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

July 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

University of Texas J.J. Pickle Research Campus

Commons Conference Center

10100 Burnet Rd Building 137, Room 1.138

Austin, TX 78758

Minutes

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**The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium will convene a videoconference meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127 on July 19, 2022, according to the following agenda. The Chairperson will be present, and will preside over the meeting, at the posted location.**

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

* Dr. Lakey, presiding officer of the Consortium, called the meeting to order.
* 24 executive members were in attendance. See attached attendance for a full list.

1. **Review and approve the following item:** 
   1. Minutes from the May 16, 2022, Executive Committee meeting.

**→ Dr. Tamminga made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Wagner seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.**

1. **Updates on the following activities associated with implementation of the TCMHCC. The full Executive Committee may review, receive and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed and take appropriate action.**
2. **TCMHCC communications, outreach, and engagement**
   1. **UT System Administration**

* Laura Cruzada-Davis presented updates on communications.
  + - Most traffic post Uvalde shooting was to the TCHATT webpage.
    - The team had several media requests.
    - Stories that were published were highlighted.
    - Total reach after Uvalde was 705 million.
    - Careers have been added to the TCMHCC website for all HRIs.
    - There will be a web page created specific to ARPA that will talk about the expansion of all programs.
  1. **The University of Texas at Austin**
* Melanie Susswein presented updates for the Center of Health Communication.
  + The CHC is supporting outreach and communication for CPAN.
  + Spring and summer 2022 timeline was shared.
  + Working on paid search this summer.
  + Digital outreach will be live in about 2 and a half weeks using a series of ads.
  + The focus is to remind providers that it is easy to join CPAN.
  + The same key messages will be used in different formats.
  + Ads will pop-up based on where people are located.
  + They will do a statewide reach looking for 4 target priority areas and populations to focus on with the help of the external evaluators.
  + Video launch production planned with key message for CPAN.
* They will do a series of 5 videos with 15 second cutouts to use for digital outreach that the HRIs can use.
* Updated CPAN materials were distributed to coordinators.
  + - Dr. Tamminga asked about how to get the materials from Melanie. Melanie said the files have been shared with the coordinators on Teams, but they can also directly contact her or Laura for the materials. Dr. Tamminga wanted to know if the HRIs and Melanie could coordinate with her posting schedules. Melanie emphasized that she plans to develop a calendar for the year with what she will be promoting by late September.
    - Dr. Martinez asked if announcements will be created and distributed like a PSA across the entire state. Melanie mentioned that they work with different partners and will connect with someone from Hogg Foundation. Dr. Martinez will have the Hogg Foundation communications team get in touch with Melanie to distribute across their network as well.
    - Melanie encouraged everyone to follow CPAN on social media including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

1. **Program Evaluation of TCMHCC by The University of Texas at Austin.**

* David Lynch provided informational updates from the internal evaluation team.
  + The 2021 biennium summary report that was provisionally approved in May has been updated and will be added to the TCMHCC website.
  + Last year, the internal evaluation team conducted qualitative interviews with the executive committee members. They plan to send out online surveys again next month in August.
  + Surveys aim to gather input on how the consortium is doing, opportunities for improvement, what is going well, etc.
  + David will be working with other teams including COSH and Trayt for data validation efforts.
    - Dr. Lakey commented that a lot of data requests were sent to them over the past month.

1. **External Evaluation of TCMHCC by The University of Texas Health Science Center Houston - School of Public Health.**

* Dr. Peskin presented an update from the external evaluation team on their past and upcoming activities.
* Anything not captured through existing Consortium sources like Trayt, is captured through external evaluation surveys.
* The goal for the TCHATT & CPAN surveys is to understand contextual factors influencing program engagement and implementation.
* 130 TCHATT surveys collected so far.
* Plan to open up surveys at the beginning of the school year to try to increase the number of survey responses.
* CPAN survey will be sent out soon.
* Going to do CPWE interviews with residents to understand their perspectives on program satisfaction, challenges, and influence of the program on their future career plans.
* 7 out of 10 CPWE interviews have been conducted so far.
* Evaluating the cost of CPAN & TCHATT program implementation.
* Working to understand reach and coverage by community factors.
* Goal to create a dashboard for program planners to view CPAN provider and TCHATT school enrollment.
* Working to develop packets for the HRIs with the results of the year 1 external evaluation in August.
* Dr. Lakey commented that the cost analysis will be very important as the consortium has received lots of questions regarding cost of the programs. He noted there is a difference in cost from ramping up and steady operation of the programs.
* Dr. Vo wanted an update on intellectual property and Trayt over his concern of the Consortium potentially helping Trayt build their platform with the data.

