



# TEXAS STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

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Hello,

The SORH staff wishes to extend our thoughts and prayers to everyone affected by Hurricane Harvey. We hope you, your families, your communities, and your hospitals are managing and coping during this devastating Texas disaster. It is a blessing to see the assistance that is being poured into these devastated counties of Texas. Trenton Engledow, Director of the Texas Office of Rural Health (SORH), has been working the phone to be personally in touch with every rural health facility in the “declared” state-of-emergency counties. Engledow reports that there are efforts underway allowing recipients of capital improvement funds to leverage them in a way that addresses the impact of the unprecedented storm.

If your facility has been affected and a change in project scope is necessary, please contact [Trenton Engledow](#) or [Shari Wyatt](#). We will discuss the needs, the change in project, and any requirements needed for making this modification to your grant award.

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## AHEC Camps Inspire Next Generation of Rural Providers

Health career camps, hosted by Texas AHEC East's nine regional centers, give high school students the opportunity to discover what it takes and what it means to be a health professional in rural and medically underserved areas. Most of the students attending are minority students from rural or disadvantaged backgrounds.

This past year, over 400 students participated in multi-day camps that taught them about health careers, health training programs in their area and how to prepare for college. Campers met health professionals from their communities who gave insight into careers and how to prepare for a future in healthcare. They shadowed physicians, PAs, nurses and other health professionals; toured hospitals and clinics; and visited local community colleges and universities. They participated in simulation labs, learned suturing and CPR, observed surgery, drew and typed blood and conducted dissections on organ specimens from livestock including hearts, lungs, brains and kidneys.

Camps were offered in a variety of formats: from 3 days to 2 weeks, both residential and day camps, and during the school year and as summer programs.

Texas AHEC East's health career camps are designed to inspire students to pursue a career in healthcare, attend and complete college and/or health profession training, and ultimately return to their communities to work as health care professionals. This is just one of the many ways in which TAE is making communities healthier!

For more information contact [Carol Trono](#).



Students gear up in personal protective equipment during the TEA Piney Woods 2017 Health Careers Camp in Angelina College.

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