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In May 2013, Dr. Shah was appointed Harris County Public Health (HCPH) Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County, Texas – third most populous county in the United States. Since 2004, he served as HCPH Deputy Director and Director of Disease Control & Clinical Prevention. Prior to joining HCPH, he provided clinical care as an emergency department physician at the well-respected Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and Chief Medical Officer at the Galveston County Health District. He earned his B.A. (philosophy) from Vanderbilt University and M.D. from University of Toledo Health Science Center, where he also completed an international health policy internship at the World Health Organization (Geneva). Dr. Shah completed Internal Medicine residency, Primary Care/General Medicine fellowship, and his M.P.H. (management) at The University of Texas Health Science Center. Dr. Shah has had a long, distinguished career in public service having served in numerous leadership positions and having responded to a variety of large-scale emergencies. These include Tropical Storm Allison; Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike; earthquakes in Kashmir and Haiti; novel H1N1, Ebola and Zika. Though sought nationally for his expertise, Dr. Shah remains actively engaged in both patient care and academic teaching locally.

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