



**Meeting Notes**  
**July 9, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Paso del Norte Health Foundation**  
**221 N. Kansas, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**El Paso, Texas 79901**  
**Meeting Room C**

**Attendees:**

Sharon Butterworth  
David Chayer  
Linda Corchado  
David Cotchery  
Adrian Duran  
Catherine Garcia  
Cathy Gaytan  
Josue Lachica  
Ron Long  
Enrique Mata  
Ivonne Marquez  
Laura Marquez  
Ben Miranda  
Celeste Nevarez  
Pamela Prieto  
Dr. Emily Stuessy  
Isidro Torres  
Dr. Laura Uribarri  
Albert Villa  
Renee Zapien

**Representing:**

Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute  
Family Services of El Paso  
Children at Risk  
American G.I. Forum  
El Paso Center for Children  
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department  
El Paso Child Guidance Center/Vice Chair FLC  
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute  
Strong Families Family Advisory Council  
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute  
City of El Paso Department of Public Health  
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center  
Endeavors  
Emergence Health Network  
UT Houston School of Public Health  
El Paso Independent School District  
NAMI El Paso  
UT Houston School of Public Health  
Region 19 Education Service Center  
Heart Gallery of El Paso

**Welcome and Introductions**

Cathy Gaytan convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and called for introductions.

### **UT Houston School of Public Health Interns**

Dr. Laura Uribarri provided a presentation on the Master of Public Health in Healthcare Management program and the opportunity for organizations to match a graduate intern to gain experience in a practicum setting. She explained that sites can be governmental or non-governmental, for-profit or non-profit. Students may also choose their employer, as long as the project is outside their current scope of work. Preceptors at the practicum sites assist with onboarding or initial training, provide guidance and feedback to students, and complete an evaluation at the end of the experience. Dr. Uribarri responded to questions from the group. Presentation slides are included with these notes.

### **Crisis Care Work Group - Specialty Care Work Group – First Connection Work Group**

Cathy Gaytan called to the group for updates on the progress within the work groups. Enrique Mata provided an overview of the discussions taking place within the work Groups. Ms. Gaytan reinforced the importance of identifying a Chair and Vice Chair for each work group.

### **Other Business**

**Endeavors El Paso Shared the following information and flyers to be shared across the Consortium Partner listserv:**

- **Face the Fight:** <https://wefacethefight.org/>  
Face the Fight, founded in 2023, is a private-sector-led initiative working to break the stigma surrounding suicide in the military community by raising awareness and fostering real, open conversations around support and hope. Face the Fight, founded by USAA, Reach Resilience and the Humana Foundation, is a collaborative effort of corporations, foundations, nonprofits, and government to raise awareness and support for veteran suicide prevention. Our aspirational goal is to cut the veteran suicide rate in half by 2030.  
**Join the Coalition by filling out the form here:**  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/face\\_the\\_fight\\_interest\\_form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/face_the_fight_interest_form)
- **Interstate Compact Agreement:**  
We are working with the Texas Counseling Association to re-introduce this bill. Professional Counselors licensed in their home state apply for a privilege to practice under the Counseling Compact. The Compact allows both telehealth and in-person practice across state lines in participating states. Counseling Compact states communicate and exchange information including verification of licensure and disciplinary sanctions. The State of Texas would retain the ability to regulate practice in our state. See attached flyer for additional information.

**Dr. Laura Uribarri with UTHealth Houston School of Public Health shared the following information:**

- **The Texas Research-to-policy Collaborative:**

The [Texas Research-to-policy Collaborative](#) is one of the great legislative resources managed by the Michael and Susan Dell Center For Healthy Living at the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health's Austin location. I am including a couple of valuable links:

- Their Legislative Tracker from 2023 is here:  
<https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/88th-texas-legislative-session/> This will likely be updated as the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session nears.
- The Texas Child Health Status Report and Toolkits:  
<https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/texas-child-health-status-report/index.htm>
- This is the link to the Michael and Susan Dell Center For Healthy Living:  
<https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/> I invite you to look through this site. They have some wonderful resources that may be helpful to the FLC members.

