

TORCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

*Striking the Balance Between
Success and Sustainability*



**EARLY
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
April 10, 2016**

April 26-28, 2016 | Hyatt Regency Dallas

Dates TO REMEMBER

APRIL

TORCH Annual Conference and Trade Show

April 26-28, 2016

Texas CCO Population Health Summit Workshop

April 26, 2016

Hyatt Dallas, Dallas

JUNE

Critical Access Hospital Conference & Trade Show

June 28-29, 2016

Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa, Cedar Creek

JULY

Texas Association of Rural Health Clinics (TARHC) Annual Conference

July 27-29, 2016

Omni Downtown Hotel, Austin

AUGUST

Northwest Texas Hospital Association (NWTHA) Annual Conference

August 11-12, 2016

Towne Place/Courtyard Marriott, Abilene

SEPTEMBER

TORCH Leadership & Management Institute Conference and Retreat

September 2016

Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls

OCTOBER

Rural Hospital Information Technology Conference (HITCON 16) & Exhibition

October 20-21, 2016

Omni San Antonio at The Colonnade, San Antonio

Last year, we toasted our success and looked back on a rich twenty-five year history of service to rural and community hospitals in Texas. This year, we will look ahead to a day and age when the way that we manage and deliver healthcare services will be much different and where rural providers will truly have to adapt in order to survive. This is a time of great change in our industry, but one thing hasn't changed and that is that our odds of succeeding are greatly enhanced when we take the time to work together.

And TORCH provides that venue for you as you are searching for the keys to success and sustainability in your own local community. The population health tactics and value-based payment principles that are emerging provide the framework for a new model of healthcare that is community-based and patient-driven. We must find ways to tap into the core strengths of our rural delivery systems and use every resource we have available to improve our efficiency, quality and outcomes. Sounds pretty easy, right?

Well, the beauty of it is, that it is not too far afield from what you are already doing and we are well on our way to creating the infrastructure to support these long-term endeavors. Therefore, we invite you all to come and be a part of this year's TORCH Annual Conference and Trade Show and to take in the knowledge and education you need from our speakers and sponsors, to network among your peers and to make this event the cornerstone of a highly successful year for you, your staff and your trustees.

We are excited for you to come and take advantage of the largest statewide rural hospital gathering in the country again as we embark on another twenty-five year run. YOU are the reason we do this and we hope that everyone will again enjoy the facilities, speakers and experiences that helped make our 25th Anniversary Conference such a resounding success. Also, we promise that the new friendships and knowledge that you will gain at the event, will pay dividends throughout the remainder of the year.

As you know, TORCH draws its strength from our many members and their dedicated support. Your participation in the TORCH Annual Conference and Trade Show as well as our other activities is always appreciated. Our overarching goal each year is to create a highly affordable and equally engaging educational opportunity that delivers the rural-friendly agenda and trade show experience that our members have come to expect. This year is no exception and we hope you will make plans to join us.

On behalf of the TORCH Board of Directors and our staff, we certainly look forward to helping you and your community to 'strike the balance' between your future success and your ongoing sustainability and that ultimately, you will also be able to continue meeting your stated mission for many years to come.



David Pearson, FACHE
President/CEO

Schedule AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, April 26

- 7:30 am **TORCH/THT Pre-conference Rise-and-Shine Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Hospital Registration Opens**
- 9:00 **Texas CCO Population Health Summit Workshop**
- 10:00 **Vendor Registration Opens**
- 11:00 **Lunch for New Texas CEOs/First-time CEO Attendees
(by invitation only)**
- 12:45 pm **Annual Conference Welcome and Opening –
Linda Rasor and David Pearson**
- 1:00 **KEYNOTE SESSION – Population Management... It
DOES Take a Village: The Eight Challenges We Face**
- 2:00 **Federal Advocacy Update from the DC Front Lines**
- 3:00 **Networking Break with Exhibitors**
*Sponsored by Lighthouse Financial Group and
Wilco Data*
- 3:20 **State Health Policy Review**
- 4:10 **State Legislative/Election Update**
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*Sponsored by TORCH Management Services, Inc.
(TMSI)*
- 8:00 **Membership Meeting**
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New Models for Preserving Access to Care**
- 9:30 **Taking It To the Streets: The Intersection Between
Public Health and Population Health**

