Convening of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC)
July 17, 2023
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
University of Texas System Administration
210 West 7th Street, 2nd Floor Board Room
Austin, TX 78701

Minutes

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Definitions:
TCMHCC - Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium
ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act
COSH - Centralized Operations Support Hub
PeriPAN - Perinatal Psychiatry Access Network
TCHATT - Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine

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I.   **Call to order and roll call**
     - Dr. Lakey, presiding officer of the consortium, called the meeting to order.
     - 26 executive committee members were in attendance. See attendance list for full list of attendees.

II. **Review and approve the following item:**
     a.   Minutes from the May 20, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.
          → Dr. Tamminga made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Ibrahim seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. **University of Texas System Presentation of Implementation Status Dashboards for ARPA funded Projects**
     - Sarah McLaughlin presented an update on ARPA projects.
     • ARPA project informational sessions were held. Participating HRIs facilitated the sessions by discussing best practices, barriers to implementation, etc.
     • Goal review sessions were completed for each project
     • A summary of risks and actions were shared. Issues included turnover, hiring difficulties, data collection sources, missing reports and delays due to fellowship/residency cycle.

- Actions to address issues included reviewing staffing models, reviewing data in 1-1 meetings, and revising goals.
- An overview of CPAN ARPA metrics were shared.
- An overview of CPWE ARPA metrics were shared.
- An overview of TCHATT ARPA metrics were shared.

IV. **Information and discussion on the 88th Texas legislative session, including information about initiatives and appropriations relevant to children's mental health funding, workforce initiatives, and/or child and family service delivery systems. Executive Committee members may discuss and provide information.**

   a. **Children's Mental Health initiatives and appropriations to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.**

   - Sonja Gaines provided an update on several initiatives that will focus on services for kids.
   - An additional 193 community psychiatric beds were purchased. 70 beds will be in rural areas and 123 will be in urban areas.
   - $13.7 million dollars will go towards inpatient beds serving the Uvalde community.
   - 20 beds will be prioritized for children in DFPS conservatorship.
   - $5.7 million each fiscal year will go towards crisis respite units for youth.
   - $7 million each fiscal year will go towards developing 7 new youth mobile crisis teams.
   - $15.2 million each fiscal year will go towards expanding multisystemic therapy.
   - $2.1 million each fiscal year will go towards expanding coordinated specialty care.
   - $3.7 million each fiscal year will fund telepsychiatry consultations for rural serving hospitals.

   b. **Mental Health Workforce initiatives and appropriations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.**

   - Elizabeth Mayer presented an update on mental health workforce initiatives.
   - TCMHCC's 2024-25 allocation was shared to show a breakdown across the different initiatives.
   - 2024-25 allocations of other health-related workforce programs were shared.
   - Educational loan repayment program allocations were shared for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program and the Mental Health Loan repayment program.
   - Rules will be developed for newly developed programs

c. **Child welfare initiatives and appropriations to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.**

- Trina Ita, Chief Strategist for Behavioral Health, presented information on child welfare initiatives.

- 20 beds are dedicated to DFPS out of the private psychiatric beds Sonja Gaines mentioned
- DFPS is a child protection agency but there are efforts to address behavioral health needs of kids in conservatorship.
- During legislative session, funding was dedicated for an inaugural team who will focus on behavioral health from a strategic perspective.
- DFPS just concluded listening sessions to hear what others perceived as gaps in care.
    o Dr. Pliszka inquired about the meaning of YCOT acronym. Trina Ita described that the acronym stands for Youth Crisis Outreach Teams who focus on youth and families to provide support after a crisis has been identified. Sonja added that all LMHAs do not have these teams.

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. **New and Emerging Children's Mental Health Researchers Initiative**

- Dr. Lakey provided additional updates about the research proposal

- The research proposal for the New and Emerging Children's Mental Health Researchers (NECMHR) was shown.
- The purpose of NECMHR is to foster, encourage and mentor junior researchers and trainees at TCMHCC institutions so that they can secure extramural funding focused on improving the mental health systems of care in Texas.
- Preliminary guidelines were shared. Proposals will be focused on research topics identified by the Texas HHSC in partnership with the TCMHCC executive committee.
- Basic bench research and pharmaceutical clinical trials are not eligible for funding.
- Priority given to applicants who have never been an NIH R-01 grant principal investigator.
- Trainees (including clinical and research fellows) are eligible for funding.
- An independent peer review committee of researchers outside of the state of Texas will review and score each proposal.
    o Dr. Soares inquired if adult mental health researchers could apply. Dr. Lakey responded that adult mental health researchers who focus on improving the children's mental health system in Texas should be eligible to apply.

○ Dr. Tamminga suggested an edit that the review committee should not review proposals from their own institution if it would be difficult to secure review committee members from outside of the state. Dr. Lakey expressed that he would like to try secure individuals from outside of the state first.