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**Adjourn** – Cathy Gaytan Adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am

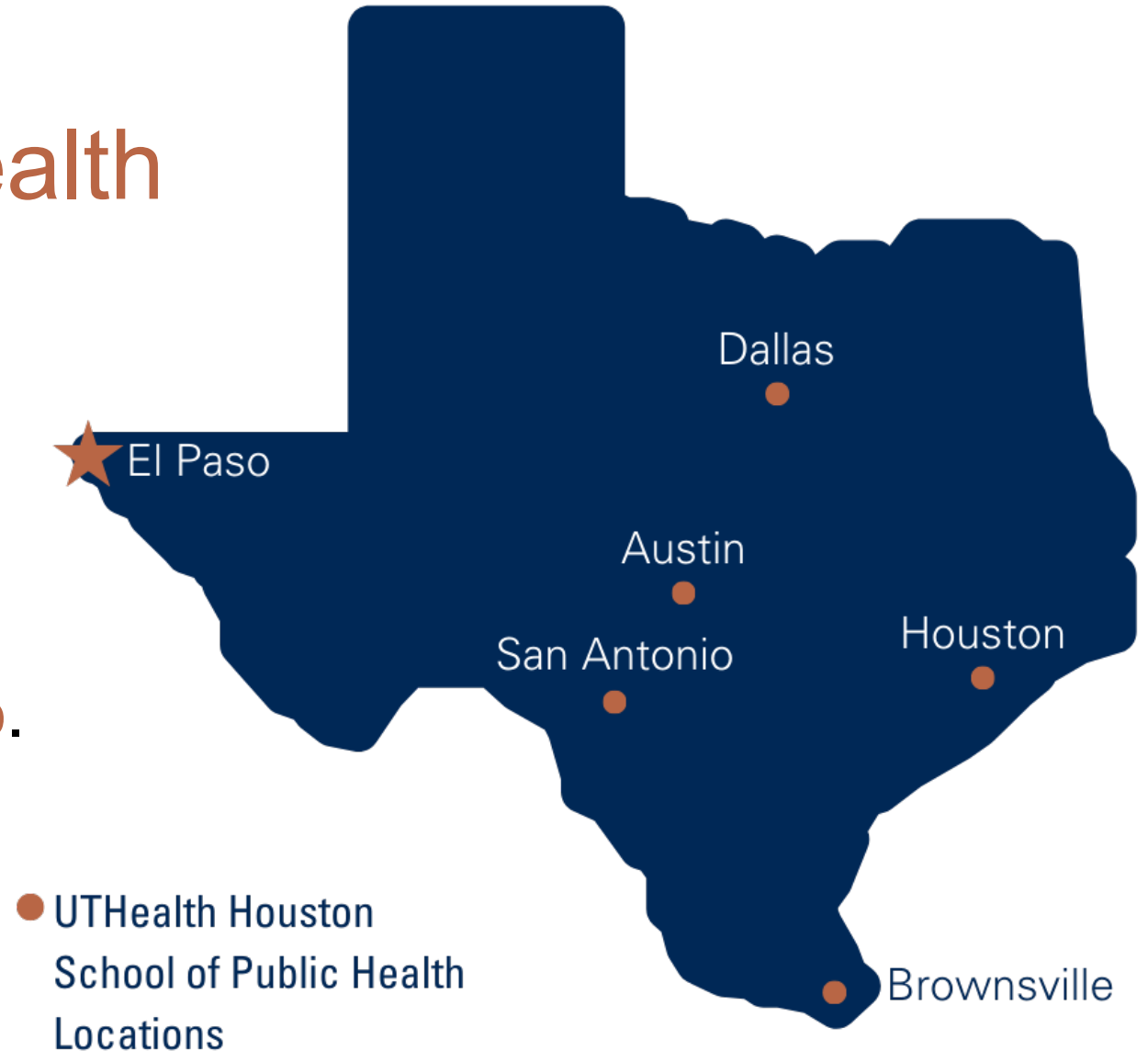
# Master of Public Health in Healthcare Management

Laura Uribarri, PhD | Program Director | School of Public Health



# UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

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# Our Programs

## Master of Public Health

Community Health Practice

Environmental Health

Epidemiology

Health Promotion & Health Education

Health Services Organizations

Healthcare Management (HCM)

The MPH in Healthcare Management offers a close examination of the operations of health services organizations working within and in conjunction with a range of dynamic health systems.



