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Subject: Operation Border Health Preparedness (OBHP) Clinician Volunteer Recruitment

To: Honorable Commissioner

Operation Border Health Preparedness (OBHP), our annual emergency preparedness exercise coordinated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and various partners will be in San Juan, Texas on July 24-28, 2023. The purpose of this joint military and civilian full-scale event is to practice emergency response roles while simultaneously providing free medical services to residents across our counties within our region to reduce health gaps, prevent disease and make healthy living options accessible.

Health services available (*vary) by location are the following:

- Infant/Child/Adult vaccines
- Diabetes and blood pressure screenings
- Sports and School physicals
- Dental services*
- Vision screenings and prescription lens*
- Dietetics and Food Pantry*

OBHP depends highly on community members to volunteer their time and professional services. DSHS is looking for motivated local clinicians and staff that can assist and commit services all week, for a few hours a day. It is a great opportunity for local business owners, community members and local stakeholders to give back to their communities while working with various distinct organizations to fulfill this mission. Together, we can help address some of those socioeconomic issues, improve health outcomes and reduce the costs of services in our community through our community engagement effort.

Therefore, we are seeking your help to grow our local clinical volunteer pool in a way that is efficient, sustainable, and scalable. Please share this upcoming event on your social media and communication platforms. If you know any interested physicians, dentists, optometrist willing to volunteer, please refer them to us!

I am counting on you to help our local clinical volunteers understand how important their participation is to this preparedness exercise and, most of all, to our community.

The sites will be open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. Again, volunteers are not required to work all week, but we encourage to do so for the continuity of services.

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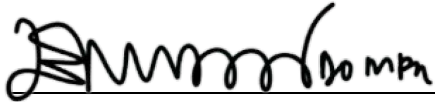
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