Convening of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC)
May 15, 2023
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
University of Texas System Administration
210 West 7th Street, 2nd Floor Board Room
Austin, TX 78701

Minutes

The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC) will convene a videoconference meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127 on May 15, 2023, according to the following agenda. The Chairperson, Dr. David Lakey, will be present, and will preside over the meetings, at the posted location.

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

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

- 24 executive committee members were in attendance. See attendance report for full list of attendees.

II.   **Review and approve the following item:**

a.   Minutes from the March 20, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.

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

III.   **Presentation on Federal and State Policies that may impact the provision of tele-mental health services provided by the Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) and the Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion (CPWE).**

a.   Mari Robinson, Director of Telehealth, Director of the University of Texas Virtual Health Network, Director of the Medical Technology Resource & Education Center – The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

- Presentation is focused on prescribing for students in schools
- Ryan Height Act was put in place due to an overdose
- PHE flexibilities were shown from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Public health emergency expired on the May 12, 2023
- PHE flexibilities put in place during the pandemic will remain in place until November 11,2023. If a relationship exists on or before that date, flexibilities can continue through a 1-year grace period through November 11, 2024.
- Mari is offering a free CME on June 7th to discuss

IV.   **Information and discussion on implementation of TCMHCC initiatives set forth by the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Special Session in Senate Bill 8 appropriating federal American Rescue Plan Act**

(ARPA) funds for the purposes described below. The full Executive Committee will review, receive and/or provide information and take appropriate action.

    a. Fiscal Agent – The University of Texas at Austin

      - Linda Haster presented an update as the fiscal agent

- All contracts are fully executed
- Plan to work on the extension of ARPA funding after decisions are made from the state
- Invoicing is happening regularly
- Quarterly financial report was submitted last month
- Budget versus expenditures by initiative was shown
- 15 million has been spent so far across initiatives

    b. Overall administration review of implementation status dashboards – The University of Texas System

V. 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.

    a. Status of expansion of the TCHATT

      1. Overview of data on the status of expansion across the State.

        - Lashelle Inman presented an update on TCHATT expansion

- Governor's report through March 2023 was shown
- Monthly reports are provided to Texas Education Agency and education service centers by region to help them understand which districts are active along with districts that are unresponsive
- Currently at over 3 million covered lives across the state
- Growth of student population and schools covered by TCHATT over time was shown
- Some schools decline to enroll in TCHATT if they feel they already have adequate mental health support. Those schools have the opportunity to enroll later if they change their mind
- Breakdown of TCHATT Status for campuses grouped by assigned HRI (color association):
    - Blue – active; shows schools that are currently enrolled and services are live
    - Orange – onboarding; MOU executed but services are not yet live
    - Yellow – pending; conversations with the district has happened and draft MOU has been presented
    - Red – Inactive; schools that previously received services but opted out
    - Black – declined; school district or individual school has declined services

- o <u>Grey</u> – planned; targeted schools; teams are reaching out but some schools are unresponsive
  - Plan to have ESC leads help facilitate discussions with districts to bridge communication gap
  - ESC level reports were shown
  - ESC level are shared with Julie Wayman from TEA, then she shares with the ESC leads
  - Several members indicated that interest from schools and districts has increased over time

2. **Discussion on the status of access to TCHATT for youth referred for services, including challenges that may impact access.**

b. **Internal Evaluation – The University of Texas at Austin**

- Dr. Molly Lopez presented an update from the Internal Evaluation team.

