

# President's Corner

## Powerhouse Leadership: Unite, Empower, and Elevate to New Heights



If you aren't registered for our 2025 EWTG Annual Professional Development Conference on **November 16-17**, what are you waiting for? Register now for two full days of networking, learning, developing, and enjoying many other fun activities! And be sure to stay for our closing panel, "**Powerhouse Leadership: Unite, Empower, and Elevate to New Heights**" on Monday, **November 17, from 3:15-4:15 p.m.**

What is a powerhouse leader? According to powerhouse-leaders.com, "A powerhouse leader is an inspiring, purpose-driven leader with contagious energy and strategic vision who unapologetically embraces their limitless potential to take charge, ignite powerful connections, and empower others to achieve a positive impact and extraordinary results."

In this closing panel moderated by me, we will share diverse perspectives, provide valuable insights, and engage attendees through a guided conversation with these five powerhouse leaders:

- 1 **Sylvia Hernandez Kauffman**, Chief Information Officer, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- 2 **Heidi Murray**, Chief Operating Officer, Leadership Women
- 3 **Steve Pier**, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Department of Information Resources
- 4 **Jennifer Shuford**, MD, MPH, Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services
- 5 **Jennifer Sims**, Deputy Commissioner, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

In a question-and-answer session with the moderator and panelists, participants will learn:

- 1 What powerhouse leadership means in various contexts.
- 2 How to unite with others to transform challenges into opportunities.
- 3 How to empower others to reach new heights in leadership spaces.
- 4 How to elevate themselves and others into powerhouse leaders.

Join us and learn how to *Unite, Empower, and Elevate* yourself to new heights! Be sure to stay for the swearing in of the 2026 EWTG Board of Directors immediately following the closing panel to meet our new Board!

**Submitted by Coleen McCarthy**  
EWTG President, 2025-2026