# HCM Coursework

The 45-credit hour program includes:

- Public health foundations courses
- Healthcare Management major courses
- Practicum
- Capstone

Major Courses
Accounting for Healthcare Management
Healthcare Finance
Healthcare Strategic Management
Healthcare Payment Systems and Policy
Legal Issues in Healthcare
Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management in Health Services Organizations
Evaluation and Improvement of Healthcare Quality
Healthcare Operations Management

# Healthcare Management in El Paso

The **executive-style program** is exclusive to our **El Paso location**.

- Unique opportunity to learn in a flexible environment
- Full access to the resources and expertise of world-class faculty and leading healthcare professionals

The MPH in Healthcare Management is also offered in these modalities:

- **Online** – 100% asynchronous courses
- **Hybrid** – synchronous online courses with the option to add in-person classes as needed

# Executive-style Program Details

**Launched in Fall 2022, our **newest offering** provides flexibility to meet the needs of working professionals.**

- In-person classes meet Friday evenings and Saturday mornings on alternating weekends at the Medical Center of the Americas
- Asynchronous online courses can be completed anytime, anywhere
- Full program can be completed in five semesters (~21 months)
- Cohort structure facilitates meaningful collaboration and provides sources of peer-to-peer learning, support and accountability

# Partnership Opportunity - Practicum

**All HCM students are required to complete an applied practice experience that is planned, supervised, and graded.**

- Total of 180 contact hours in the field **in person or remotely**
- Projects can span **one, two or three** semesters
- Students must complete at least **two practical, high-quality, non-academic deliverables that benefit the practicum site** and demonstrate the student's attainment of the selected MPH competencies

