

## Thank you for your Interest in One Voice Texas!

The mixed blessing attributed to the Chinese—“May you live in interesting times.”—seems especially apropos today. Policy change is coming fast and furious, from emergency hearings on privatizing CPS to all-night markups of a proposed American Healthcare Act. Make no mistake: **Health and human services programs are coming under unprecedented financial and philosophical attack in the Texas Legislature and in the new Congress.**

Take an important step to protect your clients and your ability to serve: **Join as a member of One Voice Texas: A Collaborative for Health & Human Services**, where Houston-area non-profits join forces to advocate for policies that build the physical, emotional and financial health of our community.

Simply put, there's **strength in numbers**. That's **why One Voice Texas has dropped membership dues to \$100—and why your organization needs One Voice Texas** (and vice-versa). **The goal for One Voice is simple: to build a roster of 200–300 organizations who care deeply about shared priority areas—(1) Safe Families, Safe Neighborhoods; (2) Healthy Minds & Bodies; (3) Basic Needs & Fundamental Building Blocks, and (4) Pathways to Economic Success—and who speak with one united voice, in a powerful chorus!**

**The following programs are available FREE to OVT members:**

- **Workgroups** that meet regularly to envision and advance policy change in critical areas ranging from Child Welfare and Domestic Violence to Integrated Healthcare.
- **A two-day Post-Legislative Conference** (June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) with senior state and local officials, political analysts & subject-matter experts.
- **A brand-new website that offers members a variety of policy and legislative tools:** curated news feeds (instead of just another newsletter in your inbox!), bill tracking tables, hearing notices and interactive Capitol maps, minutes of Workgroup & Member Meetings.
- Access & Education: **Eye-Opener Breakfasts** with elected local & state officials, **Advocacy Skills Trainings** for both new & leadership staff; **Lunch & Learn seminars** that address complex topics.

One Voice Texas membership will **improve your organization's access to policymakers**, provide overviews and deeper **analysis of persistent and emerging issues**, and give you (and your staff) the **tools to be more effective advocates**.

**Join One Voice as a Member at our new 2017 flat rate of \$100.00 TODAY!** To strengthen our collective voice, we need your name on the letterhead, your perspective at the table, and your voice in chorus with ours as the non-profit sector continues to lead the way towards a better Texas.

Regards,

Jacqueline “Jackie” Pontello, J.D.  
Executive Director



## VISION FOR ONE VOICE 2.0: HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

### I. Mission

One Voice Texas works to better the physical, mental and economic health of the people of the Greater Houston area by supporting the policies, programs and conditions that effectively move families to stability and self-sustainability.

### II. Operating Principles

As a policy collaborative whose 100+ members span the breadth of the non-profit sector, One Voice Texas plays a unique role in the Houston community by dedicating itself to advocating for—and managing the process of—systems change. One Voice’s role includes:

- Providing timely data and analysis to inform policy decisions about local health and human services needs;
- Convening and leading a robust community dialogue that engages providers, consumers and funders;
- Mobilizing stakeholders and local & state policymakers to jointly arrive at solutions that match the current and future realities of the Greater Houston area;
- Advocating for the tools needed—e.g., policy change, funding, collaborations, etc.—so that stakeholder-driven solutions can take effect; and
- Monitoring implementation of policies so as to track outcomes and suggest refinements.

### III. Priority Areas: Building Blocks of Health & Opportunity

One Voice Texas is organized around the central axis of health and healthcare, which embraces not only access to clinical care but also those behavioral, environmental and socioeconomic factors (a.k.a. as the “social determinants”) that have the power to shape individual, family and community health and wellbeing.

#### SHORT-TERM:

**A. SAFE FAMILIES:** Protecting against threats to personal and family safety in the home (child welfare, domestic violence) and in the neighborhood. **Workgroups:** (1) **Child Welfare** (*existing*) & (2) **Domestic Violence** (*new*).

**B. HEALTHY MINDS & BODIES:** Improving community health by broadening access to preventative and primary healthcare and by ensuring equitable coverage for mental health. **Workgroups:** (1) **Integrated Health** (*re-centering of existing Behavioral Health & Healthcare groups*) & (2) **Community Health** (*new*).

