

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

March 30, 2026

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 March 30, 2026 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, introduce new members, and roll call.

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

II. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for February 2, 2026.

A. Dr. Ibrahim made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Pliszka seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

III. TCMHCC Budget and Legislative Updates. The full Executive Committee may review, provide information, make recommendations, and/or take appropriate action on the items presented.

A. Legislative Bills Update - An update was given on three legislative bills:

- HB 18 (expand access of TCHAT and CPAN to rural hospitals & clinics) – meeting next week with CPAN/PeriPAN staff to announce changes; in April will be hosting webinars for hospital admin and expect to go live in early May, outreach planned for rural clinics and they are currently able to access; webinar to clinics is also planned; technology changes are underway for TCHAT; internal webinar planned for CPAN & TCHAT staff
- HB 7 (resource sharing) – a more detailed presentation on this policy will be given later in the meeting
- Third party billing – preliminary findings will be shared with executive committee members in a few weeks. The goal is to complete this by the end of the year then share it at a committee meeting.

Additional Comments: The Lt. Governor issued his interim charges which include continued monitoring of the consortium

B. FY26-27 Budget Updates – HRIS are working on their FY 27 rebudgeting exercise and FY 28/29 initial budget request; both due April 1. The consortium will submit its budget request by mid-summer to LBB. ARPA will be ending August 31, 2026, see emails from Alex related to this topic. Contact Alex for more information or questions.

IV. Presentations on the following items. The full Executive Committee may review, receive, provide information, make recommendations, and/or take appropriate action on items presented.

- A. Communication Updates – Thanks the teams for submitting reviews on time with plenty of lead time. Materials available on SharePoint include CPAN/PeriPAN certificate and related log for tracking and an outreach plan.
- B. Proposed Resource Sharing Policy – (see PowerPoint presentation for full details). This was shared with members prior to the meeting and will be come back to the committee for a final vote in June. The presentation included the following: a summary of the policy, guidelines and key changes. Currently, this is open to feedback from EC members. Send questions or comments to Ashley.

- C. TCMHCC Programs, including the status of the programs, and informational items relating to Trayt.
1. Workforce Updates
 - a. CPWE Program Update (see PowerPoint presentation for full details) – The presentation included a breakdown of position types between LHMA and non-LHMA through January 2026; 2.23 average visits per patient through February 2026; across non-LHMA partnerships there have been 5,700 with unique patient visits with an average of 950 unique patients, with 80 monthly visits over time. The TCHAT referral to LMHA pilot program is coming to an end. Early findings include – number of children needing referral was less than expected; family not responsive when LHMA reached out. This topic will be presented in more detail at the TCHAT Summit in June.
 - b. CAP & OWE Program Update – a series of four seminars this year that will launch in August; quarterly meeting this week with CAP fellowship will discuss the interest in more growth and stipends; disaster preparedness training, ppt is ready to go and has been vetted will be reaching out to group to offer training.
 2. PeriPAN Program Update (see PowerPoint presentation for full details) – currently OB/GYN enrollment is at 1330, called only once has stabilized and increase in calling multiple times; physicians most likely caller of PeriPAN, total consultations by calendar year higher volume in December and January, and average has increased to 269, total consultants 24 and 25; to date, physicians account 69% of unique PeriPAN users; update provided on the following projects: pathways launch, DPC Process standardization, PSI Conference, BWTX and toolkits.
 3. COSH and CPAN Program Updates (see PowerPoint presentation for full details) – consultation volume as of Feb 28, 2026: 66612 completed consults, 55625 patients served, 98.4 % response within 30 minutes, 3.43 median response time/minutes; average monthly consultation continuing to increase; 38 % of calls are directed to psychiatry; provided update on projects: CPAN/PeriPAN dashboard improvements; direct consult dashboard improvements; DPC assessments; CPAN/PeriPAN automating displays of HRI contribution to consults; Experience surveys; welnity improvements, CPAN CME enduring materials, spring CPAN CME
 4. COSH and TCHAT Program Update (see PowerPoint presentation for full details) – referral rate continues to increase: 4607 referrals in February; most in TCHAT are using a therapist vs psychiatry; provided update on projects: trayt training materials; presentation workgroups; HB 18 implementation; HER implementation, Third party billing, TCHAT Summit
 5. TCHAT Governor's Report Update – As of Feb 28, 2026: TCHAT program active in more than 7,527 schools (83% of public student population in Texas), continued growth in TCHAT by student enrollment and school participation, top reason for school declining TCHAT is existing mental health services.

D. Data and Evaluation Activities

1. Data Dissemination and Publication Committee Update – approved items for External Evaluation team, Dr. Wagner, Dr. Mitchell, and NECMHR project
2. Internal Evaluation Update – presentation included: new team member joined, Salesforce enhancements continue, updates to data dashboards
3. External Evaluation Update (see PowerPoint presentation for full details) – Updates on PeriPAN interviews, TCHATT school liaison survey, CPWE Trainee Survey & Logic Model, and FY 25 Individual HRI Reports

E. Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin Presentation on TCMHCC Integration Across Clinical Programs (see PowerPoint presentation for full details) – Discussed the integration overview covering all stakeholders with a lot of overlap between programs, which support each other and understanding alignment between teams/programs; overview of organization structure starts with TCMHCC clinical & admin leadership, with monthly strategy meeting to discuss opportunities for integration, plus includes communication and outreach teams; referral team supports CPAN/PeriPAN, TCHATT, YAM, and welnity; has community presence with LHMA's and other community partners; CAPs provide services across programs; discussed detailed workflow from TCHATT to CPAN, CPAN to TCHATT, TCHATT to CPWE; established regular meetings with hospitals to provide information on programs

V. 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.

VI. Adjournment

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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	Y
Elizabeth Mayer, MPAff	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	N
Hicham Ibrahim, MD	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Y
Jair Soares, MD, PhD	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	N
John Pogue, MD	The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center	Y
John Scott	Texas Education Agency	Y
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	Y
Luanne Southern, MSW	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	N
Melissa Defilippis, MD	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	N
Nathan Maxwell, Ed.D.	Region 16 Education Service Center	Y
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	N
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	Y
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	Y
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