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<p>II. Recognitions and Introductions (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>III. Chair's Report - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>In this role, Dr. Van Ramshorst serves as the lead physician for the Texas Medicaid program, which provides needed health services to over five million Texans. Dr. Van Ramshorst supervises the Office of the Medical Director, responsible for providing clinical direction and oversight of managed care and fee-for-service programs. Dr. Van Ramshorst has been in this role since February of 2019.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg announced the appointment of Mr. Tom Fordyce to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and the Windham School Board of Trustees to a term set to expire in February 2027.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg reported on the tours of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Byrd and Estelle Units, Health Services Division (HSD) and a tour of the UTMB Central Pharmacy Services attended by CMHCC members and other TDCJ staff.</p>	<p>Dr. Van Ramshorst responded, stating he was excited to be a part of the CMHCC meeting. Dr. Van Ramshorst attended the meeting in place of his colleague to learn more about the CMHCC. Dr. Van Ramshorst further explained that the intersection Texas Medicaid has with the justice system involves children and youth with Behavioral Health complexity that are in difficulty situations, where parents may sometimes feel the need to relinquish their rights. He stated the youth usually end up in the Department of Family and Protective Services custody and/or interact with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Dr. Van Ramshorst stated he was looking forward to learning more about the committee and was happy to be at the meeting as resource.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum added that Mr. Fordyce was the former Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Logistics Division (MAL).</p>	

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<p>III. Chair's Report (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg shared the following Correctional Managed Health Care Committee (CMHCC) members participated in the tours: Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Lannette Linthicum, Dr. Brian Edwards and Dr. Julia Hiner. Also participating in the tours were Ms. Chris Black-Edwards and Catina Brice with TDCJ Health Services Division, Dr. Owen Murray-UTMB CMC and Mr. Eric Guerrero, Deputy Division Director with the Correction Institution Division (CID) participated in the Byrd and Estelle unit tours.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg shared the first stop of the tour was to the TDCJ Health Services Division stating the tour of the HSD gives him a better understanding of how the TDCJ Medical Director's Report (from the Office of Health Services Monitoring) is compiled and reported by Dr. Linthicum during the CMHCC meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg then shared the group toured the Byrd Diagnostic Intake Facility where they were escorted by Warden Charles Landis and his staff. Dr. Greenberg stated they were able to observe how inmates were processed during the intake and releasing process. Next, the group traveled to the UTMB Central Pharmacy Services. Dr. Greenberg stated the Pharmacy operations was very impressive. Dr. Greenberg stated the group concluded the tour with a trip to the Estelle Unit where the group was met and escorted by Warden Michael Britt. Warden Britt escorted the group to observe the units Regional Medical Facility (RMF). Dr. Greenberg stated Warden Britt and Warden Landis did a great job during the tours.</p>	<p>Dr. Brian Edwards commented stating the tours were very helpful. Dr. Edwards agreed that touring all the cubicles and offices at the HSD does give a better understating of the Medical Director's report.</p> <p>Dr. Julia Hiner added what impressed her the most was how person centered the units were. She stated all of the staff on the units were extremely thoughtful with how they cared for the patients.</p>	

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<p>III. Chair’s Report (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>IV. Approval of Consent Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of Excused Absences - Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2024 - Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report - University Medical Directors Reports - Summaries of CMHCC Joint Committee / Work Groups Activities 	<p>Dr. Greenberg added that he was very impressed by TDCJ and UTMB staff. Dr. Greenberg stated in the future newly appointed CMHCC committee members should be offered the opportunity to visit TDCJ units.</p> <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 March 6, 2024, meeting –Ms. Michelle Erwin and Ms. Kris Coons.</p> <p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the March 6, 2024, 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 Second Quarter (TDCJ) Health Services Monitoring Reports.</p> <p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY2024 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 FY2024 Second Quarter summary of the CMHCC Joint Committee/Work Group Activities.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg then called for a motion to approve the consent items.</p>		

