

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

March 6, 2024

Chairman: Robert D. Greenberg, M.D.

CMHCC Members Present: Lannette Linthicum, M.D., CCHP-A, FACP, Julia Hiner, M.D., John Burruss, M.D., Phillip Keiser, M.D, Cynthia Jumper, M.D, Brian Edward, M.D.

CMHCC Members Absent: Michelle Erwin, Kris Coons

Partner Agency Staff Present: Bobby Lumpkin, Oscar Mendoza, David Sweetin, Rebecca Waltz, Gloria Moore, Catina Brice, Chris Black-Edwards, Armita Bushong D.D.S., Jewel Archie, Tawona Holmes, Kelsey Kersh, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); Lindsey Tubbs, Carrie Culpepper, Will Rodriguez, Mark Prickett, Denise DeShields, M.D., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC); Owen Murray, D.O., Monte Smith, D.O., Greg Rumph, M.D., Olugbenga Ojo, M.D., Anthony Williams, Marjorie Cisneros, Emily Mielsch, Joseph Penn, M.D., University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB).

Others Present: None

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>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 must be registered 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>II. Recognitions and Introductions - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked if there were any recognitions or introductions.</p> <p>Dr. Robert Greenberg introduced Mr. David Sweetin, Director, Private Facility Contract Monitoring/Oversight Division (PFCMOD), Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Mr. Sweetin provided a brief overview of the PFCMOD.</p>		

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of Excused Absences - Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023 - 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 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> <p>The first consent item was the approval of excused absences from the December 13, 2023, meeting –Ms. Michelle Erwin.</p> <p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the December 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 FY2024 First Quarter (TDCJ) Health Services Monitoring Reports.</p> <p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY2024 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 FY2024 First Quarter summary of the CMHCC Joint Committee/Work Group Activities.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg reported errors on the Health Services Utilization Review Hospital and Infirmary Discharge Audit report for the First Quarter of FY2024(page 31 of 128 in the March 6, 2024, CMHCC agenda book).</p>		

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.)</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum responded stating all incoming inmates arriving to TDCJ will undergo a Receiving screening. Dr. Linthicum stated screenings are completed by a member of the health services staff. She stated inmates will then go through an Intake Mental Health Screening/ Appraisal process within 2-3 days. Based on the Intake Mental Health Screening/Appraisal, any inmates identified as having a history of mental illness, currently receiving treatment for a mental illness, having a history of self-injurious behavior, or any other indications of potential mental health needs will have a Mental Health Evaluation (MHE) completed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) within 14 days of identification.</p>	<p>Dr. John Burruss asked for clarification regarding the initial mental health intake screening for inmates admitted into TDCJ. Dr. Burruss asked if all inmates receive an intake screening once admitted into TDCJ.</p> <p>Dr. Burruss inquired about the results of the Mental Health Evaluation (MHE) Audit results for the First Quarter FY2024 for the Lindsey Unit. There were no (0%) MHE's completed within 14 days according to the audit for the reporting months of September, October, and November 2023. Dr. Burruss asked if a corrective action plan will be completed due to the MHE's not being completed at the Lindsey Unit.</p>	<p>Catina Brice, TDCJ, Program Supervisor V, provided the CMHCC members and guests with the corrected copy of the Health Services Utilization Review Hospital and Infirmary Discharge Audit form for the First Quarter FY2024(page 31 of 128 in the March 6, 2024, CMHCC agenda book).</p>

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.)</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum stated a corrective action plan (CAP) is required at all units scoring below 80%. She stated a detailed CAP is requested and reviewed by the TDCJ, Health Services Quality Monitoring and Compliance committee. The committee will then review all CAPs to ensure the requested details were received. Dr. Linthicum stated if the detailed documentation is not submitted, showing the inmates receiving an MHE, the committee will contact the facility to request additional detailed information. Dr. Linthicum added before the CAP can be closed out, the facility has to show documentation that a MHE was completed.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg then called for a motion to approve the consent items.</p>	<p>Dr. Joseph Penn, UTMB-CMC, Director, Mental Health Services commented that inmates arriving to TDCJ from counties jails are arriving on their "Psych" medications and are continued on their medications. He stated should they not have their MHE completed within 14 days, their "Psych" medications are continued, inmates can also submit a Sick Call Request (SCR), requesting to access mental health services. Dr. Penn stated Mental Health staff can conduct a visit with an inmate the same day of the request or the next day.</p> <p>Dr. Denise Deshields commented that an initial health screening will be completed upon the inmate's arrival within 7 days by a member of the health services staff. She stated if a patient has a mental health issue during the 7 days period, the patient will be evaluated by a mental health professional.</p>	