- 10:30 **Morning Break**
*Sponsored by Caprock Health Group and Luker
Pharmacy Management*
- 11:00 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS OR EXHIBITS**
A. New Weapons for Your War on Cost
B. Drivers for Healthcare Technology Investment
C. How to Find Your Next Super Star Biller/Collector –
A THHHA-Sponsored session for home health
and hospitals
Sponsored by Precision Medical Billing
- Noon **Awards Luncheon**
*Sponsored by Discovery Healthcare Consulting Group
and TORCH Management Services, Inc. (TMSI)*
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Sponsored by the Texas Community Care Organization

So you've heard a lot about the Texas CCO and TORCH's efforts to promote population health. Whether you are a CCO Founding Member or still trying to catch up, this pre-conference summit will provide the detailed information you need to get on board and up to speed on this important initiative. The MSSP ACO deadline is looming, so join us for an insightful session and a chance to get your questions answered in time to make an informed decision on behalf of your hospital, physicians and community.

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Speaker: Steve Berkowitz, MD

The 'end game' of clinical integration is the ability to successfully manage the health of the communities we serve. In reality, it is a daunting task requiring the integration of the delivery system, the payment system as well as a community-wide effort. Patient empowerment (and individual responsibility) is also an imperative for success. Dr. Berkowitz will discuss the road to truly successful population health management and the eight major challenges we will face along the way.

Learning Objectives

- Define what population management means
- List some challenges facing population health management
- Explain how these challenges could be overcome

2:00 **Federal Advocacy Update from the DC Front Lines**

Speaker: Alan Morgan, CEO, NRHA

In a presidential election year, we don't expect much to take place in Washington. Nevertheless, the need to stem the recent tide of hospital closures and to create a safe place for

us to transition to advanced models of care have never been more critical. Come get an update on our federal advocacy priorities from our trusted partners at NRHA and see what role you can play in our grassroots activities and in ensuring that the newly elected Congress understands our issues and priorities.

Learning Objectives

- List some rural advocacy issues at the federal level
- Assess these issues from the hospital perspective
- Describe the advocacy activities needed to affect change

3:00 **Networking Break with Exhibitors**

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3:20 **State Health Policy Review**

Speaker: Chris Traylor, Executive Commissioner, Health and Human Services Commission

Commissioner Traylor is still in his first year as the leader of all the states healthcare-related agencies and has overseen such large-scale issues such as women's health and Ebola. He also oversees the state Medicaid program and other funding initiatives that hospitals in Texas rely on to care for the sick and needy throughout our state. Come hear the latest news regarding the waiver negotiations with CMS, QIPP and other critical programs that will help determine our financial future in this insightful and informative session.

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the issues facing HHSC and the State of Texas
- Identify the policy shifts that are currently taking place
- Differentiate between federal and state health policy issues

4:10 **State Legislative/Election Update**

Speakers: Don McBeath, Director of Government Relations, TORCH, Brittani Bilse, Founder, Brittani Bilse Consulting

What do you get when you mix the Interim Legislative Session with election year politics? A mixed bag of issues and agendas that are sometimes difficult to sort out. That is why we have our own advocacy experts to help cut through the noise and to keep us focused on the things that truly matter to rural hospitals. Come get the rundown on our highest priorities at the state level and a post-primary breakdown of what our State Capitol might look like come mid-November.

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Agenda DAY 2

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- 8:00 **Membership Meeting**
- 8:30 **KEYNOTE SESSION – The Future of Texas’ Rural Hospitals: What the Data Tells Us and New Models for Preserving Access to Care**
Panel Members: Scott Phillips, Health Management Partners, John Tishler and Fletcher Brown, Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, LLP
Moderator: Kevin Reed
- The multitude of recent rural hospital closures has ushered in a new era of self-preservation among many rural communities. They’re fearful of losing not only a local landmark, but an economic engine as well. Indeed there are many telltale signs that show when a hospital is taking on too much water. Come hear an expert analysis of the data as it stands for rural Texas and also some potential preventative measures you should be taking. Individual hospital reports will also be made available to our members.
- Learning Objectives**
- Identify the pressures that are affecting rural hospitals
 - Categorize the threats that exist in today’s rural market
 - Recognize ways to mitigate risk and improve sustainability
- 9:30 **Taking It To the Streets: The Intersection Between Public Health and Population Health**
Speaker: Jay Maddock, Dean, Texas A&M School of Public Health
- Population health focuses on the health outcomes of populations, with a particular focus on eliminating health disparities. The “new public health” has an increased focus on the social determinants of health and on improving environments where people learn, play, work, worship and live. This talk will focus on how public health can address the social aspects of health to improve the quality of life of all Texans with an emphasis on eliminating inequities. Together we can make the health of rural populations a top priority for Texas.
- Learning Objectives**
- Describe the role of public health in population health
 - List some similarities between pop health and public health
 - Assess the value in leveraging public health resources
- 10:30 **Morning Break**
Sponsored by Caprock Health Group and Luker Pharmacy Management