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.)</p> <p>V. Update on Financial Reports - Ashley Adkins</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg next called on Ms. Ashley Adkins to present the financial report.</p> <p>Ms. Adkins presented the Financial Report on Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) for the Second Quarter of FY 2024, 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. Adkins 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. Adkins and opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked if there are any projections on the inmate population.</p>	<p>Mr. Eric Guerrero, Deputy Division Director, Correctional Institutions Division (CID) answered stating TDCJ is projecting the inmate population to be at approximately 140,000-141,000 by next August 2025 and continue to increase over the next few months.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero stated they have discussed opening additional facilities across the State of Texas. The facilities are as follow: Bartlett State Jail, housing units at the Garza East Facilities where TDCJ will add 432 inmates around July 1, 2024, and another 200 around September 2024.</p>	<p>Dr. Cynthia Jumper made a motion to approve all consent items. Dr. John Burrus seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>V. Update on Financial Reports (cont.) - Ashley Adkins</p>		<p>Mr. Guerrero stated there is a Trusty Camp (W6) on the Garza East complex that will open sometime in 2025. He added TDCJ is also looking to add additional beds at the Connally Unit, Clements Unit, Telford Unit (idle beds) and locations that can intake inmates arriving to TDCJ.</p> <p>Dr. Lannette Linthicum commented that the Gurney Intake Unit will be reopening. She stated both the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) submitted action plans for the addition of those beds. Dr. Linthicum reported 5,500 new beds will be added. She stated TTUHSC will receive 504 beds at the Allred Unit, in 12 building and UTMB will receive 504 beds at Stiles Unit, in 12 building. Dr. Linthicum added the biggest challenge will be the reopening of the Bartlett Unit because the unit has been shut down since 2017.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero stated Dr. Linthicum spoke of the TDCJ “2250” prototype units and the largest building is 12 building. He stated there are currently 504 single bunk cells. Mr. Guerrero stated the TDCJ Facilities Division will be asked to add another bunk in the cells. He stated once approved; this will add 504 “cool beds” cells for each 12 building across the State.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum added the addition of the beds at Allred and Stiles Unit will have an impact therefore, each university have added Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) requests which will include additional medical staff such as: two LVNs and one RN position, Mental Health Clinician, an Advanced Practice Provider and mid-level positions for the 504 additional beds added at the Allred and Stiles Units.</p>	

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<p>V. Update on Financial Reports (cont.) - Ashley Adkins</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked what the total capacity for TDCJ is.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg then asked what the process would be should TDCJ reach capacity.</p>	<p>Mr. Guerrero answered the capacity for TDCJ is 152,000.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero answered they work closely with the TDCJ Parole Division and the TDCJ Re-Entry and Integration Division (RID) to make sure inmates are released as they become eligible.</p> <p>Dr. Cynthia Jumper asked if the CMHCC has purview over the inmates at the Operation Lone Star (OLS) units.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum answered the CMHCC only has purview over the health care of those inmates.</p> <p>Ms. Chris Black-Edwards added since we have such a robust health care program, they are able to provide the same medical care for those inmates placed in the OLS units as the inmates in the institutional divisions.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero stated there is a staffing plan for the Briscoe, Segovia and a small portion of the Lopez unit that falls under OLS.</p>	
<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2024 Second Quarter Report - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Adkins then called on Dr. Lannette Linthicum to present the FY 2024 Second 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>		

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<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2024 Second 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 - Will Rodriguez</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 reported she does not have any additional information to add to the Medical Director's report and will defer to her Administrative colleague Mr. Will Rodriguez who will provide a presentation on the technological advances that has led to transportation savings initiatives in West Texas.</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 added that he will also defer to Mr. Rodriguez who has a great presentation to share, followed by Heat Score information that will be shared by both he and Mr. Guerrero.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Murray and then called on Mr. Rodriguez, Associate Vice President & Managed Care Administrative Office for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) to provide an overview of the TTUHSC Managed Care Strategies to Reduce Patient Transportation.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez began the presentation by providing highlights of the following TTUHSC facilities. The Middleton Intake Facility conducts approximately 12,500 intake services annually and provides 24/7 Clinical Operations.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez report the Montford Psychiatric Facility and Clements Behavioral Health Facility units provide inpatient mental health services to include crisis management, acute and long-term care.</p>		

