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<p><b>III. Chair's Report (cont.)</b> - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>All meetings except for the March 5, 2025, meeting will be held at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Operations office in Conroe, TX. Dr. Greenberg stated he moved some of the dates in the even months where CMHCC overlap the TBCJ to try to coincide with the overlap without adding dates. He asked Chairman Nichols if the dates would also work for the board members.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked the committee if anyone had any concerns regarding the proposed dates.</p> <p>Next, Dr. Greenberg provided an overview of the November 14, 2024, Sunset Advisory Commission public hearing. Dr. Greenberg stated he testified at the hearing as well as Chairman Nichol, Mr. Bryan Collier, TDCJ Director, leadership from the Board of Pardons and Parole and the Windham School District. He also stated Dr. Linthicum, Dr. Murray and Dr. Jumper all appeared at the hearing as well. Dr. Greenberg stated there was not anything specific about the committee on the Sunset Report. Dr. Greenberg, stated as far as he can tell, the CMHCC will continue with business as usual.</p>	<p>Chairman Nichols responding by stating as long as Ms. Jill Durst, the TBCJ Manager is aware of the dates in order to coordinate the schedule with their meeting dates.</p> <p>Ms. Durst responded by stating, she will stay in contact with Ms. Catina Brice to coordinate the dates with the boards meeting schedule.</p> <p>Chairman Nichols commented stating he hoped the committee members has had a chance to review the Sunset Report. Chairman Nichols further stated the reports states the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee performs the following key functions: Develops and approve a managed health care plan for all TDCJ inmates, develops statewide policy for the delivery of correctional health care, coordinates cost containment initiatives.</p>	<p>The committee members agreed to the 2025 CMHCC meeting dates and locations.</p>

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<p><b>III. Chair's Report (cont.)</b> - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p><b>IV. Approval of Consent Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval of Excused Absences</li> <li>- Approval of CMHCC Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2024</li> <li>- Approval of TDCJ Health Services Monitoring Report</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Greenberg concluded his Chair's report by informing the committee that today he is scheduled to present his presentation titled "Correctional Managed Health Care Transportation Reduction Strategies" to the TBCJ, Health Care Committee.</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 September 18, 2024, meeting –Ms. Michelle Erwin, Ms. Kris Coons and Dr. Phillip Keiser.</p> <p>The second consent item was the approval of the CMHCC meeting minutes from the September 18, 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 Fourth Quarter (TDCJ) Health Services Monitoring Reports.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg reported on pages 34-36 of the FY2024 Fourth Quarter (TDCJ) Health Services Monitoring Reports, there were errors for the Peer education educator's numbers.</p>	<p>Resolves disputes between TDCJ and University providers and assure TDCJ appropriately monitor providers. Also, provide clinical expertise and assistance in identifying system needs related to inmate health care. Chairman Nichols concluded by stating the people who matter recognize the importance of the CMHCC.</p>	



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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.)</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 2024, as submitted to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). The report was submitted in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, Article V, Rider 42. 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.</p> <p>Ms. Waltz answered stating Legislature recognized the Correctional Managed Health Care need of the ongoing shortfall. She added in our FY26, FY27 base they funded \$259 million, the exceptional item was greatly reduced by that. Ms. Waltz stated we still have a need therefore, TDCJ Budget and Finance Division will still present the information to the Legislature however, the \$259 million was very helpful.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked Ms. Waltz if there were any expectations between Sunset and the upcoming Legislative session.</p> <p>Chairman Nichols added the anticipation support from the Legislature does look positive across the board for all of the operation of TDCJ including the Correctional Managed Health Care competent.</p>	<p>Dr. Philip Keiser made a motion to approve all consent items and accept the corrections as presented by Dr. Greenberg. Dr. Julia Hiner seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>



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<p><b>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY2024 Fourth Quarter Report (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Texas Medical Branch</li> <li>- Dr. Monte Smith</li> </ul> <p><b>VII. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Managed Care Correctional Teledentistry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. J. Chad Fendley</li> </ul>	<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 stated he did not have any information to report at this time and would like to defer his time to Dr. Fendley who will provide a presentation on TTUHSC Managed Care Correctional Teledentistry.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Smith and then called Dr. Fendley to provide an overview of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Managed Care Correctional Teledentistry</p> <p>Dr. Fendley began the presentation by stating The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) adopted the use of teledentistry into action on May 27, 2022.</p> <p>The push to allow this practice in Texas was likely a result of the challenges to seeing patients that arose during the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Fendley explained that during Covid many dentists in Texas were trying to see their patients via telehealth, webcams, etc., and dentists were constantly being told by the TSBDE that this was not an accepted practice in the state of Texas. This all changed on May 27, 2022.</p> <p>After much research, development, and piloting, Dr. Fendley reported that TTUHSC conducted its first teledentistry visit at the Sanchez unit in El Paso in late January 2024. He stated the necessary personnel for a teledentistry session were discussed to include the patient, a dentist on the receiving side, and preferably a registered dental assistant (RDA) or registered dental hygienist (RDH) on the presenting side. Dr. Fendley stated an RDA or a RDH is preferred due to their knowledge of dental anatomy, dental terminology, tooth numbering and their ability to take dental radiographs, which adds to the effectiveness and efficiency of the appointment.</p>		

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<p><b>VII. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Managed Care Correctional Teledentistry (cont.)</b> - Dr. J. Chad Fendley</p>	<p>However, he stated there is nothing stipulating that a trained dental professional has to be the presenter. Ultimately, the presenter can be just about anyone.</p> <p>In conclusion, Dr. Fendley reported that teledentistry in the TTUHSC sector is being used primarily for sick call visits and follow up appointments on units where there is a dentist vacancy and on units that are positioned more remotely and do not have a dentist on site daily.</p> <p>Dr. Fendley stated this method allows for a dentist to be more productive when they are physically present on the unit providing treatment rather than having to focus much of their time seeing the sick calls that have accumulated during the absence of the dentist. Dr. Fendley provided examples of images taken with the intra-oral camera and pictures of TTUHSC teledentistry cart during the presentation.</p> <p>Dr. Fendley answered stating the cameras are covered with sleeves and they are also wiped down with cold sterile wipes.</p> <p>Dr. Fendley answered stating that is something they can look into because the majority of the time they will need to have a Dentist on each unit to address the needs of the inmates.</p> <p>Dr. Fendley answered stating since starting he has not had any reports of issues when they are actually working in the teledentistry clinics.</p>	<p>Dr. Philip Keiser asked how the cameras are cleaned.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked if teledentistry will make it easier to recruit Dentist from anywhere.</p> <p>Chairman Nichols thanked Dr. Fendley for his presentation, then asked how TDCJ is making sure there is enough Broadband getting into the units to allow the teledentistry to be done effectively.</p>	

