

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

May 19, 2025

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The University of Texas System Administration

210 West 7th Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom

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 January 27, 2025, according to the following agenda. The Chairperson will be present and preside over the meeting at the posted location.

Definitions:

ARPA– American Rescue Plan Act

CAP– Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Fellowship

COSH– Centralized Operations Support Hub

CPAN– Child Psychiatry Access Network

CPWE– Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion

CTRN– Childhood Trauma Research Network

HRI– Health Related Institution

LMHA – Local Mental Health Authority

NECMHR– New and Emerging Children’s Mental Health Researchers

PeriPAN– Perinatal Psychiatry Access Network

TCHAT– Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine

TCMHCC – Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

Trayt– Data Management System

YAM– Youth Aware of Mental Health

YDSRN– Youth Depression and Suicide Research Network

I. Call to order and roll call.

- Dr. Lakey, presiding officer of the TCMHCC, called the meeting to order.
- 23 executive committee members were in attendance. See attendance report for details.

II. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for March 31, 2025.

- Dr. Babatope made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Ibrahim seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

III. Announcement on Presiding Officer for TCMHCC Nomination at the next meeting – July 31, 2025.

- Every two years there is an election for the Presiding Officer - nominations will be sought from now until the July meeting, then the Executive Committee will vote at the July meeting.

IV. Presentations on the Budget Process/Expectations and Legislative Updates. The full Executive Committee may review, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations on the items presented.

- **Legislative Session Update**

- Dr. David Lakey gave an update on the 89th Texas Legislative Session, overviewing what the Consortium's budget ask was and what has currently been introduced.
 - We are near the end of the Legislative Session. What was introduced in HB1 is less than the requested ask. To make up for this difference, we have requested carry forward authority for the \$80,356,923 that has not been spent this biennium.
- Dr. Lakey overviewed the various riders and bills that may impact the Consortium's programming. All riders and bills are still pending final outcomes.
 - Riders:
 - Addition to the TCHATT rider: TCMHCC shall explore opportunities for third-party reimbursement for any other necessary services delivered beyond four TCHATT sessions or to address any broader needs, including through Medicaid, CHIP, a private health plan, and school-based reimbursement.
 - Proposed rider from Rep. Zwiener: New funding to implement a pilot expanding the Child Psychiatry Access Network program to include substance abuse treatment consults for pediatricians. \$2,000,000 for Higher Education Coordinating Board in FY 24 and \$2,000,000 in FY 25

- Other riders adjacent to the Consortium were shared
- HB18
 - This will be a priority bill with a focus to improve the stability of rural hospitals in the state of Texas. Many of the plans in this bill are not applicable to the Consortium, however, the bill does call for CPAN and TCHATT-like support to rural hospitals, starting with a pilot next biennium, contingent on appropriation of funding.
- HB6/SB 1871
 - Will require the Consortium to publicly post referral lists and the vetting process used for those referrals and for a list of data points to be included in the biennial report to the Legislature.
- FY2026/2027 Budget
 - Alex Vlahodimitropoulos gave an update on how budget changes from the Legislature may result in HRI budget updates and changes.

V. Presentation on Communications Updates. The full Executive Committee may review, receive, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items presented.

- Melanie Susswein gave an update on communication efforts including the promotion for the CPAN 5th anniversary on May 20. Numerous stakeholders and HRIs will be spreading e-blasts and newsletters to promote the CPAN anniversary.

VI. Presentations on Proposed Policies. The full Executive Committee may review, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations on the items presented.

- Ashley Steenberger gave an update on the TCMHCC All Programs Governance Policy and CPAN/PeriPAN Psychiatry Coverage Policy. Both policies will be brought forth at the July Executive Committee Meeting for a vote.
 - TCMHCC All Programs Governance Policy
 - This was previously a TCHATT policy that was adapted to be applicable for all programming and overviews the process for policy creation. It highlights issue identification, the steps for policy development and implementation, the process and timelines for reviewing policies and various deliverables.
 - CPAN/PeriPAN Psychiatry Coverage Policy
 - This policy documents expectations that have previously been agreed upon but not formally documented. It covers topics such as the psychiatrist's role while on shift,

expectations for requesting coverage support due to vacation, illness or a current consultation, incidences in which an HRI may request coverage support of another HRI and the process for requesting this coverage support.

