

Personal Bio

STEVE SHELTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Texas AHEC East



Steve Shelton, MBA, PA-C, has served as director of Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) East since 1991. During his 24-year leadership of Texas AHEC East (TAE) he has worked tirelessly to establish 9 regional operations serving 111 counties – half of Texas. Through TAE, he developed a full spectrum infrastructure that has received \$60+ million in funding.

His work began as a physician assistant in family practice in a Texas coastal rice farming community. That clinical foundation enabled progressive interest and expertise to develop over 40 years in healthcare. Special interests include health workforce development, health literacy, and community health improvement. He is a firm believer in social justice to address social determinants of health as a means of eliminating health disparities. He values opportunities to hear and work with the ideas of those who are to be served.

In 2008 Steve was appointed as Assistant Vice President for Community Outreach Office of the Provost, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He currently serves on the Policy and Legislative Committee and the Strategic Planning Workgroup of the National AHEC Organization, the NIOSH committee of the Southwest Agricultural Health and Safety Research Center, the Texas Rural Health Plan Working Group of the State office of Rural Health, and is an Ambassador for the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program. He is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and various local state and national organizations.

He has degrees from Angelo State University, The University of Texas Medical Branch, and the University of Houston Clear Lake.

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