

## Sickle Cell Task Force Roster

**2023-2024**

Name	City	Membership Category	Term Expiration	Public Health Region
<b>Presiding Chair</b> Titilope Fasipe, M.D., Ph.D.	Houston	Representative of a health-related institution	2023	6/5
Melissa Frei-Jones, M.D., M.S.C.I.	San Antonio	Physician specializing in hematology	2024	8
André Harris, M.S.W.	Houston	Member of the public who has sickle cell disease (SCD) or is a parent of a person with SCD or sickle cell trait (SCT)	2025	6/5
Dawn Johnson, M.D.	Dallas	Member from a community-based organization with experience addressing the needs of individuals with SCD	2024	2/3
Alecia Nero, M.D., M.S.C.S.	Dallas	Physician specializing in hematology	2024	2/3

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<b>Presiding Vice-Chair</b> Marqué Reed-Shackelford	Houston	Member of the public who has SCD or is a parent of a person with SCD or SCT	2023	6/5
Linda Wade	Austin	Member from a community-based organization with experience addressing the needs of individuals with SCD	2024	7
Vacant		Member of the public who has SCD or is a parent of a person with SCD or SCT		
Vacant		Texas Education Agency representative		
Vacant		Texas Health and Human Services Commission representative		
Vacant		Physician with experience addressing the needs of individuals with SCD or SCT		

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Vacant		Researcher from a public health-related or academic institution with experience addressing SCD or SCT		
Vacant		Health care professional with experience addressing the needs of individuals with SCD or SCT		

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