**C. FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCKS:** Focusing on the primary ingredients needed to maintain a healthy life—namely adequate & healthy food, available & affordable housing, energy/utilities, and transportation to work, worship, play and shop—and addressing policies and practices that trap families and undermine the work of member agencies. **Workgroups:** (1) **Housing & Built Environment** (*revamp of existing*) & (2) **Barriers to Stability/Emerging Issues** (*new*).

#### INTERMEDIATE TERM:

**D. PATHWAYS TO ECONOMIC SUCCESS:** Promoting pathways that lead to financial self-sufficiency and the intra-generational educational and economic mobility. **Future Workgroup:** (1) **Workforce Development** (*new*).

*Above all, we recognize that One Voice is NOT a policy organization with members. OVT IS a member-driven, member-service organization whose deliverables are policy recommendations & policy change.*

# One Voice Texas 2017 Team Members

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## Board of Directors

Name	Title/Organization
<b>Tim Schauer</b> <i>Chair</i>	Senior Vice President <i>Cornerstone Government Affairs</i>
<b>Jonathan Campbell</b> <i>Treasurer</i>	CEO <i>National Inter-Faith Foundation</i>
<b>Kathryn Tees</b> <i>Secretary</i>	Creative Director <i>Community Health Choice</i>
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<b>Jane Cheeks</b>	Director of Human Resources <i>City of Houston</i>
<b>Adrian Garcia</b>	Principal <i>Adrian Garcia &amp; Consulting</i>
<b>Ashlea P. Graves</b>	Director of Government Affairs, <i>Houston Independent School District</i>
<b>Fernando Small</b>	Director, EHR OneConnect-Access & Revenue Cycle <i>University of Texas – MD Anderson Cancer Center</i>

## Staff Members

Name	Title/Organization
<b>Jacqueline Pontello, J.D.</b>	Executive Director
<b>Katherine Howard Barillas, Ph.D.</b>	Director of Child Welfare Policy
<b>Michelle Hansford, CPS/CHW</b>	Public Policy Fellow
<b>Candace Spencer</b>	Office Manager

# One Voice Texas Membership Form



Please Complete Membership Form and Return to One Voice Texas (instructions below)

Organization

Phone number

Executive Director/CEO

E-mail address

Street address

Street address line 2

City

Zip code

## WORKGROUPS OF INTEREST

**General Point of Contact**

E-mail address

### > BARRIERS to STABILITY/EMERGING ISSUES (Workgroup Forming)

Organization Representative

E-mail address

### > CHILD WELFARE (Children & Youth Workgroup)

Organization Representative

E-mail address

### > DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV Policy Workgroup)

Organization Representative

E-mail address

### > HOUSING & BUILT ENVIRONMENT (Workgroup Re-forming)

Organization Representative

E-mail address

### > INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE (Joint Health Policy Group)

Organization Representative

E-mail address

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**2017 Membership Dues: \$100.00 (Payable by Check Only!)**

**1. Fax Form:** 713-583-4257 or **Scan/E-mail:** [cspencer@onevoicetexas.org](mailto:cspencer@onevoicetexas.org)

**2. Mail Check Payable to One Voice Texas:** 2020 North Loop West, STE. 200, Houston, TX 77018-8103



**INVOICE NUMBER** | 17OVTMbr  
**INVOICE DATE** | 2017-March

<b>2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES</b> <i>January-December 2017</i>	
<b>2017 Special Flat Rate</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
	<b>Net 30 days</b>

**DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:**

Candace Spencer  
(713) 333-2204  
email: [cspencer@onevoicetexas.org](mailto:cspencer@onevoicetexas.org)

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**One Voice Texas**  
**2020 North Loop West, STE. 200**  
**Houston, TX 77018-8103**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!**

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

<b>Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.</b>	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>Texas One Voice: A Collaborative for Health and Human Services DBA One Voice; DBA One Voice Texas</b>		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above <b>DBA One Voice; DBA One Voice Texas</b>		
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <b>Note.</b> For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) <b>2020 North Loop West, STE 200</b>		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	6 City, state, and ZIP code <b>Houston, Texas 77018-8103</b>		Requester's name and address (optional)
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>									
or									
<b>Employer identification number</b>									
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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Jacqueline Portello</i>	Date ▶ <i>3/28/2017</i>
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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.*

By signing the filled-out form, you:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
- Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**September 13, 2017**

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