

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

June 8, 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 June 8, 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
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.**
- **27 executive committee members were in attendance. See attendance report for details.**

II. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for March 30, 2026.

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

III. Presentations on the following agenda items. 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 the following legislative bills: HB 18, HB 6, and third-party reimbursements.

B. Budget Updates – In the process of rebudgeting the second year (FY 27) of the current biennium while preparing the FY 28-29 budget request. FY 27 begins Sept 1 and staff will continue to refine it as needed.

1. Review Budget Process – vote

The proposed action for a vote: Approve FY 28-29 budget request based on HRI budget meetings and information submitted by HRIs thus far so that it can be added to the Legislative Appropriations Request for the Higher Education Coordinating Board, then submitted to Legislative Budget Board by the fall deadline; then come back in the HRIs to refine the 28-29 budget request as needed. Due to deadlines, the budget will be submitted without approval by the Executive Committee, however an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Dr. Nemeroff made a motion to approve the submittal of the FY28-29 budget as described above. Dr. Ibrahim seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Communication Updates

New communication materials for TCHAT and CPAN/PeriPAN are available on Sharepoint. Reminder to review the promotional materials policy before submitting items.

D. Resource Sharing Policy – vote

Reviewed changes made to resource sharing policy, which were presented during the March meeting. Once the policy is approved, it will be implemented. The motion for a vote: approve the changes to the resource sharing policy.

Dr. Nemeroff made a motion to approve the resource sharing policy. LuAnn Southern seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. TCHAT Policies (*Note: The presentation of this item began with item E. 2 and followed with E. 1*)

Provided an overview of three TCHATT policies, which are required to be reviewed biannually according to consortium governance rules. Changes were made all three policies: School Outreach & Enrollment Policy, Services & Discharge policy and Summer Referral Policy which will be presented in item E. 2. EC members should have received changes to the policies along with feedback from HRIs and medical directors. EC members can provide feedback prior to the formal approval of these changes at the August meeting. If approved, these changes will be implemented in August. See PowerPoint presentation for full details.

1. TCHATT Summer Referral Policy – vote

The policy change presented for a vote: During the summer break, HRIs may accept direct referrals from patients/guardians of students of active TCHATT schools, if the parents/guardians are unable to obtain a timely referral from their school liaison.

Dr. Nemeroff made a motion to approve the TCHATT Summer Referral Policy. Dr. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. TCHATT School Outreach & Enrollment, Referrals & Enrollment, and Services & Discharge Policy Updates. (See PowerPoint for full details)

F. TCMHCC Program Updates:

1. Workforce

a. CPWE Program Update

The update covered the following: documenting how much patient care is delivered through CPWE program, not all LHMA patient activity is captured, goal is to work with group to develop a new report for better accuracy. (See PowerPoint for full details.)

b. CAP & OWE Program Update

The update covered the following: Texas Medical School's collaborative event scheduled for August 25 from 6 – 7:15 CST on the introduction of child and adolescent psychiatry; the shared CAP didactics quarterly meetings (Aug 7, Nov 17, Feb 9, April 16); disaster psychiatry didactics will be held on Aug 11, Aug 21, and Sept 15. For OWE, concluded initial meetings with other workforce programs and continue with quarterly affinity groups: professional counselors, psychologists, and social workers.

2. PeriPAN Program Update

The update covered the following: continued increased enrollment OBGYNS, consultation volume continued to increase, more than

half of calls going to psychiatrist, direct patient consultations continue to grow; Pathways Implementation Update. (See PowerPoint for full details)

3. COSH and CPAN Program Update

The update covered the following: consultations continue to increase with April 2026 the highest month ever, to date more than 70,000 completed consultations, 2/3 of calls being handled by non-psychiatrist which reflect national average, direct patient consultations continue to increase over time; updates on upcoming projects/provider portal. (See PowerPoint for full details)

4. COSH and TCHATT Program Update

The update covered the following: 134,902 current referrals, enrollment continued to increase, and project updates on presentation workgroups, HB 18 implementation, Summit, Welnity and operational efficiency. (See PowerPoint for full details)

5. TCHATT Governor's Report Update

The update is based on data as of May 31, 2026 and covered the following: TCHATT is active in 7,564 schools, 347 schools are in onboarding status and 309 have planned implementation dates, TCHATT continues to have an upward growth trend, top reason school decline services is that the school already has mental health services. (See PowerPoint for full details)

G. Data and Evaluation

1. Dissemination and Publication Committee Update

The update included a list of committee approvals since February 2026. (See PowerPoint for full details)

2. External Evaluation Update – CPWE Logic Model

The update included the following: a schematic of the logic model that guided the evaluation planning for the CPWE program. It detailed inputs, activities, outputs, short-term outcomes, intermediate outcomes and long-term outcomes. (See PowerPoint for full details)

3. Internal Evaluation Update

a. CPWE and CAP Performance Measures

The update included the following: difference between performance measures vs observational measures; a timeline for review of performance measures which includes a vote in August by the EC and performance dashboards available in September 2026, a list of the four proposed performance measures for CPWE and one proposed performance measure for CAP Fellowship. (See PowerPoint for full details)

b. CPAN, PeriPAN and TCHATT Updated Measures

The update included a similar timeline as described above, a list of three proposed performance measures for CPAN/PeriPAN and three draft proposed measures for TCHATT. (See PowerPoint for full details)

c. LMHA Pilot Evaluation Findings

The update included an overview of the TCHAT and LMHA/LBHA pilot and its goal, participants, methods and dates of the pilot; a list of the four core findings and recommendations. (See PowerPoint for full details)

H. New and Emerging Child Mental Health Researchers Grant Update

The update included the funding cycle for NECMHR noting that the FY 28-29 awards are contingent on the upcoming legislative session, the focus of these grants, the types of grants, eligibility, research priorities based on agencies and groups, cross institutional mentorships. The draft timeline includes beginning with informational sessions in July and August and conditional award full applications invitations in October and application deadline in February 2027, conditional in July 2027. Discussion items included grant priorities, modeling NECMHR after NIT T-35 program, recommended changes to NECMHR. (See PowerPoint for full details)

I. UT Health San Antonio proposed Disaster Response Training and Deployment Hub – vote

The presentation included an overview of standardized training, rapid deployment, and evidence & evaluation; the challenges and opportunities; the experience of UT Health San Antonio in community disaster treatment and training, the proposed scope of the UT Health San Antonio as the lead HRI role, implementation timeline, key deliverables both annually and post response.

The motion for a vote: UT Health San Antonio requests formal designation as the Lead Health Related Institution responsible for overseeing and coordinating disaster response training and deployment activities across the TCMHCC – under the direction of TCMHCC administration in coordination with TDEM and HHSC.

Dr. Nemeroff made a motion to approve UT Health San Antonio as the lead HRI for disaster response training and deployment across the TCMHCC. Dr. Pliszka seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

IV. 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.

V. Adjournment

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Attendance List

Executive Committee Member	Institution / Organization	Attended?
Alcides Amador, MD	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	N
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	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	N
Lee Johnson, MPA	Texas Council of Community Centers	Y
Luanne Southern, MSW	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	Y
Melissa Defilippis, MD	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Y
Nathan Maxwell, Ed.D.	Region 16 Education Service Center	Y
Nekesha Oliphant, MD	The University of North Texas Health Science Center	N
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	N
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