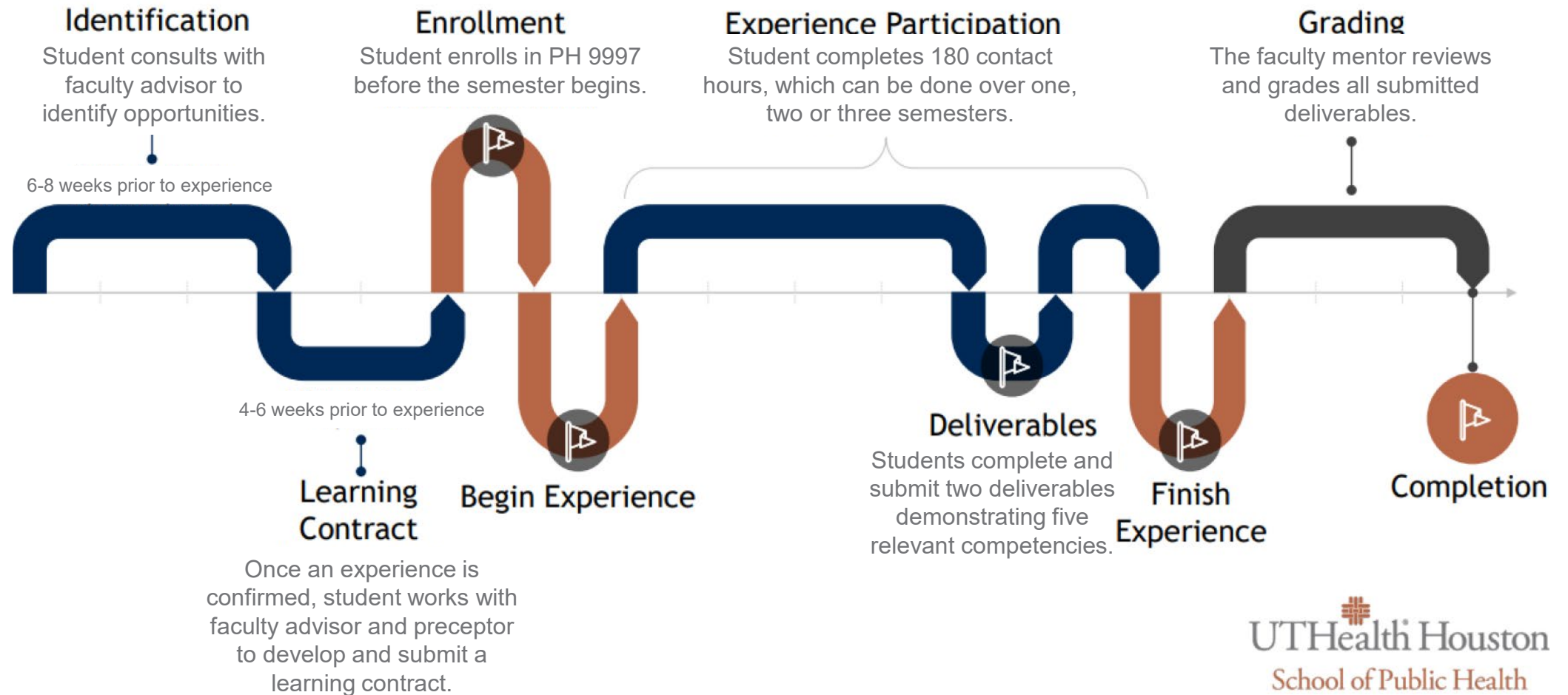
# Practicum Sites

- Practicum sites can be governmental or non-governmental, for-profit or non-profit. Students may also choose their employer, as long as the project is outside their current scope of work.
- A preceptor at the practicum site is identified to:
  - Assist with **onboarding** or initial training
  - Provide **guidance and feedback** to students
  - Complete an **evaluation** at the end of the experience

# Sample MPH Practicum Deliverables

- Assessments (community needs, program evaluations, etc.)
- Strategic communication plans
- Data extraction, collection and analysis reports
- Grant proposals
- Training manuals
- Resource, tool or other work product (e.g., dashboard, data repository, manual of procedures)

# Practicum Timeline



# MPH in Healthcare Management Tuition

Institution	Location	CAHME Accreditation	Program Requirements	In-state Tuition*
<b>UTHealth Houston School of Public Health</b>	<b>TX</b>	✓	<b>45 credit hours</b>	<b>\$16,322</b>
Boston University	MA	✓	48 credit hours	\$95,712
Portland State University	OR	✓	62 quarter credit hours	\$42,136
Stony Brook University	NY	✓	54 credit hours	\$31,089



# MPH in Healthcare Management

## Woody and Gayle Hunt Scholarship

Funding is available for incoming MPH students attending the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health in El Paso.

- Award based on academic merit and financial need
- Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents
- Students can be full-time, part-time or dual-degree MPH students

# Important Information

- The GRE is not required.
- Spring application deadline is **November 1<sup>st</sup>**; Fall application deadline is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Scan the code to visit our program page or request more information.



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# FLC July 9 Agenda:

-  **Welcome and Introductions**
-  **Dr. Uribarri Presentation on UT Houston Interns**
-  **Crisis Care Work Group**
-  **Specialty Care Work Group**
-  **First Connection**
-  **Other Business**
-  **Adjourn**



# Crisis Care Work Group

# Crisis Care Work Group – Chair

## Vice Chair

### Exists to:

Ensure successful crisis connections to humane, caring, timely assessment, transport and initial treatment for children and youth.

### Next Meeting:

Target August 27<sup>th</sup>

### What will it do:

Develop or improve non-forensic cross agency mobile crisis team models





# Specialty Care Work Group

# Specialty Care Work Group – Chair

## Vice Chair

### Exists to:

Ensure appropriate, acceptable service options are available for complex mental health conditions and co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions

### Next Meeting:

July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 – 10:30 am

### What will it do:

Improve coordination and increase availability of specialty care services (e.g. wraparound care, PHP, IOP, addiction interventions, trauma and grief services).



# First Connection

# First Connection Work Group – Chair Dr. Sarah Martin

## Exists to:

Make the First Connection with mental health service a positive and nurturing experience.

## Next Meeting:

Target date August 20th

## What will it do:

Increase access to preventive, proactive family support, and timely access to early identification, accurate diagnosis, and appropriate care.



# Open Discussion



# Other Business



**NEXT MEETING**

**Adjourn**