**<< Action Item: David Lein to follow-up. >>**

1. **Information and updates on the following items:** 
   1. **Mental Health response activities in Uvalde, TX**

* Dr. Lakey provided an update on the Consortium’s role to the response in Uvalde.
* The LMHA is a block away from the Robb Elementary School.
* First request to the Consortium was due to LMHA having a hard time.
* Dr. Pliszka’s team at UT Health Science Center in San Antonio was a big part of the response team.
* Second request from the LMHA was the need for ongoing services since it was extremely helpful.
* There was a need to send 2 people a day on weekends and 4 people a day on weekdays.
* Dr. Lakey emphasized the need for a coordinated response based on the need from the people on the ground in Uvalde.
* The Consortium rotated HRIs for deployment throughout the month of June.
* Dr. Lakey noted that TCHATT was not setup in Uvalde yet, but the community is working to get it setup.
* Dr. Pliszka talked with the head counselor for the school district. He mentioned that the MOU will go to Uvalde CISD school board at their next meeting.
* Luanne Southern thanked all of the HRIs for their help.
* Over 80 people across the Consortium were ready to deploy to Uvalde.
* There will be a debrief meeting with everyone involved in the coordinated response in August.
* Dr. Vo commented that we could likely encounter something like this again in the future. He questioned if the Consortium should make a plan and designated team ready for deployment. Dr. Lakey agreed that it would be a great idea to form a rapid response team and will consider following the debrief meeting.
* Luanne emphasized the need and requests for bilingual clinicians.
* Sonja Gaines commented that dollars have been directed to the Uvalde community to staff their resiliency center. Now that the Consortium is an active partner, she wants to continue conversations to continue to work together.

1. **Legislative updates including information about Committee hearings relevant to the Consortium**

* Dr. Lakey highlighted the legislative updates and hearings involving the Consortium.
* Dr. Lakey testified several times.
* TCHATT currently covers 40% of the student population of Texas.
* Legislature wants TCHATT available in every school in Texas.
* Goal date to be in every school is September 2023.
* Rural areas may have challenges to meet the goal.
* Dr. Tamminga suggested a common budget for HRIs to fill out to tell the costs of everything to the legislature.

1. **Workforce issues and proposed solutions**

* Dr. Lakey discussed workforce issues and solutions the team would like to present to the legislature.
* Recruitment is difficult as mental health authorities are competing with big corporations regarding pay scales.
* A group met to discuss workforce issues and propose solutions.
* A document was created with ideas that the legislature could consider funding to help with mental health workforce issues in Texas. Solutions include decreasing debt incurred by students, paid internships, and more.
* Dr. Pliszka mentioned that a big challenge right now is hiring. He gave examples of the charge per hour for those needing their hours.
* Dr. Tamminga mentioned that they have partnered with UT Arlington to give their nurses a year-long fellowship in psychiatry. She hopes to recruit from the people they train.

1. **Updates on the following activities associated with implementation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded TCMHCC initiatives. The full Executive Committee may review, receive and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed and take appropriate action.**

1. **Fiscal Agent updates and information from the University of Texas at Austin.**

* Linda Haster presented an update.
* Waiting for executed contracts to come back from THECB.
* Sent out 18 drafts to all subaward HRIs and participants to start reviewing terms.
* Budgets have been reconciled.
* Dr. Lakey emphasized the need to move forward soon with THECB due to obligations the HRIs have made.
* TCHATT funding increased around 9% as priorities shifted following Uvalde.
* More than 50% of program budgets will be devoted to TCHATT.
* Budget percentages were shown for each program and initiative.
* Dr. Pliszka asked how the metric performance will be tied to the reimbursement and time frame. Linda responded that the legislature wants transparency and the status of each program.

