

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

June 15, 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., Preston Johnson, Jr., John Burrell, M.D., Brian Edwards, M.D., Julia Hiner, M.D.

CMHCC Members Absent: Erin Holt, LPC

Partner Agency Staff Present: Eric Guerrero, Rebecca Waltz, Natasha Mills, Renee Warren, Lora Pace, Ashley Cameron, Jennifer Gonzales, Jewel Archie, Michael Rutledge, Myra Walker, Alice Castleberry, PhysD, Eidi Millington, M.D., Manuel Hirsch, D.D.S., Michael Rutledge, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); Carrie Culpepper, Smiley Garcia, Lindsey Tubbs, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC); Owen Murray, D.O., Ryan Micks, Anthony Williams, Kelly Coates, Emily Mielsch, Monte Smith, D.O., Justin Robison, John Pulvino, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)

Others Present: Judi Ross, Dynavax Technologies; Cheryl Foreman, Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ)

Location: UTMB Correctional Managed Care (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. Recognitions and Introductions - Dr. Greenberg</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 two newly appointed CMHCC members:</p>		

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<p>II. Recognitions and Introductions (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Julia Hiner, M.D., assistant professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center. She is a member of the American Geriatrics Society and the Consortium on Aging, volunteers with the Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team and was previously a Second Lieutenant in the Texas State Guard - Medical Brigade. Dr. Hiner received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology from Texas State University and a Doctor of Medicine from UTMB. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Hiner was appointed to the CMHCC by Governor Abbott for a term to expire February 1, 2026.</p> <p>Brian Edwards, M.D., F.A.C.P., assistant professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) El Paso, where he also serves as the Program Director of the Internal Medicine/Psychiatry Residency Program and the Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Edwards received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with Environmental Science from the University of Western Ontario, a Master of Science in Chemistry from McMaster University, and a Doctor of Medicine from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Additionally, he completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine/Detroit Medical Center. Dr. Edwards was appointed to the CMHCC by Governor Abbott for a term to expire February 1, 2026.</p>		
<p>III. Approval of Consent Items - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>- Approval of Excused Absences</p>	<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 March 23, 2022 meeting --Ms. Michelle Erwin.</p>		

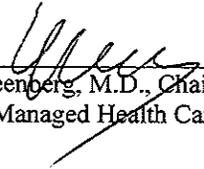
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<p>III. Approval of Consent Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Greenberg (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2022 - Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report 	<p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the March 23, 2022 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) 2022 Second Quarter TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg addressed the reported nursing figures asking for clarification. Justin Robison stated UTMB CMC has been faced with an unprecedented nursing shortage which is shared nationwide. Aggressive recruitment and stabilization strategies have been put in place resulting in the last two pay periods showing decreased vacancy rates.</p> <p>Carrie Culpepper, states that TTUHSC has implemented similar recruitment and pay increases and are also seeing the nursing staff trend toward stabilization.</p> <p>Dr. Cynthia Jumper continues saying that job descriptions are being evaluated to determine if any of the duties currently being performed by licensed nurses could be reassigned. The goal is for licensed nurses' time and skills to be used to their full potential.</p> <p>Dr. Lannette Linthicum states that aggressive consideration of options and close monitoring of the nursing situation will continue.</p>	

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<p>III. Approval of Consent Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Greenberg (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report - University Medical Directors Reports - Summaries of CMHCC Joint Committee / Work Groups Activities <p>IV. Update on Financial Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebecca Waltz 	<p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY 2022 Second 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 2022 Second 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 Second 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>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Waltz and opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg then mentions the differences of UTMB versus TTUHSC nursing encounters reported figures per offender per month. Discussion concluded with the acknowledgement that the universities are not acquiring that information the same way; however, efforts will be to unify processing between UTMB and TTUHSC.</p>	<p>Dr. John Burress made a motion to approve all consent items, and Preston Johnson seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>V. Medical Director's Updates -TDCJ – Health Services Division FY 2022 Second Quarter Report - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg then called on Dr. Lannette Linthicum to present the FY 2022 Second 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 gave an update on Gonzalo Lopez, prison bus inmate escapee on May 12, 2022, and the new measures enacted regarding routine medical transports. Texas Rangers are leading an ongoing investigation. New measures include inmate enhanced security search procedures prior to an inmate boarding a transport vehicle, additional video surveillance equipment added to transport vehicles, reevaluation of determining factors for a higher risk inmate, higher risk inmates being transported singularly, and unit medical capabilities being enhanced to reduce the number of inmates requiring medical transport.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum stated that there are approximately 2000 inmates transported daily and roughly half of those are being transported for medical reasons. The joint medical directors have been asked to explore ways to reduce the number of medical transports.</p>	<p>Eric Guerrero, Correctional Institutions Deputy Division Director, added that prior to getting on transport buses, inmates will be issued clothing to differentiate between restrictive housing inmates and inmates from the general population. Those with a security precaution designator will be transported individually. Three correctional officers will accompany each transport vehicle.</p>	

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<p>V. Medical Director's Updates (cont.) - Dr. Linthicum</p> <p>- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Dr. Cynthia Jumper</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. Cynthia Jumper to present the report for TTUHSC.</p> <p>Dr. Jumper begins by stating strategies that TTUHSC will use to reduce the need to transport inmates for medical purposes. Foremost, to increase the telemedicine for the units and this will include enhancing internet band width and fiber optics options. Further, adding after hours medical staff to reduce the need to transport to local hospitals, adding a facsimile for nursing home care is being explored to open medical bed availability in specific areas, and exploring ways for additional mobile diagnostic equipment. These measures will help decrease the need for inmates to be transported.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Jumper and then called on Dr. Owen Murray to present the report for UTMB.</p> <p>Dr. Murray begins his report with mention of his recent meeting with senate finance committee and their firm support for TDCJ to find resources to reduce transportation and funding for those efforts. Optometry is one of the UTMB largest chronic clinics and is done in Huntsville. This is one of several medical services being evaluated for moving to on site capabilities.</p> <p>UTMB will regionalize subservices care that are not feasible for telehealth and will expand those services as well as exploring possibilities of contracting them.</p> <p>Updating equipment and increasing broadband for unit facilities as well as adding trained telehealth personnel are being assessed.</p> <p>UTMB will continue to work with TDCJ in reducing the need for medical transport.</p>		

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VI. CMC Dashboard - John Pulvino, P.A.	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Murray and then called on John Pulvino, P.A. to begin the presentation on CMC Dashboard.</p>		
VII. Public Comments - Dr. Greenberg	<p>Mr. Pulvino Senior Director of Quality and Outcomes, UTMB CMC presented an overview of the CMC electronic dashboard explaining that the dashboard is an electronic interface used to acquire and consolidate data for TDCJ, UTMB, and TTUHSC jointly. Mr. Pulvino explained with examples how the CMC Dashboard provides detailed information for facilities and patients and provides real-time department productivity and key performance indicators from the Electronic Health Records.</p> <p>Dr Greenberg thanked Mr. Pulvino 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.</p>		
VIII. Adjourn	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting. Dr. Greenberg announced that the next CMHCC meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022 in Conroe, Texas.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.</p>		


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

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9/14/2022