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<p>V. Update on Financial Reports (cont.) - Rebecca Waltz</p>		<p>Mr. Lumpkin stated during the COVID Pandemic (Spring 2020), the inmate population was at approximately 140,000 with Diversionary and Community programs. He then stated the agency saw another drop in the inmate population during the COVID Pandemic to 116,000. Mr. Lumpkin stated the inmate population is now up to 133,000.</p> <p>Dr. Burruss stated he noticed the Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) was ahead of the FY2024 budget however, the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) was somewhat behind budget for FY2024. Dr. Burruss asked what would be the rationale for the difference in budget spending between the two universities.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum answered stating there is a major difference in spending between UTMB and TTUHSC sectors. Dr. Linthicum explained that the UTMB sector receives all female inmates, provides all of the HIV and Hepatitis C management. UTMB receives all inmates who have received Solid Organs Transplants along with providing management to the majority of inmates who are receiving Cancer treatment. Dr. Linthicum stated the patient acuity level is not comparable from one side to the next. Dr. Linthicum also explained inmates who need specialty and subspecialty care are sometimes transferred from the TTUHSC sector to the UTMB sector.</p> <p>Dr. Owen Murray added that Legislature did not fund what UTMB was spending currently. He stated the spending has increased due to the inmate population increasing.</p>	

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<p>V. Update on Financial Reports (cont.) - Rebecca Waltz</p> <p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2024 First Quarter Report - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Waltz then called on Dr. Lannette Linthicum to present the FY 2024 First Quarter TDCJ Medical Director's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum began by explaining that the Correctional 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 explained there will be some upcoming changes to Fixed Assets through the Texas Comptroller Office. Dr. Linthicum then called on Ms. Rebecca Waltz to explain those changes.</p>	<p>Dr. Murray stated if Legislature would fund what UTMB is spending, the deficits would be much smaller for both UTMB and TTUHSC. He stated the increase in the inmate population growth does play a role in the spending however, it was already known at the start of the FY2024 year that UTMB would be short funded.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz answered stating all state agencies as a whole are moving into a Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel (CAAPS) System. CAPPs is hosted by the Comptroller and provides a single financials and human resources/payroll administration software solution for all state agencies. Ms. Waltz stated the TDCJ Business and Finance Division is currently showing the Texas Comptroller Office how TDCJ's accounting and purchasing system works. Ms. Waltz reported the accounting and purchasing system will be uploaded into (CAPPs) first.</p>	

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<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2024 First Quarter Report (cont.) - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p> <p>- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Dr. Denise DeShields</p> <p>- University of Texas Medical Branch - Dr. Owen Murray</p> <p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; TDCJ Estelle Regional Medical Facility - Marjorie Cisneros - Dr. Gregory Rump</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum reported Item 23 of the Dental Quality Review Audit for the First Quarter FY2024 (September, October, and November 2023), will need to be followed-up on by the TTUHSC and UTMB Dental Directors due to 9 of the facilities were not in compliance. Dr. Linthicum asked Dr. Owen Murray and Dr. Denise DeShields to follow up with the Dental Directors. Item 23 assesses if the periodontal charting and radiographic survey of remaining dentition was reviewed by the treating dentist, and if the periodontal treatment plan was updated within 30 days.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Linthicum and then called on Dr. Denise DeShields to present the TTUHSC Medical Director's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Deshields thanked Ms. Chris Black-Edwards, TDCJ, Deputy Director, Health Services Division and Ms. Cecilia Horton, TDCJ, Health Services Liaison Manager, Health Services Division for their role in identifying deficiencies related to the assessment on return to the unit on the Infirmery and Hospital Discharge audit.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. DeShields and then called on Dr. Owen Murray to present the UTMB Medical Director's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Murray confirmed all reporting information had been mentioned during Dr. Linthicum's report and he has no additional comments.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg then called on Ms. Marjorie Cisneros, Associate Vice President, Inpatient Operations, Hospital Galveston and Dr. Gregory Rump, Regional Medical Director to provide an overview of the TDCJ Estelle Regional Medical Facility.</p>	<p>Dr. Murray and Dr. Deshields both agreed to follow up with UTMB and TTUHSC Dental Directors regarding the noncompliance.</p>	