1. **ARPA budget and program planning and implementation updates:**
   1. **Overall administration – University of Texas System**

* Lashelle Inman provided an update.
  + Working on a template with metrics for program updates for ARPA projects.
  + UT System has been meeting with UT Austin to go over contracts.
  + Waiting for coordinating board contracts.
  + There are barriers until contracts are in place.

* 1. **Perinatal Psychiatry Access Network (PeriPAN) pilot – Texas Tech University Health Science Center**
* Dr. Wakefield presented on PeriPAN, a CPAN expansion to improve perinatal mental health services.
  + 4 HRIs are participating in the pilot:
    1. Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock
    2. UT Southwestern Medical School
    3. UT Austin Dell Medical School
    4. Baylor College of Medicine
  + Dr. Wakefield gave an overview of the development of PeriPAN.
  + Implementation meetings schedule was shared.
  + The line will go live on August 18th.
  + Will try to make the program a statewide initiative in September 2023.

* 1. **Collaborative Care – Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**
* Andy Keller provided an update.
  + Have had meetings with contract leads since the last executive committee meeting.
  + On June 1st, the Texas Medicaid program began to cover Collaborative Care.
  + Logic is to pay for the startup cost and technical assistance of the program.

* 1. **Substance Use Disorder services – University of Texas San Antonio Health Science Center**
* Dr. Blader not in attendance to give an update.
* Cesar Soutollo mentioned that the program is in process of screening, working out some of the details and training.

* 1. **Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) – University of Texas Southwestern**
* Dr. Trivedi presented an update.
  + Program has launched.
    - YAM is 5 session evidence-based program delivered by certified facilitators to students in the classroom.
    - The program is not for identified students but the whole classroom to encourage knowledge about mental health.
    - 10 thousand students per HRI is the goal.
    - YAM implementation timeline was shared.
    - Goals of the Wellness Ambassador Program were shared.
  + Dr. Martinez asked if YAM data will be able to capture increased utilization of services by youth. Dr. Trivedi would like to come back to the committee to determine how much data to acquire from the program in the future.

* 1. **Family Intervention of Suicide Prevention (FISP) – Baylor College of Medicine**
* Dr. Trivedi provided an update.
* Developers have changed the name from FISP to SAFETY-A
* This program is designed to develop a safety plan with the youth and the parents.
* Timeline for implementation was shown.
* Currently working to develop protocols and database.
* Dr. Vo asked if the trainings were like an ECHO series model or in-person training. Dr. Trivedi mentioned that trainings are virtual or in-person.

1. **Review of the biennial Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium budgets for the years 2022–2023, including information about plans to expand Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) statewide. The full Executive Committee may review, receive, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed and take appropriate action. The University of Texas System will, in their role as administrator of the Consortium, present the following:**

1. **Information and updates regarding the appropriation of $5.8 million for the purpose of expanding TCHATT statewide.**
   1. Jonathan Lewis presented a budget update
   * TCHATT expected to have about 5 million leftover

* **Motion to approve the budget with the understanding there may be small adjustments; All aye; No opposed; No abstain; Motion approved.**
* Lashelle noted we have to put PIA's in place.

1. **Information and updates regarding the current and proposed biennium budget for fiscal years 2022-2023.**

* Jonathan mentioned that 24-25 budgets were submitted that will be included in the next ask to the legislature

1. **Discuss, consider, and if appropriate, approve information and updates provided by the Baylor College of Medicine in the role of the Centralized Operations Support Hub (COSH) relating to implementation of the COSH, and/or information provided by Health-Related Institutions (HRIs) relating to the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN), the Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT), and the Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion (CPWE). The full Executive Committee may review, receive, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed and take appropriate action.**