11:00

CONCURRENT SESSIONS OR EXHIBITS

A. New Weapons for Your War on Cost

Moderator: Barry Couch

Panel Members: Jeff Turner, Moore County Hospital District and Tommy Beecher, Director of Operations, Remi

Hospitals executives with a keen eye for controlling costs have discovered a new TORCH program that provides an alternative to traditional, long-term equipment maintenance contracts. Join in a discussion with one of our distinguished TORCH member CEOs and their key partners who helped reduce maintenance costs by 20 percent by avoiding long term contracts. Before you sign another long term maintenance contract...STOP and come to this presentation to hear firsthand how these new alternatives can benefit your hospital.

Learning Objectives

- Assess the true cost of long-term maintenance contracts
- List the advantages of a Self Insured Retention (SIR) program
- Explain how to transition to a maintenance contract alternative

B. Drivers for Healthcare Technology Investment

Speaker: Jim Tempio, First American Healthcare Finance

How do hospitals and other providers make their decisions about what technologies to invest in and what not to? It is not as consistent as you might imagine. Come hear the findings of a company who dared to find out as they share the results of their AHA-supported study on technology investment and how your facility should be prioritizing such purchases in the future.

Learning Objectives

- Hospital leaders’ view on technology investment and the expected impact
- The top new technology investments under consideration through 2018
- How a variety of core and emerging technologies rank for new investment

C. How to Find Your Next Super Star Biller/Collector – A THHHA-Sponsored session for home health and hospitals

Sponsored by Precision Medical Billing

Speaker: Petria McKelvey, Precision Medical Billing

Have you ever wondered how to find the right person to fill your critical Revenue Cycle Management positions? Be it front office or back office, why am I having so much turnover? Knowing how to acquire the best talent acquisition is critical to any successful organization and especially the RCM dept. These are some very technical data driven personalities and this session will highlight the hiring of these unique personality types.

Learning Objectives

- Knowing the correct questions to ask in the interview process
- Knowing the correct answers to listen for in the selection process
- To be able to identify a superstar biller
- Use assessment tools to produce desired responses

Noon	<p>Awards Luncheon Sponsored by Discovery Healthcare Consulting and TORCH Management Services, Inc. (TMSI)</p>	
1:15 pm	<p>Dedicated Exhibit Hall Time</p>	
2:00	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p> <p>D. Instituting a Highly Effective Physician Compliance Program <i>Speakers: Rob Hardy, Peak Performance Physicians, Robert Spurck, Partner, Reed, Claymon, Meeker, & Hargett, PLLC</i></p> <p>An effective compliance program helps identify and provide safeguards against fraud and abuse, improper payments, other potential liability areas, and quality-of-care risks. While CMS and the OIG have long recommended that providers implement voluntary compliance programs, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act has taken compliance a step further and has mandated compliance programs. This program is intended to provide the components of an effective compliance program and provide practical guidance on adhering to a compliance program once implemented.</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the compliance risks and requirements facing physicians • Recognize the shift from voluntary to mandatory compliance • List the components of an effective physician compliance program <p>E. How Hospital Districts Can Leverage State Pricing to Adopt Cloud-based Services <i>Speakers: Clint Walker, Hansford Hospital, Stephen Cracknell, President/CIO, US Medical IT, Steve Tomich, SHI Government Solutions</i></p> <p>Explore a rural hospital district's cloud journey, why they made the change and the result in cost reduction, compliance and productivity. Listen to the success story of Hansford County Hospital District (HCHD) and how they are taking advantage of bargain pricing available through the state of Texas. HCHD's IT Director, US Medical IT's CIO Stephen Cracknell and SHI's Government Solutions Account Executive talk about how to affordably move your organization to Microsoft's newest technologies (Windows 10, Azure and Office 365).</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to qualify for Microsoft's discount pricing • Understand the difference between client-server and cloud-based services • Benefits of moving to Windows 10, Azure and Office 365 	
3:00		<p>F. Home Health Roundtable Discussion <i>Speaker: Loree Tamayo, Loree Tamayo Consulting</i></p> <p>This roundtable session will focus on key topics and discussion on current issues in home health. This is a great opportunity for networking with your peers in a small-group setting. Topics to be discussed include Medicare compliance, coding and documentation, billing and new industry regulations to name a few. This session is designed to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and develop relationships that enhance the hospital's home health department, so please come with ideas and talking points.</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss industry issues with peers and subject matter experts • Outline upcoming changes and guidelines for the home health industry in 2016 • Explore home health best practices and how to implement best practice recommendations to improve patient outcomes <p>Money Talks: The Annual Hospital Finance Q&A <i>Speakers: Michael Oatman, CPA, BKD, LLP, Brandon Durbin, Partner, Durbin & Co.; Larry Anderson, CPA, Blue & Co.</i></p> <p>This panel session with our partner CPAs will address the most important financial issues facing rural and community hospitals. As always, there are numerous changes underway that can have a major impact on your hospital's bottom line. So attend this session, stay informed and get all your questions about today's greatest financial and reimbursement challenges answered by our experts in the field.</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the key financial challenges facing rural hospitals • Explain the financial policies that underlie these challenges • Recognize some opportunities for financial improvement
4:00		<p>The Rural Experience as Seen from Elsewhere <i>Speakers: Pat Schou, Executive Director, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network and David Pearson, President/CEO, TORCH</i></p> <p>This conversation will provide TORCH Members the opportunity to hear from our 'Bothers in Arms' in other places and their perspectives on what the future holds for rural hospitals and rural hospital organizations. These like-minded associations face similar challenges and have similar limitations. Get a window into what has made them successful and where things might be headed here at home as well.</p>
4:30		<p>Putting the Innovation in Medicare and Medicaid <i>Speaker: Patrick Conway, MD</i></p> <p>This session will provide you the opportunity to hear directly from the lead architect on delivery system reform at the federal level and to get a glimpse of what the future of Medicare and Medicaid will look like when value-based payment becomes the 'new normal'. Dr. Conway will describe for us the plans that HHS and CMS have to truly transform our national healthcare system.</p>
5:00		<p>Reception in the Exhibit Hall</p>

