

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

September 29, 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 at 10:00 a.m. on September 29, 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
TCHATT– 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, introduce new members, and roll call.

- **Dr. David Lakey, presiding officer of the TCMHCC, called the meeting to order.**

- **26 executive committee members were in attendance. See attendance report for details.**
- Dr. Lakey welcomed the four new Executive Committee members. Cole Johnson (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center), Dr. Young Shin Kim (University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School), Dr. Sanjay Mathews (Texas A&M Health Science Center), and Dr. John Pogue (University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center) introduced themselves.

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

- **Dr. Karen Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Charles Nemeroff seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.**

III. Presentation and awards for flood support efforts. The full Executive Committee may review, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations on the items presented.

- **Presentation by the Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disability Center (HCMHDDC).**
 - Todd Citron, Chief Executive Officer of HCMHDDC, presented a situation report on the July 4 flooding incident and HCMHDDC's disaster response. Todd thanked Dr. Kelly Sopchak for her leadership, TCHAT clinicians for their services, and Nagla Elerian and Rachel Jew for their coordination of volunteers.
 - HCMHDDC will honor Dr. Sopchak and TCMHCC at an awards ceremony on November 18th.
- **Presentation and awards by the TCMHCC.**
 - Nagla provided an overview of TCMHCC's response to the July 4 flooding incident. Nagla thanked Consortium staff for their efforts and noted Certificates of Appreciation will be mailed to volunteers.
 - Nagla also expressed special thanks to Dr. Sopchak for her leadership. Nagla shared a poem that a member of HCMHDDC wrote acknowledging Dr. Sopchak's impact. Dr. Lakey presented Dr. Sopchak with a plaque.

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

- **Legislative Updates**
 - Rachel provided an overview of TCMHCC progress related to CPAN/PeriPAN implementation and TCHAT-like services pilot in rural hospitals and clinics (HB18), provider referral lists and TCHAT data reporting (HB6), and TCHAT billing exploration (Rider 38 (f), SB1).
- **FY26-27 Budget Updates**
 - Alex Vlahodimitropoulos noted UT System had budget meetings with all HRIs and they should expect contracts for General Revenue funds shortly.

- Alex noted that UT System will check in more regularly with HRIs regarding ARPA as the grant winds down. UT System expects to fully spend down the reward.

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

- Lainie McCorkle gave reminders about newsletters, content sharing and creation, and SharePoint materials:
 - CPAN and PeriPAN monthly newsletter content available. UT System is considering creating a TCHATT newsletter. If HRIs are developing newsletters, UT System offers support with creation.
 - TCMHCC LinkedIn and Facebook postings can be freely reshared.
 - CPAN and PeriPAN ECHOs and webinar promotional materials are available on SharePoint.
 - All new content must be submitted for a Communications review no less than 10 days before dissemination.

VI. Presentations on Proposed Policies. 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 Dissemination Policy – presentation, discussion, and vote**
 - Rachel gave an overview of the proposed policy, suggested changes, and when it will go into effect.
 - Luanne Southern asked about the purpose of Non-Disclosure Agreements for the workgroup members. Dr. Lakey noted the workgroup is intended to produce collaboration and open conversations for program improvement, so sought to specifically disallow using data for marketing, HRI comparisons, etc.
 - Luanne asked if there would be a time when TCMHCC would post similar outcome and performance data like HHSC's Mental Health and Substance Use Public Reporting System. Dr. Lakey noted we're not there yet; current focus is on using data for quality improvement purposes.
 - Dr. Lakey requested a vote to approve the policy.
 - **Dr. Peter Thompson made the motion to approve. Dr. Steven Pliszka seconded. The Data Dissemination Policy was unanimously approved.**
- **CPWE Policy – presentation, discussion, and vote**
 - Claire Niday gave an overview of the proposed policy and when it will go into effect.
 - Dr. Lakey requested an amendment for Section 3.3.1 to read "CPWE's mission is primarily to serve children and

adolescents (youth) while simultaneously providing training opportunities for residents and fellows.”