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<p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; TDCJ Estelle Regional Medical Facility (cont.) - Will Rodriguez</p>	<p>Mr. Rodriguez provided an overview of highlighted services (two surgery suites, specialty outpatient clinic, radiology, dialysis, therapies, 154 inpatient beds) provided at the Western Regional Medical Facility (WRMF) to include cost savings experienced by utilizing the surgery suites for procedures. He stated the concept to reduce offsite inmate transportation began with Virtual Care/Telehealth services in 1998.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez report TTUHSC saw an overview of growth from 2016 to current, from seeing 10,000 patients to 78,000. Roughly 11% of all visits are via telehealth with 25% being specialty care (initial/follow ups). In 2017, they expanded partnership with TTUHSC School of Medicine to provide specialty telehealth services to improve access-to-care and reduce movement in the TTUHSC sector. TTUHSC established another strategy to reduce patient transportation by implementing tele dental care after working with the legislative body to pass bills for tele dental. In addition, TTUHSC utilize “telehealth all” platform where all providers in the sector can see patients at any unit and allocate provider time based on each units need.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez answered stating there were several thousand in transports in Optometry alone. He stated he did not have the exact number but could provide the numbers to Dr. Greenberg. Mr. Rodriguez stated Dental just started, it’s a new program and they are keeping the data.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked if there were any statistics to show the number of decreased transports since implementing tele dental and Optometry.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields commented that most recently with tele dentistry in particular, there was a unit that had a dental vacancy. She stated with putting the telehealth carts in place, TTUHSC is allowed to grant remote access to a Dentist who can look at what they need to do.</p>	

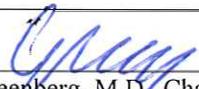
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<p>VII. Updated Health Services Clinical Initiatives; TDCJ Estelle Regional Medical Facility (cont.) - Will Rodriguez</p>		<p>Dr. DeShields explained once the Regional Dentist arrive on the units, they will not have to go through the screening process of the patients, they will know exactly what patients they need to see. She stated once the unit hires a Dentist, they can then move the telehealth carts to another unit experiencing a vacancy.</p> <p>Dr. Phillip Keiser asked how TTUHSC has validated tele dental with what the Dentist is actually seeing. He asked if there has been a chart-to-chart comparison.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields answered stating, no they have not started a chart-to-chart comparison because the program just started but the resolution of the cameras is exceptional.</p> <p>Ms. Rebecca Ramirez, Compliance & Risk Management Director for TTUHSC commented that they will be including the teledentry under the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC). She added a part of the requirement includes comparison between telehealth and traditional.</p>	
<p>VIII. Administrative Directive (AD-10.64) “Excessive and Extreme Temperature Conditions in the TDCJ” - Eric Guerrero</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Mr. Rodriguez and called on Mr. Eric Guerrero, Deputy Division Director, Correctional Institutions Division (CID), Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to provide an overview of Administrative Directive (AD-10.64) “Excessive and Extreme Temperature Conditions in the TDCJ.”</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero began by explaining AD-10.64 includes excessive and extreme conditions in both the summer months and winter months. He stated every year they communicate with the “field” their mitigation efforts for the inmate population and for the staff.</p>		

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<p>VIII. Administrative Directive (AD-10.64) “Excessive and Extreme Temperature Conditions in the TDCJ” (cont.) - Eric Guerrero</p>	<p>Mr. Guerrero stated every year in March, the Correctional Institutions Division (CID) has a statewide meeting/conference call with representatives from various divisions to discuss best practices concerning preventative care and precautions with excessive and extreme temperatures.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero stated for excessive heat, the focus is on the hottest months of the year (April 15th-October 31st) however, if there are hotter months after October 31st, they will extend their efforts past October. He stated in addition to the conference call, CID has training for correctional staff, Wardens and the inmate population yearly.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero reported every staff is provided with an Employee Information Pocket Card which is to be carried on their person while at the unit. He stated the card includes signs of heat exhaustion, signs of cool temperatures concerns, suicide prevention, the TDCJ Core Values and Mission statement. Other preventative care and precautions efforts includes the options for staff and inmates to purchase a cooling towel from the units Commissary Department. He added an unlimited amount of bottled water is provided for all staff on and off the units.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero report prior to April 15th of each year, every Regional Director is provided with a check list that is used to audit their facility addressing all mitigation that they are expected to review in cooperation with their maintenance department. The review shall include the status of HVAC units, shower temperatures, fans, ice machines, ventilation systems, exhaust fans, and respite areas throughout the unit. He added a Temperature Log is located on each unit which requires staff to document the wind chill and heat index across the state, for a 24-hour period. The warden will designate a central location to maintain the Temperature Log, the temperature is announced using the unit radio system staff and the inmate population to know the temperature outside the facility.</p>		

