

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

March 23, 2022

- Chairman:** Robert D. Greenberg, M.D.
- CMHCC Members Present:** Lannette Linthicum, M.D., CCHP-A, FACP, Michelle Erwin, Cynthia Jumper, M.D., Phillip Keiser, M.D., Jeffrey Beeson, D.O., Preston Johnson, Jr., John Burrell, M.D.
- CMHCC Members Absent:** Erin Holt, LPC
- Partner Agency Staff Present:** Bobby Lumpkin, Rebecca Waltz, Natasha Mills, Renee Warren, Lora Pace, Chris Black-Edwards, Jennifer Gonzales, Ashley Cameron, Ashley Adkins, Jewel Archie, Michael Rutledge, Renee Russell, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); Denise DeShields, M.D., Carrie Culpepper, Will Rodriguez, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC); Owen Murray, D.O., Ryan Micks, Anthony Williams, Kelly Coates, Joseph Penn, M.D., Olugbenga Ojo, M.D., Emily Mielsch, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)
- Others Present:** Margaret Wang, M.D., Metrocare Services
- Location:** UTMB CMC Offices, 200 River Pointe Drive, Suite 200 (Training Room), Conroe, TX 77304

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<p>I. Call to Order - Dr. Robert Greenberg</p> <p>II. Proposed Location of Future Meetings</p>	<p>Dr. Robert Greenberg called the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (CMHCC) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. then noted that a quorum was present, and the meeting would be conducted in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg acknowledged that all wishing to offer public comment were instructed to register prior to the meeting and would be allowed a three-minute time limit to express comments. There were no public members registered to address the committee or offer public comment.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg welcomed and thanked everyone for being in attendance.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg introduced discussion regarding the venue for future meetings.</p>		<p>CMHCC unanimously voted to hold future meetings in Conroe unless otherwise notified.</p>

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III. Recognitions and Introductions - Dr. Greenberg	<p>Dr. Greenberg called on Dr. Owen Murray who recognized Dr. Jane Leonardson, Chief Medical Information Officer, UTMB CMC. Dr. Leonardson is board-certified in Clinical Informatics and Internal Medicine and has been with UTMB CMC for 26 years. Her outstanding performance has been instrumental in elevating the TDCJ's Electronic Health Record (EHR) to the highest standard across the medical community. The committee expressed its gratitude to Dr. Leonardson for her accomplishments and unwavering dedication and wished her well in her continued endeavors.</p>		
IV. Approval of Consent Items - Dr. Greenberg	<p>Dr. Greenberg next moved on to agenda item IV, approval of Consent Items.</p>		
	<p>Dr. Greenberg stated that the following five consent items would be voted on as a single action:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of Excused Absences 	<p>The first consent item was the approval of excused absences from the December 8, 2021 meeting – Dr. Jeffrey Beeson, Ms. Michelle Erwin, Mr. Preston Johnson, Jr., and Dr. John Burress.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2021 	<p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting. Dr. Greenberg asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or comments. Hearing none, Dr. Greenberg moved on to the third consent item.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report 	<p>The third consent item was the approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 First Quarter TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University Medical Directors Reports 	<p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY 2022 First Quarter University Medical Director's Reports. There were no comments or discussion of these reports.</p>		

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>- Summaries of CMHCC Joint Committee / Work Groups Activities</p> <p>V. Update on Financial Reports - Rebecca Waltz</p>	<p>The fifth consent item was the approval of the FY 2022 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. Greenberg next called on Ms. Rebecca Waltz to present the financial report.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz presented the Financial Report on Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) for the First Quarter of FY 2022, 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 responded that in the first year of the biennium, typically around the second quarter, a request is made for a spend forward from the next year to cover the shortfall for previous year. When in session, a supplemental appropriation is requested to cover the shortfall.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Waltz and opened the floor for questions. There were no further questions.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked to be reminded of how legislative funds are appropriated.</p>	<p>Dr. Cynthia Jumper made a motion to approve all consent items, and Dr. John Burrese seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>VI. Medical Director’s Updates -TDCJ – Health Services Division FY 2022 First Quarter Report - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg then called on Dr. Lannette Linthicum to present the FY 2022 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 asked Chris Black-Edwards, Deputy Director, TDCJ Health Services Division, to give the reported COVID-19 total figures as of 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2022 which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inmates Tested – 921,557 Inmate Positive Cases – 44,723 Inmate Active Cases – 90 Employees Tested – 389,111 Employee Positive Cases – 21,627 Employee Active Cases – 73 	<p>Dr. Philip Keiser asked how many total employees are with the TDCJ and Mr. Lumpkin replied that there are approximately 29,000. Dr. Keiser commented that having only 73 current cases out of 29,000 employees was impressive.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum said that she was proud of the efforts made by the TDCJ that have helped to keep the COVID-19 cases down and thanked Dr. Keiser, infectious disease expert, for his valuable guidance in putting in place measures to combat COVID-19.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg commented that the statistics for COVID-19 cases within the TDCJ are better than those for the free world.</p>	

