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<p>II. Recognitions and Introductions (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>III. Chair's Report - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Dr. Robert Greenberg recognized Dr. Cynthia Jumper, Vice President of Governmental Relations and Managed Care, Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC), she was selected as the next Governor for the Texas North Region, American College of Physicians (ACP), Texas Chapter.</p> <p>Dr. Jumper will start her term as Governor-elect after the ACP Annual Business Meeting on April 10, 2024 and will take office as Governor in April 2025. As Governor, Dr. Jumper will serve as the official representative of the College for the Texas Chapter, providing a link between members at the local level and leadership at the national level.</p> <p>Dr. Cynthia Jumper recognized that Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) received their reaccreditation for the TTUHSC telehealth platform. TTUHSC received the reaccreditation from the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) International Telehealth and Remote Patient Monitoring Program through correctional health care which ensures the quality of the telehealth provided by TTUHSC.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg introduced five Texas Sunset Advisory Commission policy analyst staff members: Tejas Bommakanti, Will Bucknall, Darren McDivitt and Sadie Smeck.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg also introduced Mr. Eric Nichols, Chair of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ). Mr. Nichols was appointed to the TBCJ in January 2020.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg next moved on to agenda item III, Chair's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg discussed the dates and location of the 2024 CMHCC meetings. Dr. Greenberg inquired if the committee members were interested in meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Thursday, June 13, 2024, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, and Thursday, December 12, 2024.</p>		

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023 - Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report - University Medical Directors Reports - Summaries of CMHCC Joint Committee / Work Groups Activities 	<p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>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 FY2023 Fourth Quarter TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Reports.</p> <p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY2023 Fourth 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 FY2023 Fourth 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>V. 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 presented the Financial Report on Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) for the Fourth Quarter of FY 2023, 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. Phillip Keiser made a motion to approve all consent items and Ms. Kris Coons seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>V. Update on Financial Reports (cont.) - Rebecca Waltz</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Waltz and opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz answered yes, the 4.3% cost per inmate day increase is below inflation.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz answered that year over year the ratio between inmates age 55 and older, the total population continues to increase however, the Business and Finance Division does not typically project populations.</p>	<p>Dr. Julia Hiner asked for clarification regarding the growing number of the (CMHC) service population for inmates aged 55 and over was due to inmates aging into the 55 and over age group or if TDCJ has received an increased number older inmates entering into the prison system.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked if the cost per inmate day increase of 4.3% from FT2022 to FY2023 was below inflation.</p> <p>Dr. Phillip Keiser asked if there were any total population projections over time for the Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) service population for inmates age 55 and older.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum stated there are a number of newly arrival inmates arriving to TDCJ who are considered geriatric. Geriatric is defined as age 55 and older because the inmates physiological age is about 10 years of their chronologic age. Dr. Linthicum stated a lot of those inmates have committed 3G offenses and receive longer sentences.</p> <p>Mr. Bobby Lumpkin, Director, Correctional Institution Division, TDCJ agreed that there are inmates coming through the TDCJ intake process who are considered geriatric that have committed some 3G offenses.</p>	

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<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2023 Fourth Quarter Report (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University of Texas Medical Branch - Dr. Monte Smith <p>VII. COVID Vaccine Recommendations Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda 	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. DeShields and then called on Dr. Monte Smith to present the UTMB Medical Director's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Smith announced that UTMB is starting to see the positive impact from the state funded market adjustments for the UTMB employees that was implemented in September 2023, particularly on the nursing and mental health side. He stated UTMB is seeing an increase in hiring and applications.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Smith and then called on Stephanie Zepeda, Associate Vice President, UTMB Pharmacy Services CMC, to present an overview of the COVID-19 Vaccine recommendations update.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda began by providing an update on the vaccine availability. Dr. Zepeda stated the US government is no longer purchasing COVID-19 vaccines; therefore, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) COVID-19 Vaccination program has ended. She stated updated 2023-2023 monovalent COVID-19 vaccines are now available for private purchase in the commercial marketplace from the major drug wholesalers.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda explained that the COVID-19 burden is lower than a previous point in the pandemic, however the number of hospitalizations is increasing and further increases during the respiratory virus seasons are anticipated.</p> <p>She reported there was no preferential recommendation for the use of one COVID-19 vaccine over another i.e., Moderna (Spikevax ®), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty ®) and Novavax.</p>		

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<p>VII. COVID Vaccine Recommendations Update (cont.) - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda</p>	<p>Dr. Zepeda explained there would be a vaccination strategy that would consist of offering 1 dose updated Moderna vaccine during fall/winter respiratory illness season and communicate availability to inmates by posting educational posters on the units, targeted education at higher-risk locations (e.g., Pack, Terrell, Duncan, Jester 3) and healthcare staff will recommend COVID vaccine during vaccine clinics/encounters.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda described the Cost Projections for the first estimate of COVID vaccine doses for FY23. She stated the first estimate assumes patients that received the vaccine the last 6 months of FY23 will accept would total 2,248 number of vaccines doses at \$128.00 unit cost Moderna, the projected annual cost Moderna is \$287,744.00.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda ended the presentation by discussing some take a waypoints to include: the importance of COVID-19 vaccination as an important tool to help stop the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccines are safe, effective and side effects are generally mild. She explained that no vaccine is 100% effective, but they do provide protection against illness, hospitalization, and death and might also help protect people around them. Lastly, individuals who receive a provider recommendation overall by race and ethnicity are more likely to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda answered stating the cost projection was not a budgeted line item because cost of the COVID-19 vaccine was unknown at that time.</p>	<p>Dr. Burruss asked if the cost projection is presented as a new cost or was there already a budgeted line item for the vaccine.</p> <p>Dr. Julia Hiner asked if a survey has been completed to determine why the inmates do not want to receive the COVID vaccine.</p>	

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<p>VII. COVID Vaccine Recommendations Update (cont.) - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda</p>	<p>Dr. Zepeda answered stating she has never surveyed the inmates to determine why they do not want to receive the COVID vaccine.</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum stated the Joint Medical Directors has concerns for the large number immunocompromised population therefore, education will need to be pushed for those inmates who are in the elderly population and who are considered immunocompromised. Dr. Linthicum stated the Infection Control Nurses (ICN) on the units will provide education for those inmates who are considered high risk.</p> <p>Mr. Bobby Lumpkin suggested an educational video could be made regarding the COVID-19 vaccination and placed on the inmate's tablets; the inmates could watch the video as many times as needed.</p>	<p>Dr. Phillip Keiser made the motion to approve the recommendation of up to \$1.7 million for the purchase of 13,000 COVID vaccine doses. The motion was seconded by Dr. John Burruss which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>VIII. Public Comments - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg 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>		

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IX. Adjourn	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting. Dr. Greenberg announced that the next CMHCC meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024, in Conroe, Texas.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.</p>		



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

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