



December 29, 2021

Eduardo Olivarez
Chief Administrative Officer
Hidalgo County Health and Human Services
1304 South 25th Avenue
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Subject: Designation as Chair of the Task Force of Border Health Officials

Dear Mr. Olivarez:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been designated to serve as Chair of the Task Force of Border Health Officials for the term of January 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

Chapter 551. Open Meetings of the Texas Government Code, [Section 551.127\(c\)](#) states that ". . . the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting must be physically present at one location open to the public during the open portions of the meeting." To meet this requirement, we request that either you or the Vice-chair of the Task Force travel to Austin for each of the meetings held during your term.

Chapter 120. Task Force of Border Health Officials of the Texas Health and Safety Code, [Section 120.055. Compensation and Reimbursement](#), states that, "A task force member is not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred in performing the member's duties."

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. John Simo Villarreal, Binational Coordinator for the Office of Border Public Health, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached by telephone at (737) 229-0778 or by email at John.Villarreal@dshs.texas.gov.

I appreciate your commitment to improving the health and well-being of our border residents. Your experience and knowledge are valuable contributions to the Task Force. Thank you for your service to the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

John Hellerstedt, M.D.