Agenda DAY 3

Thursday, April 28

7:30 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors**

9:00 **2016 Legal Issues Update**

Speakers: Kevin Reed, JD, Partner, Shareholder, Reed, Claymon, Meeker & Hargett, PLLC, Jennifer Claymon, JD, Partner, Shareholder, Reed, Claymon, Meeker & Hargett, PLLC

Each year brings with it new rules, new regulations and an ever changing healthcare landscape. How can we ever hope to keep it all straight? Well, with the most trusted legal advisors we know, that's how. This session will provide you and your trustees with valuable information and practical legal advice to help you keep up to speed and out of the courtroom. Bring your legal-sized notepad as we consider the latest cases, decisions and trends and how they affect your hospital.

Learning Objectives

- Identify the key legal and regulatory issues facing hospitals
- Explain the case law that underscores possible penalties
- Recognize some opportunities for legal risk mitigation

10:00 **"True Grit": Paves Way To A Brighter Future**

Moderator: Brant Couch, HealthSure

Panel Members: Steve Gularte, CEO, Chambers Health, Lynn Heller, retired CEO of Bowie Memorial Hospital, Jay Hodges, CFO, Graham Regional Medical Center

It's no secret rural hospitals across the country are struggling to survive. Attend this session to hear about actual experiences from hospital executives who have shown "true grit" as they navigated hospital closures and acquisitions. Their stories about what they would do different will arm you with new secrets of success and practical solutions for ensuring viability.

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the signs that can precede a hospital closure
- Describe the challenges that remain even after closure
- Explain how to reduce the impact on the community

11:00

What is NAIP and Where Can I Go to Get Some?

Panel Members: Harris Brooks, Palo Pinto General Hospital, John Henderson, Childress Regional Medical Center, Scott McCray, Telehealth Connection, LLC and Laura Swaney of Children's Health Network

The NAIP Program is becoming a proven funding source for innovative projects between rural hospitals and managed care organizations to help meet the needs of a specific patient population. These funds are flexible and do not require the approval of state or federal agencies. So bring your ideas and see how they line up with the projects that are currently underway in rural areas.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the application process for a NAIP project
- List the benefits of NAIP as a potential revenue source
- Recognize the requirements for NAIP reimbursement

Noon

Closing Remarks and Adjourn – David Byrom

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TORCH CONTACT INFORMATION



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General INFORMATION

TORCH Annual Membership Meeting

The board of directors will report to the members on the current status and future direction of the organization and elections will be held for positions on the Board. This meeting will be held in the General Session Room at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27.

