**Regional Healthcare Partnership 17**

Outline of all counties in Region 17

**Biannual Learning Collaborative Event**

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**Faith Mission**

**March 25, 2015 • 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The Faith Mission Cannery Kitchen

314. E. Alamo Street

Brenham, Texas 77833

**Agenda**

**Registration and “Raise the Floor” Networking Luncheon provided by Faith Mission with Project Poster Display**

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

**{Break/Late Registration 12:30 – 12:45 p.m.}**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**(12:45 – 1:00 p.m.) Honorable John Brieden, Washington County Judge

Reverend Randy Wells, Faith Mission

Anchor Team

1. **Hunger Statistics and Nutrition in Texas**

(1:00 – 1:35) John Puder, M.P.Aff., Hunger Outreach Specialist, No Kid Hungry Regional

Coordinator

Texas Hunger Initiative, Baylor University School of Social Work

*Q&A with John Puder (1:35-1:55)*

**{Break 1:55 – 2:05}**

1. **RHP 17 Spotlight on Nutrition and Chronic Disease Management**

(2:05 – 2:25) Evidence-based Programs for Chronic Disease Management

Rachel Coughlin, Graduate Assistant, Evidence-Based Programs

Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health

(2:30 – 2:50) Collaborative Nutrition Education & Outreach in Washington County

Jennifer Mertz, Director, Community Clinic

Baylor Scott & White Hospital Brenham

*Q&A with Rachel Coughlin & Jennifer Mertz (2:50-3:10)*

1. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**(3:10 – 3:30 p.m.) Anchor Team

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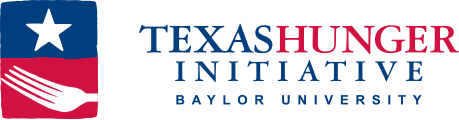
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**Event Speakers**



**John M. Puder -- Child Hunger Outreach Specialist, No Kid Hungry Regional Coordinator; Texas Hunger Initiative, Baylor University School of Social Work**

John M. Puder earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Master of Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. A native of San Antonio, John served as a consultant and advisor to multiple elected officials including former Congressman Ciro Rodriguez and Councilwoman Elena Guajardo. After relocating to Houston, John served as Outreach Coordinator for Systems of Hope. He currently serves as the Child Hunger Outreach Specialist for the THI Houston Region.

**Rachel Coughlin – Graduate Assistant, Texas A&M Evidenced-Based Programs, Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health**

Rachel Coughlin is a Graduate Assistant for Texas A&M Evidence-Based Programs. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Human Development from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health degree. While attending the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health for her graduate degree, she is also earning a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from The Bush School of Government and Public Service. She has previous experience in motivational speaking, behavior research, autism therapy, as well as fitness and nutrition education and promotion.

**Jennifer Mertz – Director, Community Clinic, Baylor Scott & White Hospital – Brenham**

Jennifer Mertz is the director of the community clinic, as well as provides educational services, employee health, and provides services within the Wellness & Diabetes Center and Sleep Center at Scott & White Hospital in Brenham. She is a registered nurse and holds a Master of Science in Nursing. In addition to the service areas above, Jennifer also assists with implementation and oversight of the hospital’s two DSRIP projects that serve Washington County patients and expand collaboration with community partners including Faith Mission.