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<p>II. Recognitions and Introductions (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Whereas, the Novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19 presented as a statewide pandemic in March 2020, prompting the Governor to issue a statewide Disaster Declaration Proclamation; and,</p> <p>Whereas, later in the month of March 2020 COVID-19 appeared in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice patient population; and,</p> <p>Whereas, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch Correctional Managed Care nursing staff and bed-side caregivers have since that time logged over 5 million patient encounters, including providing twice daily rounding to patients in medical isolation and medical restriction; and,</p> <p>Whereas, the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (CMHCC), the CMHCC Joint Medical Directors and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Health Services Division wish to gratefully acknowledge the contributions and steadfast care provided to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice patient population; and,</p> <p>Therefor be it Resolved, that the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, the CMHCC Joint Medical Directors and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Health Services Division present this resolution as an expression of our sincere appreciation for the Correctional Managed Care nursing staff and bed-side caregivers in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch for their professionalism, dedication and outstanding service to the patients of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.</p> <p>Presented this 22nd day of March 2021 by the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, the CMHCC Joint Medical Directors and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Health Services Division.</p>		

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<p>III. Approval of Consent Items - Dr. Greenberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of Excused Absences - Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2020 - Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report - University Medical Directors Reports - Summaries of CMHCC Joint Committee / Work Groups Activities 	<p>Dr. Greenberg next moved on to agenda item III Approval of Consent Items.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg stated that the following five consent items would be voted on as a single action:</p> <p>The first consent item was the approval of excused absences from the December 9, 2020 meeting – Dee Budgewater</p> <p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting. Dr. Greenberg asked if there were any corrections, deletions or comments. Hearing none, Dr. Greenberg moved on to the third consent item.</p> <p>The third consent item was the approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 First Quarter TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report. There were no comments or discussion of these reports.</p> <p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY 2021 First Quarter University Medical Director’s Reports. There were no comments or discussion of these reports.</p> <p>The fifth consent item was the approval of the FY 2021 First Quarter summary of the CMHCC Joint Committee/Work Group Activities. There were no comments or discussion of these reports.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg then called for a motion to approve the consent items.</p>		<p>Dr. Jeffrey Beeson made a motion to approve all consent items, and Dr. Cynthia Jumper seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>IV. Update on Financial Reports - Rebecca Waltz</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg next called on Ms. Rebecca Waltz to present the financial report.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz reported on statistics for the First Quarter of FY 2021, as submitted to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). The report was submitted in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, Article V, Rider 43. Details of Ms. Waltz report may be found in Tab B of the CMHCC agenda book and are also posted on the CMHCC website.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz answered that a major driver is the reduced population. When your population is reduced, it reduces your denominator, however since your numerator doesn't decrease that results in an increase in the cost per day.</p>	<p>Mr. Johnson asked about the costs per inmate per day increasing 8.8% and what the driver for that is.</p> <p>Dr. Burruss stated in addition to that it appears that the most expensive patients have not dropped significantly. The overall population decreased by 15% but the over 55 population only decreased 6%. It would seem the cost per day is going to increase.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum stated that there is a large percentage of the over 55 population that are sex offenders and/or G3 inmates who have committed aggravated offenses involving a weapon. So, these inmates are not likely to be paroled as they are not likely to be eligible.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked if intake from county facilities to TDCJ has resumed.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum answered there has been a ramp up and she believes that they are between 750-1,000 intakes per week. Historically there were about 66,000 intakes annually.</p>	

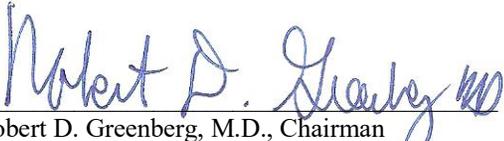
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<p>V. Medical Director’s Updates -TDCJ – Health Services Division FY 2021 First Quarter Report - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Waltz and then called on Dr. Linthicum to present the FY 2021 First Quarter TDCJ Medical Director’s Report.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum began by explaining that the Managed Health Care statute 501.150 requires TDCJ to do four things statutorily; ensure access to care, conduct periodic operational reviews or compliance audits, monitor the quality of care and investigate health care complaints. The Medical Director’s Report is a summary of those activities and may be found in Tab C of the CMHCC agenda book and is also posted on the CMHCC website.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum next reported on TDCJ’s response to winter storm Uri. There was a massive preparation effort made prior to the storm which included dispensing food, water, fuel and winter clothing to facilities and the agency continued to resupply as needed during the storm. During the storm 25 facilities experienced power issues and 33 experienced water issues. Some medically vulnerable patients who were impacted by the storm, were moved to other facilities. Facility staff stayed onsite to assist in repairs. Generators and water tankers were used, and fortunately there was also a large reserve of bottled water. Dr. Linthicum reported that there were lots of challenges, but they made it through by pulling together and getting things done.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum next gave an overview of the COVID-19 vaccine administration. As of the morning the total allocation of vaccine was 30,500 doses allocated to 91 TDCJ facilities and there were 9 facilities that had not yet been allocated vaccine. Texas Tech allocations were 5,100 and they had administered 3,652 doses. UTMB had been allocated 22,500 and they had administered 15,025. Currently vaccines are being provided to staff and inmates age 65 and over or 16 and older with a chronic medical condition and all frontline staff, including the staff at the 9 facilities that have not received an allocation.</p>		