* 1. **COSH information and update**
* Dr. Williams presented an update.
  + **CPAN information and update.** 
    - * + 914 learners attended project ECHO in the spring
        + All 12 teams across state doing project echo
        + After Uvalde incident added on 2 more topics
        + Sessions were recorded and will be put on TCMHCC website
  + **Direct Consultation**
    - Pilot start date August 1
    - 6 teams agreed to participate
    - Pilot for 12 weeks
      * **Texting pilot**
        + Pilot is complete
        + Getting feedback from providers who participated
        + People are preferring to call instead of text
      * **FISP**
        + Waiting to hire staff
      * **Lantana**
* Need to add additional lines for Lantana
* 26 lines overall
* 22 lines requested for ARPA
  + 5 minute metric was discussed
    - * Lantana Dashboard was shown.
      * An improved metric would be to start monitoring the information.
      * Premise is to make sure we are responding to providers promptly.
* Question from Andy Keller if we will continue to track the 5 minute metric along with tracking the dashboard. Dr. Williams noted we are not tracking the voicemails. Most are telemarketers. Dr. Williams wants to stop tracking the 5 minute metric.
* No vote today on the 5 minute metric.

1. **CPWE information and update.**
   * Dr. Pliszka noted they are improving reporting metrics for LMHA & non-LMHA sites
   * Last year many residents did not return surveys
2. **TCHATT information and update.**

* School portal is live
* Continue to see students in the summer

1. **Data Management and Governance Committee information and update.**
   * No updates at this time
2. **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.**

1. **Adjournment -** Next meeting: August 29, 2022, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Attendance List**

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| # | Institution/ Organization | Executive Committee Member | Attended? |
| 1 | Baylor College of Medicine | Wayne Goodman, MD | Y |
| 2 | Baylor College of Medicine | Laurel Williams, DO | Y |
| 3 | Texas A&M University System Health Science Center | Israel Liberzon, MD | N |
| 4 | Texas A&M University System Health Science Center | R. Andrew Harper, MD | N |
| 5 | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center | Sarah Wakefield, MD | Y |
| 6 | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center | Tarrah Mitchell, MD | Y |
| 7 | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso | Peter Thompson, MD | N |
| 8 | Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso | Sarah Martin, MD | Y |
| 9 | University of North Texas Health Science Center | Alan Podawiltz, DO, MS | Y |
| 10 | University of North Texas Health Science Center | David Farmer, PhD, LPC, LMFT, FNAP | Y |
| 11 | Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin | Charles B Nemeroff, MD, PhD | N |
| 12 | Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin | Jeffrey Newport, MD, MS, MDiv | Y |
| 13 | The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | Daniel Tan, MD | N |
| 14 | The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | Rhonda Robert, PhD | N |
| 15 | The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston | Karen Wagner, MD, PhD | Y |
| 16 | The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston | Alexander Vo, PhD | Y |
| 17 | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston | Jair Soares, MD, PhD | Y |
| 18 | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston | Taiwo Babatope, MD, MPH, MBA, ABPN | N |
| 19 | The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio | Steven Pliszka, MD | Y |
| 20 | The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio | Joseph Blader, PhD | N |
| 21 | The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine | Diana Chapa, MD | Y |
| 22 | The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine | Michael Patriarca, MBA | Y |
| 23 | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler | Beverly Bryant, MD | N |
| 24 | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler | Brittney Nichols, MBA, LPC-S | Y |
| 25 | The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center | Carol Tamminga, MD | Y |
| 26 | The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center | Hicham Ibrahim, MD | Y |
| 27 | Health and Human Services Commission - mental health care services | Sonja Gaines, MBA | Y |
| 28 | Health and Human Services Commission - mental health facilities | Scott Schalchlin | Y |
| 29 | Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board | Elizabeth Meyer | N |
| 30 | Hospital System | Danielle Wesley | N |
| 31 | Non-profit - Meadows Policy Institute | Andy Keller, PhD | Y |
| 32 | Non-profit - Hogg Foundation | Octavio Martinez, Jr., MPH, MD | Y |
| 33 | Non-profit - Texas Mental Health Counsel | Danette Castle | Y |
| 34 | Administrative Contract – University of Texas System | David Lakey, MD | Y |
| 35 | Other – Hospital System Representative | James Alan Bourgeois, OD, MD | Y |