- Dr. Thompson requested an amendment for Section 3.1 to read “The CPWE Workgroup will provide oversight for the formation and maintenance of affiliation between LMHAs and other community health providers, and HRIs.
- Dr. Lakey requested a vote to approve the amendment to CPWE Policy Section 3.1.
 - **Dr. Thompson made the motion to approve. Dr. Nemeroff seconded. The amendment to Section 3.1 was unanimously approved.**
- Dr. Lakey requested a vote to approve the amendment to CPWE Policy Section 3.3.1.
 - **Dr. Lakey made the motion to approve. Dr. Nemeroff seconded. The amendment to Section 3.3.1 was unanimously approved.**
- Dr. David Lakey requested a vote to approve the full policy, as amended.
 - **Dr. Nemeroff made the motion to approve. Dr. Thompson seconded. The CPWE Policy, as amended, was unanimously approved.**
- **Promotional Items Policy – presentation and discussion only**
 - Rachel Jew introduced a new policy regarding promotional items and attire. Rachel described the policy design, HRI and Medical Director feedback process, and implementation timeline. UT System is soliciting feedback from the Executive Committee prior to the expected vote in December 2025.
 - Dr. Nemeroff asked about exclusion of research programs. Nagla explained that UTS decided to exclude because programs are governed by Institutional Review Boards.
 - Brittney Nichols addressed the stipulation of Medical Director purchasing. Dr. Lakey clarified TCMHCC Medical Directors not HRI Medical Directors.
 - Brittney asked if the policy includes general giveaways, like providing more expensive items as a type of award. Dr. Pliszka suggested a clause with a special request process for use of items over \$5, with approvals granted on case-by-case basis.
 - Dr. Pliszka asked about how bulk items are identified. Nagla explained and shared about apparel.
 - Dr. Sarah Wakefield shared context from Medical Director conversations leading to this policy. The policy supports cohesive branding as a whole Consortium.
 - Sue Schell requested clarification on her summary understanding. Dr. Lakey clarified that if an HRI has items on the prohibited list, don't distribute regardless of stock.

Nagla clarified apparel for staff can be co-branded with HRI logo but promotional items will only be co-branded with TCMHCC logo and Consortium-funded programs, but not include HRI logos.

- Olga Rodriguez asked why this policy is needed if all HRIs are aware of what state funds can and can't be used, and stated a concern with not allowing HRI logo co-branding. Dr. Lakey said we could further discuss this concern. Dr. Lakey wants to make sure dollars for the Consortium aren't used for HRI promotion. Olga noted that the HRI sometimes has greater influence, and it is important to consider pre-existing relationships with HRIs. Sue agrees and believes that relationships they have as an HRI is what drives people into the program.
- Dr. Wakefield described cluttered communication by using TCMHCC + multiple Consortium programs + HRI logo on items if trying to utilize the same promotional items for multiple programs and purposes. Too many logos was not helpful to communicate effectively with the community.
- Dr. Pliszka clarified that current policy specifies HRI co-branding only allowed for clothing and noted the policy needs amending if promotional items are to be co-branded.
- Dr. Lakey solicited further feedback before next Executive Committee 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. Pliska gave an update on CPWE:
 - Several new rotations created by HRIs for the new academic year.
 - Modifications to monthly report allows collection of more granular data regarding type of site and faculty/resident positions.
 - Annual placement survey is being conducted to identify graduates who remain in Texas and are pursuing community psychiatry.
 - LMHA Pilot update provided.
 - **CAP Program Update**
 - Dr. Adam Brenner gave an update on CAP:
 - Described Common CAP Didactics workgroup's progress.

- Described Common Disaster Training workgroup's proposal.
 - Dr. Lakey requested a formal proposal to review in a subsequent Executive Committee meeting.
- **CPAN Program**
 - Dr. Laurel Williams gave an update on CPAN:
 - Provided COSH year-in-review of Quality Improvement Project 2024-2025.
 - 29% increase in total volume of consultations.
 - Described Consortium-wide technology, collaboration, and education expansion progress, and how COSH supports CPAN and PeriPAN.
- **PeriPAN Program Update**
 - Dr. Wakefield gave an update on PeriPAN:
 - Described Consortium-wide communications, collaboration, and education expansion progress.
 - Annual project progress updates provided.
 - 129% increase in consultations compared to last year.
 - More than doubled total average consultations.
- **TCHATT Program Update**
 - **General Updates**
 - Dr. Williams gave an update on TCHATT:
 - Described Consortium-wide collaboration progress and how COSH supports TCHATT.
 - Project progress updates provided. Net increase in number of referrals year-to-year.
 - **ISD and School Report**
 - Rachel Jew reviewed the monthly expansion report.