- Looking to expand their team with 2 new positions
- Data manager position has closed
- Evaluator position that will focus on TCHATT and some ARPA projects is still open
- Having discussions with the team about the best data evaluation
- As residencies wrap up, the team plans to send out surveys
- Looking to understand future career plans of the residents
- The team is working on their FY22 brief report
- Learning from the HRIs how the rollout has been going and lessons learned along the way

c. **External Evaluation – The University of Texas Health Science Center Houston – School of Public Health**

-Dr. Savas presented an update from the External Evaluation team

- Goal for TCHATT and CPAN dashboards is to examine campuses and clinics reached and served by geographic location and population-level vulnerability indicators
- Measuring child opportunity at the neighborhood level
- Dashboards are updated monthly
- TCHATT & CPAN dashboards were shown
- Child opportunity and access to services is low in the red zones on the dashboard
- Dashboards can help guide implementation and planning
- Floating catchment area is the methodology used for spatial accessibility of CPAN clinics to measure the population in need of CPAN services
- TCHATT surveys went out in May 2023
- CPAN surveys will go out June 2023
- Year 3 CPWE qualitative interviews are planned for June 2023

- Goal to understand experience with the program and recommendations for improvement

d. **Communications - The University of Texas at Austin Center for Health Communication**

-Melanie Susswein presented an update on communications

- CHC is bringing awareness to mental health awareness month with outreach and social media
- 3rd anniversary of CPAN celebrates achievements of the program
- Encourage providers to share with their colleagues
- CPAN account has followed 147 accounts including national, state and regional organizations focused on mental health
- PeriPAN direct mailer in the works for obstetricians
    - Lashelle Inman added there is an open communications manager position with the UT System that will help coordinate communications across all of the institutions

e. **New and Emerging Children's Mental Health Researchers Initiative – The University of Texas System Administration**

- Dr. Lakey led the discussion on the research proposals

- The Consortium has 2 successful research networks including depression and trauma
- Research proposal was shown for new and emerging children's mental health researchers
- Challenging for young investigators to obtain their first NIH grant
- Budgeted to add extra funding to prioritize young investigators for this initiative
- Preference for principal investigators from the consortium's institutions but they can partner with other Texas-based investigators and non-consortium institutions
    - Dr. Vo inquired if the investigators would be allowed to have access to consortium data. Dr. Lakey indicated they would have access to appropriate data with protections.
- Proposal will stay consistent with what the legislature intended funds be used for
- Feedback from the executive committee will be used to adjust the proposal and present at the next meeting

f. **Governance of the TCMHCC – discussion of proposed modifications to the Consortium's Governance Plan**

- Luanne Southern reviewed the proposed modifications to the governance document

- Governance document was shown
- Changes include but are not limited to:
    - The number of health-related institutions will become 12 with the removal of MD Anderson

- o A representative of a hospital system
- o An educational service center from a rural region
- o Addition of ARPA revenue and the work associated with it
- o Every 2 years executive committee members will disclose any conflict of interest
- o Elections and selection will occur during the last meeting of the fiscal year in odd numbered years
- o Biennial report will be prepared no later than December 1st of each even numbered year

  → Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the governance document. Dr. Nemeroff seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
- Nominations for presiding officer, administrative entity, non-profit organization, and hospital system can go to Luanne Southern
- Elections and selections will take place at the August meeting

VI. **Presentation 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 relating to the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN), the Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT), the Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion (CPWE), and the Data Management and Governance Committee. The full Executive Committee may review, receive, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed and take appropriate action.**

  a. **COSH**

  - Dr. Williams presented an update on the COSH

  - Newest team member Jenn Cole will be overseeing TCHATT operations
  - Edith Ortiz will be overseeing CPAN operations moving forward
    - o **CPAN**
      - Welnity has been working closely with the HRIs
      - A roadmap was created for updates that will improve the user experience including search capabilities and data input improvements
      - Could take 6-8 weeks for them to make the improvements
      - A new voice recording is being vetted for Lantana
        - **Direct Consult**
          - o COSH has been supporting the teams doing the direct consults
          - o 142 direct consults complete
          - o 9 teams are currently offering direct consults
          - o Recommendation to have direct consults available to every PCP across the state with the HRIs covering each other

