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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

*Panel discussion on significance of new medical training program for health equity in Fort Bend County*

**FORT BEND COUNTY, TX** – On May 8, subject matter experts will discuss the future of medical care in Fort Bend County in light of a unique medical training program that will accept its first medical students Fall 2024.

The speakers represent the organizations partnering for the program and recognize the long-term effects this will have for health equity amongst some of the most impoverished and rural residents in the area. Students will not only graduate with the requirements needed to have full medical practicing rights, they will also have the emotional intelligence to work with patients from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

[Studies have shown that at least a quarter of doctors remain in the states they completed their residencies in.](#) This is vital to the region during a time where many hospitals struggle to keep medical professionals onboard as well as the doors open. [A Community Impact story from 2021 highlighted Fort Bend County's continued population growth, but stagnant medical care.](#)

**Who:** Moderator – Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy, Speakers – Paul Umbach (Tripp Umbach), Nasruddin Rupani (Ibn Sina Foundation), Joe Freudenberger (Oak Bend Medical), and Tom Mohr (Sam Houston State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine)

**What:** Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce is hosting a panel discussion about a new clinical partnership to train medical students and residents in Fort Bend County.

**When:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024

**Where:** 445 Commerce Green Boulevard, Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Members of the media are requested to RSVP ahead of time with an email to [Nadia.Hakim@fbctx.gov](mailto:Nadia.Hakim@fbctx.gov).

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