VIII. Presentation on updates to Evaluation Activities. The full Executive Committee may review, and/or provide information and/or make recommendations on the items presented.

- **Data Dashboards and Quality Improvement Performance Measures**
 - Dr. Molly Lopez presented on TCHATT, CPAN, and PeriPAN presentation dashboards and slide deck templates; performance dashboards for Executive Committee-approved performance measures; and the TCMHCC Administrative Support Survey.
 - Cynthia Smith provided Salesforce updates on TCHATT data centralization; staffing app rollout; and transitioning progress reports, Project Change Requests, and performance measures reports to the platform.
- **Data Dissemination and Publication Committee**
 - Dr. Pliszka shared that the committee is up and running. The Committee will review 2 submissions in October.

IX. Presentation on updates to the Research efforts. The full Executive Committee may review, and/or provide information, and/or make recommendations on the items presented.

- **CTRN**
 - Dr. Nemeroff provided project progress, data, publication, and grant updates. Dr. Nemeroff noted the network has been very productive.
- **YDSRN**
 - Dr. Wakefield provided project progress, data, publication, and grant updates.
- **NECMHR Grant**
 - Nagla reviewed awardees listed on the TCMHCC website.
- **Open Discussion**
 - Dr. Lakey invited attendees to participate in an open discussion regarding research.
 - Dr. Lakey recommended promoting data dissemination to demonstrate value to the Legislature; Dr. Nemeroff and Luanne agreed.
 - Dr. Sarah Martin suggested YDSRN consider recruitment improvements for rural populations. Dr. Wakefield agreed with the limitations and the need to explore rural strategies.

X. 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.

XI. Adjournment

Attendance List

Executive Committee Member	Institution / Organization	Attended?
Alcides Amador, MD	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Y
Andy Keller, PhD	Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	N
Brittney Nichols, MBA, LPC-S	The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center	Y
Charles Nemeroff, MD, PhD	The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School	Y
Cole Johnson, JD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Y
David Farmer, PhD, LPC, LMFT	The University of North Texas Health Science Center	Y
David Lakey, MD	The University of Texas System	Y
Diana Chapa, MD	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	N
Elizabeth Mayer, MPAff	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Y
Hicham Ibrahim, MD	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Y
Jair Soares, MD, PhD	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Y
John Pogue, MD	The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center	Y
John Scott	Texas Education Agency	N
Karen Wagner, MD, PhD	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Y
Laurel Williams, DO	Baylor College of Medicine	Y
Lee Johnson, MPA	Texas Council of Community Centers	N
Luanne Southern, MSW	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	Y
Melissa Defilippis, MD	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	N
Nathan Maxwell, Ed.D.	Region 16 Education Service Center	N
Nekesha Oliphant, MD	The University of North Texas Health Science Center	Y
Octavio Martinez, Jr., MD, MPH	Hogg Foundation for Mental Health	Y

Olga Rodriguez	Texas A&M University Health Science Center	Y
Peter Thompson, MD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Y
Rene Olvera, MD, MPH	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Y
Sanjay Mathew, MD	Texas A&M University Health Science Center	Y
Sarah Martin, MD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	Y
Sarah Wakefield, MD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Y
Scott Schalchlin, JD, M.Ed.	Texas Health and Human Services Commission	N
Steven Pliszka, MD	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Y
Sue Schell, MA	Children's Health	Y
Taiwo Babatope, MD, MPH, MBA	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Y
Tarek Rajji, MD	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	N
Trina Ita, MA	Texas Health and Human Services Commission	N
Wayne Goodman, MD	Baylor College of Medicine	Y
Young Shin Kim, MD, MS, MPH, PhD	The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School	Y