- o HRI coverage example was shown for the recommendation
- Completed and current Trayt features were listed
- Trayt dashboard was shown for CPAN
- Over 20,000 completed consults
- 98.8% response time within 30 minutes
  - **PeriPAN**
    - o Dr. Wakefield presented an update
    - o Currently at 43% pilot-wide enrollment
    - o Consult activity was shown
    - o Almost half of phone calls are about medication recommendation
    - o Increasing number of repeat callers
    - o Upcoming educational opportunities were shared
    - o Webinar activity was shown
    - o Webinar activity is increasing with some attendees outside of pilot regions
    - o Upcoming webinars were listed
    - o PeriPAN Trayt Dashboard was shown
    - o Majority of patients seen were pregnant or postpartum
- o **TCHATT**
  - Unique student referral graph was shown
  - Encounters graph was shown. Encounters can include more than 1 session
  - Current Trayt features in the development queue were listed

b. **CPWE**

- Dr. Pliszka provided a verbal update
  - Everything moving along with no unusual difficulties
  - Internal evaluation team coordinating resident surveys about their experience
  - Can get a more detailed report for future meetings on how it is going with residents

c. **CPAN**

- See COSH presentation

d. **Perinatal Psychiatric Access Network (PeriPAN)**

- See COSH presentation

e. **TCHATT**

- See COSH presentation

f. **Data Management and Governance Committee**

- Dr. Pliszka provided a verbal update from the data committee

- Exploring uniform assessments that can be used across all HRIs
- The data committee reviewed a number of measures for practicality and alignment with programs
- Want a protocol that fits every HRI's TCHATT procedures
- Elevated measures in the clinical range would be repeated at follow-up visits with the Columbia Impairment Scale (CIS)
- Discussion of logistics will be done at the next TCHATT leadership meeting. Decisions will be brought to the next executive committee meeting
- Goal to have consistent outcome measures throughout the state

VII. **Update on the 88th Texas legislative session, including information about Bills associated with the TCMHCC, and other Bills relevant to children's mental health funding, programs and/or child and family service delivery systems. Executive Committee members may discuss and also provide information.**

Sean Griffin and/or Dr. David Lakey – U. T. System Administration and other Executive Committee members with relevant information

-Dr. Lakey provided an update on legislative session

- The House and Senate passed their budgets and submitted the budget we asked for
- Senate bill 30 gives authority to carry forward for ARPA funds
- The Consortium is fully funded with $337 million for the biennium
- Some things can be paid for with ARPA while others can be paid for with GR
- PeriPAN will have to be paid for using ARPA funds
- Funds will be available to continue the ARPA pilot programs
- Senate bill 850 removes MD Anderson from the executive committee and adds an education service center

VIII. **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.**

IX. **Adjournment**

Next meeting will be held on July 17, 2023.

Attendance List

#	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	Y
4	Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	R. Andrew Harper, MD	Y
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	Y
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	N
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	Y
12	Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin	Jeffrey Newport, MD, MS, MDiv	Y
13	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Karen Wagner, MD, PhD	Y
14	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Alexander Vo, PhD	Y
15	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Jair Soares, MD, PhD	Y
16	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Taiwo Babatope, MD, MPH, MBA, ABPN	Y
17	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Steven Pliszka, MD	Y
18	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Joseph Blader, PhD	Y
19	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	Diana Chapa, MD	Y
20	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	Tiya Johnson, MD	Y
21	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	Brittney Nichols, MBA, LPC-S	Y
22	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Carol Tamminga, MD	N
23	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Hicham Ibrahim, MD	Y

24	Health and Human Services Commission - mental health care services	Sonja Gaines, MBA	N
25	Health and Human Services Commission - mental health facilities	Scott Schalchlin	N
26	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Elizabeth Mayer	N
27	Hospital System	Danielle Wesley	Y
28	Non-profit - Meadows Policy Institute	Andy Keller, PhD	Y
29	Non-profit - Hogg Foundation	Octavio Martinez, Jr., MPH, MD	N
30	Non-profit - Texas Mental Health Counsel	Danette Castle	N
31	Administrative Contract – University of Texas System	David Lakey, MD	Y