

# Board and Commission Applicant Information

**Bell, Charles**

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**Applicant Name:** Bell, Charles

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**Ethnicity:** Afri-American

**Gender:** Male

**District:** 5

**City of Austin Resident:** Yes

**Employer:**

**Occupation:** Semi-Retired Physician

**Disability:**

## **Resume:**

Charles E. Bell, M.D. is currently semi-retired and works part-time with Texas A&M Health Science Center as a medical advisor of the KSTAR physician assessment program and as a part-time medical director for LeFleur Transportation. His work with KSTAR involves participation with a panel of physicians with varying expertise in performing an assessment of physicians who after a greater than 2 year hiatus from direct patient care or who have been sanctioned by the state medical board desires to re-enter clinical practice. His work with LeFleur Transportation involves establishing policies and reviewing long-distance travel requests to ensuring the safe transport of medically fragile individuals from their city of residence to tertiary medical facilities in either urban areas within Texas or out-of-state. The requests are reviewed for medical necessity and the most efficient form of safe travel based on the clients diagnosis. He served as the President of the Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute in Dallas, Texas. The Institute provides primary prevention strategies (wellness and nutritional education to those at risk for diabetes); secondary prevention strategies (diabetes education and diabetes self-management education to those diagnosed with diabetes); and a patient-centered medical home for individuals within the community who lack access to appropriate primary health care. He served as Deputy Executive Commissioner at Texas Health and Human Services Commission from March 2003 to August 2011. In that role he coordinates policy development and initiatives between the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services and other agencies within the Texas Health and Human Services System. Doctor Bell, with the assistance of the State Medicaid Director, provided oversight to the day-to-day operations of the Texas Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). During his career in state service he has served as the Interim Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services in 2006 and as the Interim Commissioner of the Texas Department of Health in 2001.

He has also held the following positions: Executive Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Department of Health (TDH); Regional Medical Director of TDH Public Health Region 1 in Lubbock, Texas; Chief of the Bureau of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention; and Medical Director of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. Dr. Bell has held memberships on the following boards of directors: Zach Scott Theatre, Sendero Health Plan, and he is currently a member of the board of the People's Community Clinic. In 2011, Dr. Bell was awarded the Texas Health Institute's Fratis L. Duff, M.D. Memorial award which is named after one of the Commissioners of Health in Texas and is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to public health in Texas. Other awards received by Dr. Bell include the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Patient Advocacy Award for tireless efforts to improve the health of Texas. Dr. Bell received his undergraduate degree for the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, his medical degree from UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, completed a one-year residency in Internal Medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut and received his masters degree in healthcare administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Bell is a native Texan born in Port Arthur, Texas.

#### **Board or Commission Name and Specific Qualifications:**

- **Central Health Board of Managers**

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