**Convening of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC)**

February 15, 2022

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Minutes

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1. **Call to order and roll call**

Dr. Lakey, presiding officer of the Consortium, called the meeting to order.

29 Executive Committee members were in attendance. See attached attendance for a full list of attendees.

1. **Presentation of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA budget provided through Senate Bill 8 (SB8)), 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Special Session**.

Dr. Lakey announced the goal of the meeting – to provide the budget provided by the HRIs and seek approval from the Executive Committee. He noted there may be some minor adjustments, but overall, once approved by Executive Committee, the budget will be considered approved to move forward.

A high-level overview of the ARPA budgets was provided by Dr. Lakey. He thanked the Texas legislature for the appropriation through SB8, including the inclusion of perinatal mental health. The purpose of the funds is to enhance and expand the Consortium’s CPAN, TCHATT, workforce expansion, administration, and perinatal mental health services.

Dr. Lakey reviewed language from SB8 regarding the details associated with any changes to the original budgets. Any move between budgets that exceeds 10% must be approved by the Legislative Budget Board. He noted the 10% rule will be in effect and UT System will need to follow the procedure and submit a letter to the LBB to seek their approval as the budgets proposed differ from the amounts in the Bill.

Luanne Southern provided information about the proposed structure for allocation of funds. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be the applicant and submit the application to the Governor’s Office by February 28. The application requires a final budget and metrics. Funds will be sent via cost reimbursement. Responsibilities are as follows:

* THECB will be the recipient of the grant. They will enter into service agreements with UT Austin as fiscal agent and UT System as administrator of Consortium.
* UT System will be administrative entity and enter into service agreements with UT Austin and the THECB for their roles.
* UT System will collect status reports and metrics, and evaluation of program performance.
* UT Austin will serve as fiscal agent. They will develop contracts with HRIs and MMPHI. They will perform compliance roles and processes. HRIs and MMPHI will submit fiscal reports to UT Austin for reimbursement.

Dr. Lakey explained the structure to work with a large grants management entity at UT Austin. This is different than UT Dell. UT Austin will be fiscal entity in coordination with THECB. Dollars for administration will go to UT Austin and THECB to assure they have staff needed to perform their duties.

Dr. Pliszka asked about metrics and cost reimbursement – how often will they be reimbursed. Answer: monthly

Dr. Vo asked for clarification about need for BAA with UT Austin in their role as fiscal agent. Answer: no sensitive information will be shared with them; programmatic information remains with UT System and COSH.

Dr. Strakowski asked for verification about who contact people are at UT Austin. Answer: Renee Gonzales and Linda Haster. He offered support from UT Dell if needed.

A more detailed ARPA Project Budgets PowerPoint presentation was provided by Lashelle Inman.

She provided information on the process for finalizing the ARPA budgets.

1. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding the budget appropriated through SB8 relating to the following categories:**
   1. **Enhancements and expansion of the Child Psychiatry Access Network**

Lashelle Inman reviewed information about CPAN budgets, and the amounts proposed for each.

MMPHI will have contracts with each HRI.

Perinatal PAN will have 4 institutions participating.

Dr. Lakey asked members to review the CPAN proposals.

Dr. Wakefield noted TTUHSC will participate in text add on but did not ask for additional money since it would be provided through the COSH. Dr. Wagner said this is same case for UTMB, Dr. Liberzon said it’s the same for Texas A&M, and Dr. Podawilz said it’s the same for UNTHSC.

* 1. **Enhancements and expansion of the Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine program**

Lashelle Inman reviewed information about TCHATT budgets, and the amounts proposed for each.

Largest amount is being used to expand to more regions.

Dr. Lakey asked members to review the TCHATT proposals.

Dr. Vo asked about UT Austin contracts reflecting the deliverables submitted per HRI. Dr. Lakey indicated the contracts will be specific to the projects each HRI proposed.

Dr. Pliszka asked about pediatric collaborative care and if they will contract with MMPHI and flow of funds. Lashelle Inman answered the flow will come through MMPHI to the HRIs.

* 1. **Expansion of the child and adolescent mental health workforce**

Lashelle Inman reviewed information about the workforce expansion budgets and amounts proposed for each.

Purpose is to increase number of mental health providers in Texas.

Dr. Williams noted that Baylor is participating in the Child Fellow program and asked to be added.

Lashelle provided information regarding the slide that reflects budgets by institution. She noted that Texas Tech will receive the largest amount since they will participate in more of the proposals than the other HRIs. Dr. Lakey made the point that the budgets reflect what was submitted by each HRI and the amounts they asked for.

Lashelle reviewed slide that compares original budgets to final budgets. CPAN is 38% higher and includes Perinatal services. If they are removed the amount would be less. TCHATT is 9% higher. Workforce is 42% lower and administrative costs have stayed the same. We have a little over a million that has not been allocated.

Dr. Lakey reiterated that if additional dollars are needed, we will need to discuss. We will plan to make additional tweaks, if needed.

The other item to highlight is that we are above the 10% - CPAN due to the Perinatal effort as there is no line item for that and we have characterized it as part of CPAN. We will provide this information to the LBB for their review and approval.

