

DONNA PERSAUD, MD, MBA

Dr. Persaud is a board-certified pediatrician and Medical Director in The Division of Population Health at Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas County, a large safety net serving a diverse and under resourced population. As the Physician leader for the HRSA Federally Funded HOMES Program, the Homeless Outreach Medical Services, she is responsible for clinical quality of care for 8000+ unique individuals and 35,000 visits annually.

During the COVID 19 Pandemic, she has served as Medical Officer for the Federally Supported Community Based testing sites in Dallas. She provided leadership in setting up the first drive thru testing sites in North Texas and worked extensively with the health department, city of Dallas and several agencies to provide extensive accessible testing and to manage the homeless risk.

She has a research and publication background in vaccine decision making, child abuse and care transformation initiatives. She also was a co-developer of a successful pediatric asthma population health program driven by predictive analytics

AMANDA ORTEZ, MBA

Ms. Ortiz is the director of the Health Department and Public Information Officer for Grayson County. Prior to her current positions, she served as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Operations Manager and Manager of Environmental Health Services at Grayson County. Before transitioning to Grayson County, she worked at Johnson & Johnson as a Raw Material Quality Assurance Supervisor.

She earned her Master of Business Administration from Texas Woman's University and her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

MATT RICHARDSON, DrPH, MPH, FACHE

Dr. Richardson was appointed as the Director of Public Health for Denton County in the summer of 2014. Dr. Richardson previously served as Director with the City of Amarillo and Potter/Randall Counties for 9 years. Dr. Richardson has authored peer-reviewed publications, testified to the Texas Legislature regarding public health issues and continues to advocate for public health practice and resources for Denton County and the state of Texas.

He has a bachelor's degree in Biology from Abilene Christian University and both Master's and Doctoral degrees in Public Health from the University of North Texas. He is currently board certified and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Dr. Richardson also serves as an accreditation site reviewer for undergraduate and graduate public health programs in universities across the US.

Matt lives in Argyle with his wife of 25 years and their two daughters.