

CORRECTIONAL MANAGED HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

March 5, 2025

Chairman: Robert D. Greenberg, M.D.

CMHCC Members Present: Lannette Linthicum, M.D., CCHP-A, FACP, Cynthia Jumper, M.D, Brian Edward, M.D., Kris Coons, John Burruss, M.D, Susana Penate, Divyansu Patel, M.D.

CMHCC Members Absent: Phillip Keiser, M.D., Michelle Erwin, Julia Hiner, M.D.

Partner Agency Staff Present: Chris Black-Edwards, Rebecca Waltz, Ron Steffa, Gloria Moore, Catina Brice, Bobby Lumpkin, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); Will Rodriguez, Lindsey Tubbs, Denise DeShields, M.D., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC); Owen Murray, M.D., Stephanie Zepeda, Pharm D., Ryan Micks, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB); Jill Durst, Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ)

Others Present: Frances Vaughn

Location: TDCJ Price Daniel Senior Building, 209 W. 14th St. Suite 500, Austin, TX 78701

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I. Call to Order - Dr. Robert Greenberg	<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>		
II. Recognitions and Introductions - Dr. Greenberg	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked if there were any recognitions or introductions.</p> <p>Dr. Robert Greenberg introduced newly appointed Correctional Managed Health Care Committee member, Dr. Divyansu Patel.</p>		

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<p>II. Recognitions and Introductions (cont.) - Dr. Greenberg</p> <p>III. Chair's Report - Dr. Greenberg</p>	<p>Dr. Patel is the vice president of behavior health at TeleMed2U, principal investigator at Biobehavioral Research of Austin, and a psychiatrist at Specialty Clinic of Austin.</p> <p>Dr. Patel is a member of the Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Texas Medical Association, Travis County Medical Association, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Patel received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Decision Information Science from the University of Florida and a Doctor of Medicine from the Saba University School of Medicine.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg next moved on to agenda item III, Chair's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg informed the committee that the September 17, 2025, CMHCC is currently scheduled on the same day as the UTMB CMC 2025 Conference. Dr. Greenberg inquired if the committee should consider the following: changing the date of the September 2025 CMHCC meeting; or hold the meeting at the site of the UTMB CMC 2025 Conference which will be at Moody Gardens Galveston Island in Galveston TX.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg asked if any committee members have a problem with the location change to Galveston, TX for the September 2025 CMHCC meeting.</p>	<p>Dr. Owen Murray added that UTMB currently has rooms reserved at the state rate and should the committee decide to hold the CMHCC meeting in Galveston, reservations could be made through Jill Thompson. Dr. Murray also stated the committee could hold the meeting at one of the conference rooms if needed.</p>	<p>Hearing no concerns, Dr. Greenberg stated the committee could discuss additional information at a later date closer to the meeting.</p>

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<p>IV. Approval of Consent Items (cont.)</p> <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>V. Update on Financial Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebecca Waltz 	<p>The third consent item was the approval of the Fiscal Year FY2025 First Quarter (TDCJ) Health Services Monitoring Reports.</p> <p>The fourth consent item was the approval of the FY2025 First Quarter University Medical Director's Reports.</p> <p>The fifth consent item was the approval of the FY2025 First 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> <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 First Quarter of FY 2025, 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 explained that CMHC is on a two-year state budget cycle. Ms. Waltz stated during the first year of the cycle, CMHC is able to request money from the future years to cover the current year cost. She stated moving into the Legislative session a supplemental appropriation bill is requested.</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg asked Ms. Waltz if she could explain how the budget shortfall is managed.</p>	<p>Dr. Lannette Linthicum made a motion to approve all consent items and Dr. John Burruss seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.</p>

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<p>V. Update on Financial Reports (cont.) - Rebecca Waltz</p>	<p>Ms. Waltz stated the shortfall is then communicated to the Legislature and should be in the supplemental once it's published. Ms. Waltz stated once CMHC will then receive the funding to finish out the rest of the biennium.</p> <p>Mr. Ron Steffa, TDCJ, Chief Financial Officer answered stating both UTMB and TTUHSC in the Legislative Appropriation request have a component to maintain current service levels given increased cost projection. Mr. Steffa stated in this biennium the inmate population is also projected to increase. Mr. Steffa stated historically Legislature have not fully funded the projected cost to maintain therefore, there is a "structural deficit" going in that if your projections are correct, you will be short that difference. Mr. Steffa explained from a Legislatures perspective, medical care is provided at a certain rate, this is the amount that is needed given the current expenditure levels. Mr. Steff further explained, if the funding was not approved then the expectation would be to reduce the expenditures for the remainder of the biennium.</p>	<p>Dr. Divyansu Patel asked what would happen if the CMHC did not receive the funding.</p> <p>Dr. Patel then asked if the CMHC Physicians who provide care for the inmates are employed by the universities or are they contracted employees.</p> <p>Dr. Denise DeShields answered stating part of UTMB and TTUHSC staff are university providers, in addition the universities have some contract providers.</p>	
<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2025 First Quarter Report - Dr. Lannette Linthicum</p>	<p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Ms. Waltz then called on Dr. Lannette Linthicum to present the FY2025 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.</p>		