TORCH Awards Luncheon

Each year we take a moment to recognize some of our outstanding hospital and corporate members as well as the scholarship recipients who were selected since the last TORCH Annual Conference. There are concurrent sessions scheduled both before and after the luncheon to allow time to setup the room. We urge you to take part in this wonderful networking opportunity and to find out who is this year's recipient of our most prestigious award, The Gordon Russell Award of Merit. One well-deserving CEO will be taking home the award, so please come and cheer them on.

Award of Merit for Outstanding Rural Hospital Administrator

Each year at the TORCH Annual Conference, the Gordon Russell Award of Merit is presented by the board of directors to recognize an individual administrator for accomplishments, leadership and efforts in advancing the value of rural and community hospitals in Texas. The award's namesake, Gordon Russell, established high standards during his long and distinguished career in the healthcare industry with his commitment and dedication. Continuing that tradition, the previous Award of Merit recipients were:

2000 – Ben Durr	2007 – Lynn Heller
2001 – Frances T. Smith	2008 – Mike Click, RN
2002 – Jim B. Smith	2009 – Wally Boyd
2003 – Ernie Parisi	2010 – Jan Reed, CPA
2004 – Doug Langley	2011 – Jim Buckner, Jr., FACHE
2005 – Ernest Flores, Jr.	2012 – Jack Endres, FACHE
2006 – Windell McCord	2013 – James Vanek
	2014 – Randy Bacus
	2015 – Robert Thomas, CPA
	2016 – Your name here?

*If you would like to nominate an administrator for this award, please contact David Pearson at the TORCH Office.

Continuing Education Credit

A certificate of attendance is available for participants, which can be used to claim CE credits from professional associations and state licensing boards. This program specifically provides:

1. A total of 12 hours of CE units for CPAs are available from the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy: sponsor #04763. No preparation required.
2. TORCH is authorized to award 12 hours of pre-approved ACHE Qualified Education credit for this program toward advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Participants in this program wishing to have the continuing education hours applied toward ACHE Qualified Education credit should indicate their attendance when submitting application to the American College of Healthcare Executives for advancement or recertification.
3. This program qualifies for Critical Access Hospital Board Training Reimbursement through Texas State Office of Rural Health, Texas Department of Agriculture. For more information, go to www.texasagriculture.gov.
4. TORCH is authorized to award 12 hours of pre-approved continuing education for this program toward by the American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA). Participants wishing to have the continuing education hours applied should indicate their attendance when submitting application to the American Academy of Medical Administrators.

TORCH ANNUAL TRADE SHOW

As you know, the trade show at the TORCH Annual Conference is one of the biggest in the state. We are pleased and proud that so many of our endorsed vendors, corporate members and other exhibitors and sponsors choose to make themselves available at one time and in one place and to celebrate with us. That means that no matter what you are looking for, it is probably available in our spacious exhibit hall.

There are more than 150 companies represented at the TORCH Conference this year, so come early and come often, that way

you'll have a chance to discover all that they have to offer. The Exhibit Hall is open from 5:30 pm on Tuesday until 9:00 am on Thursday. The receptions, breakfasts and breaks are considered dedicated Exhibit Hall times where all the refreshments will be located. So please come visit with all our vendors and sponsors and remember to get your game card filled in.

Drawing for prizes will take place on Thursday in the exhibit hall, winner must be present to win. One lucky winner will go home with a brand new iPad mini or a Microsoft Surface tablet this year! Which will you choose?

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Please refer to the Exhibitor Prospectus at <http://bit.ly/TORCH2016>

8th Annual TORCH Foundation SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE

As part of our 2016 TORCH Annual Conference & Trade Show, we will be holding the 8th Annual TORCH Foundation Silent Auction and welcome you to participate in this fun event! Proceeds from this event enable TORCH Foundation to award education scholarships and stipends.

This year's Silent Auction will take place on Wednesday, April 27, in the Exhibit Hall. Winners will be announced during the Wednesday evening reception.

Donations for this event are a great way you can show your support for this worthy cause and receive recognition at the same time.

It's not too late to donate! We welcome everything from electronics to artwork to home goods to gift certificates. To make a donation, please download the Silent Auction Form from the TORCH Website (www.torchnet.org). Either fax the completed form to (512) 873-0046 or email directly to Carrie Ruiz at cruiz@torchnet.org. Items sent to the TORCH office must be received no later than Friday, April 3. Other items mailed or delivered to the Hyatt Regency Dallas must be received no later than the morning of Wednesday, April 26.

Thank you for your support and we hope you will attend our Silent Auction to bid on our generously donated items or buy your raffle ticket to win some awesome memorabilia!



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REGISTER ONLINE: bit.ly/TORCH2016

