

American College of Preventive Medicine Listening Session at UTHealth School of Public Health on the Role of Physicians in Implementing the CDC's 6 | 18 Initiative

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The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM), The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH) at UTHealth School of Public Health hosted one of three in-person listening sessions to explore the role of physicians in implementing the CDC's [6|18 Initiative](#).



Dr. Arch "Chip" Carson, Program Director of the [Occupational and Environment Medicine \(OEM\) Residency Program](#) at UTHealth School of Public Health – [Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health](#) provided the [opening remarks](#) as the on-site host.

Providers had a rare opportunity to engage with the ACPM and CDC leadership and give feedback on how to include this initiative in various practice settings. [The following six common and costly health conditions were targeted and shared upon](#); asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, healthcare-associated infections, tobacco use and unintended pregnancy. Members from the audience included physicians, public health practitioners, nurses, and researchers predominantly from Texas and surrounding states. A [summary](#) and [session webpage hosted by the ACPM](#) provides full access to the day's [agenda](#) of case studies on diabetes and asthma prevention by Tamara Swigert, a diabetes educator from the Denver Health and then Hospital Authority and Market President of Houston and Southeast regions of Blue Cross Blue Shield Texas, Dr. Robert Morrow's presentation on the insurance provider's innovative way to identify patients at risk for asthma and rewarding physicians for providing evidence-based quality care to prevent and address asthma. The afternoon listening sessions were facilitated by ACPM staff, Dr. Arch Carson, and Dr. Earl Ferguson, member of ACPM HST Task Force and Medical Director of Ridgcrest Regional Hospital.



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