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<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates (cont.) - Dr. Linthicum</p>	<p>While presenting the report of the Office of Public Health, Dr. Linthicum informs the committee of an ongoing study being done in conjunction with the DSHS TB and Hansen's Disease section and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding a unique tuberculosis TB variant found in TDCJ.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum continues with her report stating that due to COVID-19, the Peer Education program had been put on hold but is being initiated again. This program has been very successful in the education of infectious diseases and has had a positive impact in reducing infectious diseases within the TDCJ. At the end of First Quarter of FY2022, 92 units had active Peer Education programs and the number of participants continues to grow.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asks if the variant is more resistant.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum answers that it is not more resistant, rather just a unique variant.</p> <p>Ms. Black-Edwards states that annual TB testing and symptom screens are done for all inmates who have not had a previous positive test and for those whose health is considered high risk or have a high risk of exposure, they are tested more frequently.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum says that every unit has an infection control nurse and nursing supervisor that work closely with the TDCJ Health Services Office of Public Health.</p> <p>Dr. Beeson asks if both a Mantoux (PPD) skin test and an annual screen are being conducted.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum confirms that both the PPD and the annual screens are being done and that CDC guidelines are followed by TDCJ.</p>	

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<p>VI. 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 Greenberg asked if there were any questions or comments on Dr. Linthicum's report and there were none. Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Linthicum and then called on Dr. Denise DeShields to present the report for TTUHSC.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields reported that TTUHSC has administered approximately 43,000 vaccines to inmates and is an ongoing process. Within the coming weeks, TTUHSC units will be 70 to 100% up to pre-pandemic management of patients. The number of COVID-19 cases is decreasing; however, staff vacancy is increasing. It's necessary to be more flexible and innovative in how the facilities are being managed to combat the challenges of short staffing due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. DeShields and then called on Dr. Murray to present the report for UTMB.</p> <p>Dr. Murray begins his report with his agreement that staffing issues continue for UTMB also, and that the recent legislative approved increase in salary still doesn't raise the CMC pay to the level seen in the free world. Staffing across the board is seeing historic highs in vacancy rates and is impactful. Legislative support will be important during the next session.</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum asks if the previously approved staff incentives have been put into place. The response was affirmative.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg comments that there are many options given to nurses across the medical community that are offering life changing amounts of money.</p> <p>Dr. Jumper states that being innovative and flexible are the keys at present to attract staff.</p> <p>Dr. Murray agreed that staffing across the board is challenging and continues to say that being creative is important but ultimately having resources to be creative with are needed to combat the historic staffing shortages.</p>	

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<p>VII. CMHCC Joint Morbidity and Mortality Committee - Dr. Olugbenga Ojo</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Murray and then called on Dr. Olugbenga Ojo to begin the presentation on CMHCC’s CMC Joint Morbidity and Mortality Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Ojo begins by stating that everything in CMC is guided by policy. The presentation discusses TDCJ policy AD-03.29 “Procedures to be Followed in Cases of Offender Death”.</p> <p>In the event of an inmate death, the warden or designee shall be notified immediately. The next of kin is notified and the chaplain confirms if the next of kin will claim the body.</p> <p>The Joint Morbidity and Mortality Committee which consists of members from TDCJ, UTMB, and TTUHSC, was established in 1994 and reviews all inmate deaths occurring within the TDCJ. The committee will submit cases for peer review or administrative review when concerns arise.</p> <p>Predetermined key points are considered by the committee before a physician peer review or a nursing peer review are conducted. The nursing peer reviews are defined by Texas Occupations Code Chapter 303, Texas Board of Nursing Rule 217.29 and 217.20. The CMC process is governed by Policy A-06.2 Nursing Peer Review Policy.</p> <p>The 21-member CMHCC Joint Morbidity and Mortality Committee which consists of medical doctors, advanced practice providers, and registered nurses meets monthly to discuss all deaths with the cases randomly assigned. Members review standard of care and requires a consensus on cause of death and manner of death.</p> <p>Autopsy requirements are stipulated by AD 03.29 which requires that an autopsy be ordered for all inmate deaths, except deaths by execution or unless the inmate’s family objects to natural attended deaths.</p>		

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<p>VII. CMHCC Joint Morbidity and Mortality Committee (cont.) - Dr. Olugbenga Ojo</p>	<p>Dr. Ojo shared that as of February 9, 2022, there have been 298 total COVID-19 deaths. The highest causes of death from 2016 to 2020 include cancer, cardiovascular, liver disease, lung disease, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).</p> <p>Dr. Ojo ends by reiterating that the committee is excellent at what they do and then quotes Aristotle: “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, should not be an act but a habit.”</p>	<p>Dr. Jeffrey Beeson asks for more clarification regarding level two and level three cases as determined by the physician peer review and accountability.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum explains that some cases are referred just for an administrative review to the supervising physician who works with human resources (HR). In some cases when an administrative review is requested, there may be policy violations that are so egregious that an immediate administrative review is warranted.</p> <p>Another category of cases is referred to peer review. These cases are forwarded to the chairman of the peer review committee. There are multiple layers to uphold procedures.</p>	

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VII. CMHCC Joint Morbidity and Mortality Committee (cont.) - Dr. Olugbenga Ojo	Dr Greenberg thanked Dr. Ojo 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.		
VIII. Public Comments - Dr. Greenberg	Dr. Greenberg thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting. Dr. Greenberg announced that the next CMHCC meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022 in Conroe, Texas.		
IX. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.		



 Robert D. Greenberg, M.D., Chairman
 Correctional Managed Health Care Committee

 Date 6/15/2022