- All Executive Committee members are encouraged to read over both policies and share any feedback or edits via email prior to the July meeting.

VII. Presentation on all TCMHCC Programs, to include the status of the programs, and informational items relating to Trayt. The full Executive Committee may review, receive, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed.

- Workforce
 - CPWE Program Update
 - Dr. Steve Pliska gave an update on CPWE:
 - Dr. Pliszka met with all CPWE programs to better understand progress. A summary of these presentations will be shared at the July meeting.
 - Dr. Pliszka and UTS staff are working on developing a Governance Policy for CPWE that will be brought to the CPWE Workgroup and Executive Committee soon.
 - Rachel Jew gave an update on the TCHAT LMHA Pilot.
 - LMHA and HRI participant selections were made last month, and the first Learning Collaborative Meeting took place recently. There has been great progress thus far. The Learning Collaborative will continue to meet monthly.
 - CAP Program Update
 - Dr. Adam Brenner gave an update on CAP:
 - Dr. Brenner has been meeting with the various CAP Program Directors to better understand the current work and support needed and hopes to share lessons learned at the July meeting.
- **PeriPAN Program Update**
 - Dr. Wakefield gave an update on PeriPAN.
 - There has been continued growth in enrollment, calls and direct patient consultations within PeriPAN
 - Information about the 2025 PeriPAN Webinar and Maternal Health ECHO series was shared. PeriPAN Resident Office Hours will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 12-1 CT and will build on the webinar and ECHO series. These calls are intended to offer additional support to build confidence in perinatal psychiatry, reinforce board knowledge and mentorship.
- **CPAN Program Update**

- Dr. Laurel Williams gave an update on CPAN.
 - There has been continued growth within CPAN enrollment, completed consultations and direct patient consultations.
 - The CPAN CME webinars will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting in August
 - The PCP portal is still in development
- TCHAT Program Update
 - Dr. Laurel Williams gave an update on TCHAT
 - There has been continued growth in the number of referrals to and enrollment in TCHAT as well as the number of treatment sessions and clients served.
 - Rachel Jew overviewed the TCHAT Expansion Report. TCHAT is active in almost 77% of all schools statewide representing 80% of the total student population.

VIII. Presentation on Evaluation Activities. The full Executive Committee may review, receive, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations from the items discussed and take appropriate action on items indicating a vote.

- Data Committee – presentation, discussion and vote
 - Dr. Steve Pliszka presented on the Data Dissemination and Publication Committee (DDPC) Charter and the data, presentation and publication request process.
 - Several Executive Committee Members requested changes to the charter before approval including:
 - Andy Keller requested that a non-profit Executive Committee member be added to the DDPC and that it be explicitly listed that any larger changes to policy or procedures be brought to the Executive Committee for a vote.
 - Dr. Tarek Rajji had concerns around communication review. Dr. Lakey requested Dr. Rajji, Dr. Pliszka and Nagla Elerian meet to ensure all other concerns are addressed in the updated charter.
 - Dr. Lakey requested a vote to move forward with setting up the committee with the amended structure.
 - **Dr. Pliszka made the motion to approve. Dr. Ibrahim seconded. The vote was unanimously approved to set up the data committee.**
 - The policy charter will be brought to the July meeting with Executive Committee requested updates for a final vote.
 - CPAN and TCHAT Logic Models - presentation and discussion only
 - Dr. Melissa Peskin and Dr. Lara Savas presented on the CPAN and TCHAT Logic Models.

- The Logic Models were shared during the CPAN and TCHATT Leadership Meetings for HRI feedback. These Logic Models are a roadmap that the measurement plan will build on. Teams will not be assessed based on these outcomes.
- Performance and Quality Improvement Performance Dashboards (CPAN, PeriPAN, TCHATT) – presentation and discussion only
 - Molly Lopez presented on the proposed performance and result measures.
 - The Internal Evaluation team presented these measures to HRI teams for input in April.
 - The performance dashboards are planned to be available to teams in September 2025.
 - Performance metrics are limited to a small number (4-5) and should allow for changes based on HRI action. Performance measures may change, depending on the implementation stage of the project. They will be assessed quarterly but available monthly to HRIs.
 - Proposed result metrics are intended to provide valuable insights but do not have identified goals or performance expectations.
- Logic models and performance measures will be brought to the EC in July for a vote.

IX. 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.

X. Adjournment