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<p>VIII. Administrative Directive (AD-10.64) “Excessive and Extreme Temperature Conditions in the TDCJ” (cont.) - Eric Guerrero</p>	<p>Mr. Guerrero stated inmates are allowed to wear shorts and t-shirts in dayrooms and recreational areas. He reported inmates of all custody levels are allowed to have fans. Mr. Guerrero added they ensure a fan program is in places for indigent inmates as well.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero reported temperature above 105 degrees or reaches a heat index of 113 or higher is tracked. He stated if it reaches the temperature for more than 72 hours, as a precaution they will initiate a Incident Command System (ICS). He stated during the ICS, the unit will restrict and/or cancel outside work and recreation hours for the inmates. Mr. Guerrero explained in the housing areas, there is one designated shower which allows for inmates to go in and out of the shower as needed.</p> <p>In addition to the previous preventive measures mentioned, Mr. Guerrero explained that inmates may request access to a respite area 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Respite areas are areas with air conditioning designated by the warden. Mr. Guerrero stated additional wellness checks for inmates are conducted each security round by staff using the Heat Restriction List and units are required to place posters in housing areas reminding inmates of heat precautions and the importance of water intake.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero reported as of March 2024, TDCJ has 32 facilities that are fully air conditioned, 54 facilities that are partial air conditioned and 15 facilities with no air conditioned in the housing areas. He added TDCJ has over 19,000 air-conditioned beds and 12,000 cool bed inmates across the states.</p> <p>Mr. Guerrero concluding by stating the Emergency Action Center (EAC) tracks any health-related illness across the state (staff and inmates). He stated they are in contact with EAC and the TDCJ Executive Directors office on a daily basis regarding any health-related illness.</p>		

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<p>IX. Correctional Manage Health Care Policy (D-27.2) “Heat Stress” - Dr. Owen Murray</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Mr. Guerrero and called on Dr. Owen Murray, DO, MBA, Senior Vice President, Offender Care Services, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB-CMC) to provide an overview of Correctional Manage Health Care Policy (D-27.2) “Heat Stress.”</p> <p>Dr. Murray began by stating Mr. Guerrero did a great job covering the heat mitigation measures by providing an overview of AD-10.64. He stated the universities also does a great job of providing the facilities with information needed to prevent and monitor heat stress illness during the months of April 15th-October 31st as explained in the Correctional Manage Health Care Policy (D-27.2) “Heat Stress.” Dr. Murray stated the universities does a great job of providing a list of patients who are high risk. He added that TDCJ does a great job of making sure the patient receives the attention needed to address the heat concerns.</p> <p>Dr. Murray concluded by stating the universities are in a much better place with the prevention and monitoring of heat stress illness.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked if there were any corrections or comments. Hearing none, Dr. Greenberg thank Mr. Guerrero and Dr. Murray for their presentation.</p>	<p>Mr. Guerrero commented that anytime there is an air conditioner or fan that is no longer functioning, the issue is immediately elevated to the Regional Director and/or CID. He stated CID will communicate the problem to the Facilities Division to make sure the air conditioners and/or fans are addressed. Mr. Guerrero stated cool bed inmates are moved to another area until the problem is fixed.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg commented that during the unit tours, the committee was able to observe all of the mitigation strategies being discussed.</p>	

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<p>X. Public Comments - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>XI. Adjourn</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 September 18, 2024, in Conroe, Texas.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.</p>		


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

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