→ Dr. Wagner made a motion to move forward with the research proposal with minor changes as discussed. Dr. Tamminga seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

b. **Proposed Changes to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Participating Institution Agreements**

- Jonathan Lewis provided an update on PIA agreements
- Changes will be made due to the updates to the consortium's scope of work.
- Drafts will be sent out to the institutions in the upcoming weeks.
- Final PIAs will be sent out mid August.

c. **Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine Summit**

- Lashelle Inman provided an update on the first TCHATT Summit
- All teams sent their TCHATT process documents to help prepare for the summit.
- The summit is internal to TCHATT staff and operations focused with around 250 staff anticipated to attend.
- Dr. Williams will be leading some clinical sessions and the administration team will be leading some operational sessions.
- Sessions will include discussions around barriers to accessing care, referral to services pipeline and standardization for efficiency.
- Information learned from the summit can be brought back to the executive committee for a future meeting.

VI. **Presentation and updates provided by the Baylor College of Medicine in the role of the COSH relating to implementation of the COSH, and/or information provided by Health-Related Institutions relating to expansion of the PeriPAN, and expansion of the TCHATT. 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**

- Edith Ortiz presented CPAN updates from the COSH.
- CPAN call volume by year was shown
- 206 direct consults have been provided with 9 teams currently providing the consultations.
- Statewide direct consultation process is currently in development to offer direct consults by the fall
- Project ECHO Spring 2023 series just completed with a total attendance of 928 learners

- Fall Project ECHO session topics were shared
- Trayt system updates roadmap for CPAN was shared. Medication feature currently in development to be released in September 2023.
- Welnity system updates were shared. Finalizations to improvements being made to be able to edit existing resources and ensuring quality resources.

- Jenn Cole provided updates on TCHATT from the COSH
- Total students referred to TCHATT through May were 40,854, with 23,497 students served and 89,204 sessions with students
- Pilot was done with between HRIs to collaborate to refer students to a partnering HRI as waitlists and staffing issues increased. 29 referrals were shared between those HRIs
- Current Trayt updates for TCHATT were listed

b. **PeriPAN expansion**

- Dr. Wakefield presented an update on PeriPAN
- 10,690 providers currently enrolled
- 2,179 clinics are enrolled
- Trayt dashboard was shown for PeriPAN highlighting monthly consult volume, clinic staff engagement, staff roles and more.
- Graph displaying PeriPAN enrollment over time through June was shown
- 12 institutions surveyed for interest in the National Curriculum in Reproductive Psychiatry
- Link to PeriPAN webinars provided during the meeting: **https://ttuhsc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcscOqspz0oHtbRGjAxgdvfsc04iBnDZ0Jc?_x_zm_rtaid=y0bcl0MyRaaKwZGc7Bbkcw.1692574496896.6c18a24e989d2ffa4f82a10a4afa7b80&_x_zm_rhtaid=24#/registration**
- Recommendations from Lifeline for Moms were listed for PeriPAN expansion

c. **TCHATT expansion**

- Lashelle Inman presented the update on the expansion of TCHATT
- Map of TCHATT rollout status on the TCMHCC website was shown
- The governor's report through the end of May 2023 was shown.
- Change in reporting to list schools that are unresponsive to outreach as this is one of the biggest barriers with getting districts enrolled.
- 5,086 schools are active to receive TCHATT services.
- Currently 59% enrolled
- Lots of school districts will be onboarded in August when school starts back

VII. **The University of Texas System (in the role of Administrative Support Entity) Presentation of information regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Budgets for 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.**

- Jonathan Lewis presented preliminary budgets
  - FY24-25 budget request by program was shown
  - Budget request by HRI and program was shown

a. **Child Psychiatry Access Network**
  - No additional HRIs will be adding SAFETY-A for the biennium

b. **Perinatal Psychiatry Access Network**
  - PeriPAN will be expanding to all HRIs from the original 4 pilot sites
  - Cross coverage will be established to ensure service is available statewide

c. **Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine**
  - Adolescent Substance Use Disorder (A-SUD) continuing with the same 4 participating HRIs that started with the use of ARPA funds
  - Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) has 8 participating HRIs with additional funds allowing for the expansion of school districts served.

d. **Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion**
  - Currently partnering with 19 LMHAs with plans for expansion into additional LMHAs

e. **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship**
  - Positions funded by the consortium will expand
  - 10 HRIs offer fellowships

f. **Workforce Development**
  - Mental health workforce development included in all 12 HRI budgets

g. **Research**
  - Emerging researcher fund is added to the UT System budget

h **External Evaluation**

i. **Administration**
  - Budget includes contracts with the Center for Health Communication, ARPA contract administration, and internal/external evaluation teams

  → Dr. Podawiltz made a motion to approve the preliminary budget with minor adjustments based on ongoing discussions. Dr. Tamminga seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

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 August 21, 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	N
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	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	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	N
20	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	Cheryl McCullumsmith, MD, PhD	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	Y
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	Y
25	Health and Human Services Commission - mental health facilities	Scott Schalchlin	N
26	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Elizabeth Mayer	Y
27	Hospital System	Danielle Wesley	N
28	Non-profit - Meadows Policy Institute	Andy Keller, PhD	Y
29	Non-profit - Hogg Foundation	Octavio Martinez, Jr., MPH, MD	Y
30	Non-profit - Texas Mental Health Counsel	Danette Castle	Y
32	Texas Education Agency	John Scott	Y
33	Administrative Contract – University of Texas System	David Lakey, MD	Y