration tables!

#HPSopen

**9 – 10:15 a.m.** **Closing Plenary** ..... Salon D/E

## Dare Yourself / Dare Texas!

To change Texas, we need ideas and action. Just attending a conference won't cut it. In Dare Yourself / Dare Texas!, we'll collectively harness the best ideas for Texas from the Summit and play with creative new tools to make those ideas a reality. Get ready to be bold, creative and daring! Together we'll ignite the movement to make Texas the best state for hard-working people and their families.

Kenneth Bailey is the Co-Founder of the Design Studio for Social Intervention (Ds4si), which brings new insights and approaches to addressing pressing social problems. Based in Boston, Ds4si works at the intersections of design thinking and practice, social justice and activism, and public art and civic engagement. Their School Lab explored how school objects and rituals shape students' experience, and empowered students to use their imagination to design the kinds of schools they want. Ds4si's recent gathering, Dance Politics, asked the question, "What can social movement learn from bodily movement?" By bringing the arts and social change into deeper conversation, Ds4si sparks breakthroughs to help make the world a better place.

**Introduction: Ann Beeson**, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

**Kenneth Bailey, Co-Founder**, Design Studio for Social Intervention

#HPSplenary

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