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<p>V. Medical Director's Updates (cont.) - Dr. Linthicum</p> <p>- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Dr. Denise DeShields</p> <p>- University of Texas Medical Branch - Dr. Owen Murray</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum answered they are hopeful. They have to take direction from the state leadership. In the initial applications all inmates and staff were included.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum answered that is determined by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Although for the population served it would be much easier to administer a one dose vaccine as opposed to a two-dose vaccine.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Linthicum and then called on Dr. Denise DeShields to present the report for TTUHSC.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields reported the efforts to manage winter storm Uri in the Texas Tech sector. They maintained essential personnel only from Monday, February 15th to Friday, February 19th. Routine clinic appointments were suspended, while critical care was continued. There were no delays in emergency or hospital related care and all freezer storing vaccine were checked to ensure power and each had a generator backup. Despite all of that, there were 2 units who experienced power outages and three units that experienced both power and water outages. At the Smith Unit, they experienced a power outage and subsequent generator outage. Fortunately, they were able to quickly identify staff and inmates and administer vaccines so that there were no wasted vaccine doses.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields reported 72% of the vaccine allocated in the Texas Tech sector has been administered.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. DeShields and then called on Dr. Murray to present the report for UTMB.</p> <p>Dr. Murray introduced Dr. Stephanie Zepeda to give an update on the COVID-19 vaccine registration process.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked if there has been a decision as to when all inmates will become eligible for the vaccine.</p> <p>Dr. Burruss asked if they were going to receive the J & J one dose vaccine.</p>	

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<p>V. Medical Director's Updates (cont.) - Dr. Murray</p> <p>VI. Overview of the CMHCC Joint Dental Working Group and Correctional Dentistry - Dr. Cecil Wood</p>	<p>Dr. Murray thanked Dr. Zepeda and then reported that during winter storm Uri, UTMB followed suit with TDCJ as far as closures. In Galveston they lost water pressure. This effected not only Hospital Galveston, but the entire hospital campus. They began evacuation discussions should the situation worsen. Fortunately, it was not necessary, and the local water authority was able to get the pressure back up. The dialysis patients were moved to Carol Young to receive their dialysis treatment. Dr. Murray stated these times of crisis are always challenging, but the partnership between the three agencies always allows us to get things done and get through.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Murray and then called on Dr. Cecil Wood to begin the presentation; Overview of the CMHCC Joint Dental Working Group and Correctional Dentistry.</p> <p>Dr. Wood began with an overview of the Joint Dental Working Group. Membership consists of him, TTUHSC Managing Dental Director, Dr. Manuel Hirsch, TDCJ Director Office of Dental Quality & Contract Compliance, Dr. Billy Hirsch, UTMB Director of Dental Services and the administrative support for the working group is provided by Pam Myers, UTMB Dental Hygiene Program Manager. Others are invited to participate as warranted. This would include regional dental directors, specialty coordinators and other discipline representatives and/or subject matter experts.</p>	<p>Dr. Zepeda reported the registration process was quite extensive. Each location had to be registered separately through DSHS and included the number of healthcare staff, correctional officers and high-risk patients. Each location was then considered one by one. The initial registration process took a couple months. Dr. Zepeda reported that once registered, vaccine requests could be submitted and once submitted it takes about a week and a half to receive the vaccine, if approved. As the vaccine has become more readily available, those criteria for who can be vaccinated has been expanding.</p>	

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<p>VI. Overview of the CMHCC Joint Dental Working Group and Correctional Dentistry (cont.) - Dr. Wood</p>	<p>Dr. Wood stated the goal of the dental program is to provide timely and appropriate dental care within the scope of standards and policy. The Joint Dental Working Group is scheduled to meet in person bi-monthly. The Joint Dental Working Group began meeting weekly via Zoom in April 2020 to address the rapidly evolving pandemic and its impact on delivery of dental services, such as the restrictions on aerosol generating procedures.</p> <p>Dr. Wood reported the functions of the Joint Dental Working Group are to provide oversight of the dental program to ensure regulatory and community standard of care is provided for the TDCJ inmate population, policy development, review and revision, clinical audit reports including TDCJ Operational Review and Dental Quality of Care Audits, ACA accreditation findings and reports, University Quality Assurance Audits and Monthly Audits and reports of each facility.</p> <p>Dr. Wood reported on key policy, process and project development implemented by the Joint Dental Working Group. Standards of acceptable delay in care reduced: Level II Interceptive Care reduced from 180 days to 60 days and Level III Routine Care reduced from 180 days to 90 days. Universal procurement of digital equipment including panoramic equipment at all intake facilities and intra-oral equipment in all facility clinics by September 2021. Air filtration/purification systems will be in all facility clinics by September 2021. These systems have the ability to eliminate or reduce particular contaminants of aerosol generated procedures by over 99%.</p> <p>Dr. Wood next went over dental staffing as of January 2021. The vacancy rate for UTMB is 7% for dentists and 0% for registered dental hygienists. For TTUHSC it is 10% for dentists and 4% for registered dental hygienists. The combined total is 7.75% for dentists and 1.32% for registered dental hygienists and 5.87% for all dental positions in both sectors.</p>		

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<p>VII. Public Comments - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>VIII. Adjourn</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Wood and then noted that in accordance with the CMHCC policy, during each meeting the public is given the opportunity to express comments. No public members requested to address the committee at this meeting. Dr. Greenberg next moved on to meeting adjournment.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg next called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting. Dr. Greenberg announced that the next CMHCC meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2021 in Conroe, Texas.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.</p>		<p>Dr. Burruss made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Jumper seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>


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 Correctional Managed Health Care Committee

June 24, 2021
 Date