Dr. Pliszka suggest CPAN line breaks out Perinatal to make it clear.

Danette Castle asked about the reduction in CPWE program. Dr. Lakey explained the rationale was to include what the HRIs said they can do at this time. He asked HRIs to comment as needed. Dr. Wakefield commented and said TTU has more but is now falling under TCHATT. The plan is the LMHAs will still have access to the programs, but they put it under the TCHATT programs. Danette Castle asked for clarification. Dr. Wakefield said they put additional post docs and MSWs and LPCs into the clinical TCHATT budgets that will fund expansion of the workforce.

Dr. Pliszka said they are not cutting any CPWE efforts, but some HRIs elected to go into further expansion and others didn’t. The issue of funding going away in 2 years is another barrier Dr. Pliszka noted.

Danette Castle indicated several sites indicated interest and there were opportunities to have more participation. It’s not a cut to the program but a significant reduction in the budget. She hopes to see continued investment in CPWE – several LMHAs are interested in it.

Lashelle will add Baylor, which will change the budget amount.

Dr. Tamminga asked for a lengthier discussion about CPWE. If there are ways to share experience across the sites she would find this useful. She asked Dr. Pliszka to head up the conversation about this. He said he would do this and indicated the HRIs provided the information about what they can do.

Dr. Tamminga asked for Danette’s advice and that we discuss this at another Executive Committee meeting. Dr. Lakey said we will do this at another meeting – craft out section including lessons learned, best practices, additional opportunities, get input from LMHAs so we can be positioned for the next legislative session. Danette asked for recognition that the program was launched during pandemic and there have been challenges – we need to build workforce out. She will work with Dr. Pliszka.

Dr. Liberzon added that we won’t ask for money we don’t think we can use. We are trying to be conservative about our request for enhancements. Workforce enhancements and ARPA – we need to think about what happens after 2 years since the funds are time limited. Need to think about what to do when the money runs out. Requires a different approach. It is different per each HRI. Requires serious planning.

Dr. Lakey indicated timeframe for arrival of ARPA funds are not in sync with recruitments of residents which will make it difficult.

* 1. **Administrative expenses**

Dr. Lakey asked for motion to approve the total ARPA budget knowing there may be slight changes. Dr. Vo made the motion. Second was made by Dr. Ibrahim.

All members present voted in favor.

Dr. Lakey explained process for submission of the budgets. He reiterated that at the next meeting there will be discussion about workforce expansion.

He thanked everyone for working on the budgets and HRIs involved in each of the individual projects. He provided a brief overview of Perinatal PAN and announced Dr. Wakefield as the medical director for that project.

1. **If necessary, closed session for consultation with attorney regarding legal matters related to posted items, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.**
2. **Adjournment**

**Attendance List**

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| HRI | Executive Committee Member | Attended? |
| Baylor College of Medicine | Wayne Goodman, MD | Yes |
| Baylor College of Medicine | Laurel Williams, DO | Yes |
| Texas A&M University System Health Science Center | Israel Liberzon, MD | Yes |
| Texas A&M University System Health Science Center | R. Andrew Harper, MD | Yes |
| Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center | Sarah Wakefield, MD | Yes |
| Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center | Tarrah Mitchell, PhD | Yes |
| Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso | Peter Thompson, MD | No |
| Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso | Sarah Martin, MD | Yes |
| University of North Texas Health Science Center | Alan Podawiltz, DO, MS | Yes |
| University of North Texas Health Science Center | David Farmer, PhD, LPC, LMFT, FNAP | Yes |
| Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin | Charles B Nemeroff, MD, PhD | Yes |
| Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin | Stephen Strakowski, MD | Yes |
| The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | Daniel Tan, MD | No |
| The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | Rhonda Robert, PhD | No |
| The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston | Karen Wagner, MD, PhD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston | Alexander Vo, PhD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston | Jair Soares, MD, PhD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston | Taiwo Babatope, MD, MPH, MBA, ABPN | Yes |
| The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio | Steven Pliszka, MD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio | Joseph Blader, PhD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine | Diana Chapa, MD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine | Michael Patriarca, MBA | No |
| The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler | Beverly Bryant, MD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler | Brittney Nichols, MBA, LPC-S | Yes |
| The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center | Carol Tamminga, MD | Yes |
| The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center | Hicham Ibrahim, MD | Yes |
| Health and Human Services Commission - mental health care services | Sonja Gaines, MBA | Yes |
| Health and Human Services Commission - mental health facilities | Scott Schlachlin | No |
| Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board | Elizabeth Mayer | Yes |
| Hospital System | Danielle Wesley | Yes |
| Non-profit - Meadows Policy Institute | Andy Keller, PhD | No |
| Non-profit - Hogg Foundation | Octavio Martinez, Jr., MPH, MD | Yes |
| Non-profit - Texas Mental Health Counsel | Danette Castle | Yes |
| Administrative Contract – University of Texas System | David Lakey, MD | Yes |
| Other – Hospital System Representative | James Alan Bourgeois, OD, MD | Yes |