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<p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; TDCJ Estelle Regional Medical Facility (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marjorie Cisneros - Dr. Gregory Rump 	<p>Both Ms. Cisneros and Dr. Gregory Rump began by thanking the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (CMHCC) members for the opportunity to present and overview of the Emergency Department (ED) at the Estelle Unit.</p> <p>The presentation included an overview the Emergency Department (ED) at the Estelle Unit which was opened on February 1, 2023. The ED services units in the Huntsville area to include Byrd, Ellis, Ferguson, Goree, Huntsville, Holliday, Wainwright, and Wynne. The concept was to reduce offsite inmate transportation. The ED Physicians are Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and see patients at the Estelle Unit. It operates 24 hours 7 days a week. The Emergency Department has been a great accomplishment by UTMB and TDCJ. In one year, 2,123 patients have been seen with an overall success rate of 80% that did not need offsite transfer. The program emphasizes the synergy and combined effort that resulted in the creation of new and innovative services to the units.</p> <p>Ms. Cisneros answered, yes, visits does include a mixture of in-person and telehealth visits.</p> <p>Ms. Cisneros answered, no, the eight units receiving services are not all 24-hour medical units.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked if visits include both in-person and telehealth.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields asked if all eight units (Byrd, Ellis, Ferguson, Goree, Huntsville, Holliday, Wainwright and Wynne Units) are receiving services from the Emergency Department, 24-hour medical units.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum commented by identifying the Byrd Unit as the only 24-hour medical unit which is the Diagnostic Intake Facility.</p>	

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<p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; Paradigm Shift in CMC Healthcare Delivery; An Innovative Approach In Texas Prison's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marjorie Cisneros - Dr. Olugbenga Ojo 	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Cisneros and Dr. Rump. Dr. Greenberg then called on Dr. Olugbenga Ojo, Chief Medical Officer/Chief Physician Executive, TDCJ Hospital & Clinics to join Ms. Cisneros in providing an overview of the Paradigm Shift in CMC Healthcare Delivery; An Innovative Approach In Texas Prison's. The presentation will include an overview of transportation reduction initiatives and strategies within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.</p> <p>Ms. Cisneros then reported the Mountain View Laser Tattoo Initiative is scheduled to go live on April 3, 2024. She stated currently there is a Laser Tattoo removal at Hospital Galveston, where patients are currently being seen.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked Mr. Lumpkin how has the reduction in transportation impacted the number of Correctional Officers CID utilized to transport inmates to their appointments.</p> <p>Mr. Lumpkin stated the reduction in transportation strategies has positively impacted the number of Correctional Officers CID has had to put on the road along with the number of vehicles being utilized to transport inmates to their appointments. Mr. Lumpkin stated CID is still working effectively to ensure inmates are arriving to their appointments.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum commented that UTMB is wanting to have a Laser Tattoo removal program at the Estelle Unit for the Gang Renouncement and Disassociation (GRAD) program. Dr. Linthicum report there is also a Laser Tattoo removal program in the Gatesville area for female inmates who are participating in the Strength Through Restoration, Independence, Vision and Empowerment (STRIVE) program.</p>	

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<p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; Paradigm Shift in CMC Healthcare Delivery; An Innovative Approach In Texas Prison's (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marjorie Cisneros - Dr. Olugbenga Ojo 	<p>Dr. Ojo thanked TDCJ, Dr. Linthicum, Mr. Mendoza, Mr. Lumpkin and the CID Regional Directors for their assistance of the delivery of access to care for patients. Dr. Ojo stated the initiative to provide quality of care to patients has been a collaborative effort.</p> <p>Dr. Ojo responded stating yes, Geriatric services are included and are a part of the program strategies.</p> <p>Dr. Ojo agreed stating having a Geriatrician see patients by telemedicine would be a great addition and could be discussed with Dr. Linthicum.</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum thanked Dr. Owen Murray and his team for overseeing the unit-based Laser Tattoo Removal program clinics. Dr. Linthicum also commented the TDCJ Correctional Institutions Division (CID), Health Services Division (HSD), Reentry and Integration Division (RID), Private Facility Contract Monitoring/Oversight Division (PFCMOD) and the Rehabilitation Programs Division are working jointly on the Tattoo Removal process.</p> <p>Dr. Julia Hiner asked in an effort to support quality of care at low cost, is Geriatric care included in the initiatives.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum commented stating the TDCJ Duncan Unit is a Geriatric Facility. Dr. Linthicum stated inmates housed at the Duncan Unit are Geriatric inmates with the exceptions of those inmates who provide the support functions at the unit. She stated the Duncan Unit functions as a Geriatric Sheltered Housing Unit (SHU). Dr. Linthicum stated all SHUs have Geriatric inmates. Dr. Linthicum stated it would be good to have the expertise of a Geriatrician to support the Geriatric population.</p> <p>Dr. Hiner stated a Geriatrician could possibly bring down the cost of care for the Geriatric population.</p>	

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<p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; Paradigm Shift in CMC Healthcare Delivery; An Innovative Approach In Texas Prison's (cont.) - Marjorie Cisneros - Dr. Olugbenga Ojo</p> <p>VIII. Public Comments - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>IX. Adjourn</p>	<p>Ms. Cisneros answered stating transports occur between units along with medical services traveling directly to the units.</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> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting. Dr. Greenberg announced that the next CMHCC meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2024, in Conroe, Texas.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked how medical transports were being conducted between units.</p>	


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Correctional Managed Health Care Committee

Date 6/13/2024