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<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2025 First Quarter Report (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Dr. Denise DeShields 	<p>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. Greenberg thanked Dr. Linthicum and then called on Dr. Denise DeShields to present the TTUHSC Medical Director's Report.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg inquired about the First Quarter FY25 TTUHSC Medical Directors report. Dr. Greenberg stated the October 2024 numbers for the Medical Encounters and Dental Encounters are lower as compared to the numbers reported in September 2024 and November 2024.</p>	<p>Dr. DeShields Associate VP & MC Medical Officer, TTUHSC Managed Care responded stating the numbers are accurate however, in September 2024, TTUHSC identified issues that resulted in a temporary disruption to some computer systems and applications. Dr. DeShields added that TTUHSC's investigation confirmed that a cybersecurity event caused the technology issues.</p> <p>Dr. Linthicum stated the TTUHSC Managed Care Continuity of Operations Plan (COP) was implemented, and the operations were managed throughout the incident and can assure that COC was provided to the inmates.</p> <p>Dr. DeShields shared that their disciplines were affected however, the Mental Health encounters did not show a significant decrease because many of their Mental Health providers work remotely and continued to have access to Citrix and Electronic Health Record (EHR).</p>	

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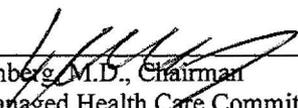
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<p>VI. Medical Director's Updates TDCJ Health Services Division FY 2025 First Quarter Report (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Dr. Denise DeShields - University of Texas Medical Branch - Dr. Owen Murray <p>VII. Texas Department of Criminal Justice Disease Management Guideline and Clinical Pharmacist programs - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda</p>	<p>Dr. DeShields added that the fellows will be involved in the evaluations of the patients, civil commitments, involuntary hospitalizations, authorization of compelled medications, however, the fellows will not do any of their forensic work on any of the TDCJ facilities.</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 thanked TDCJ Director, Mr. Bryan Collier, TDCJ Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Bobby Lumpkin and TDCJ Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Ron Steffa for their testimonies during the start of the Legislative session. Dr. Murray stated Mr. Collier did an exceptional job framing to all the Legislatures, Senators and the House what the cost per member per day is and for getting them centered back on the \$20.00 cost per member per day. Dr. Murray explained when compared nationally CMHC is at the bottom 15 of the States in terms of the cost per day. Dr. Murray further explained that the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) metrics along with other quality indicators show that CMHC is not only delivering good care at a good cost, but the patients are also getting a level of quality care that's consistent with the community.</p> <p>In conclusion, Dr. Murray again thanked the efforts that the TDCJ goes through to represent what everyone does on the university side of CMHC and in the Health Services Division (HSD).</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Murray and then called Dr. Stephanie Zepeda to provide an overview of the Correctional Managed Health Care Disease Management Guidelines (DMGs) and Clinical Pharmacist programs.</p>	<p>Dr. Linthicum added that the fellows will not perform any work involving the TDCJ population due a conflict of interest. The services will not involve anything involving forensics only therapeutic.</p>	

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<p>VII. Texas Department of Criminal Justice Disease Management Guideline and Clinical Pharmacist programs (cont.) - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda</p>	<p>Dr. Zepeda began the presentation by explaining that DMGs are systematically developed tools, based on current professional knowledge, that assist practitioners in making decisions about health care for specific clinical circumstances. There are 55 DMGs that address acute and chronic conditions, and cover medical, dental, and behavioral health conditions. Dr. Zepeda explained the statutory requirement to provide disease management services for the TDCJ population. CMHCC is authorized by Chapter 501, Subchapter E of the Texas Government Code and is responsible for developing and approving a managed health care plan and “disease management services” including: patient self-management education, provider education, evidence-based models and minimum standards of care, standardized protocols and participation criteria, and physician-directed or physician-supervised care. Dr. Zepeda stated CMHCC may appoint subcommittees to assist with these functions including the Joint Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. The P&T Committee is responsible for the development of the drug formulary, drug use policies and procedures, and DMGs.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda explained that DMGs focus on disease-based drug therapy and an evidence-based approach to therapy with a goal to promote consistent, cost-effective care that has been tailored to meet the specific needs of the TDCJ patient population. Dr. Zepeda stated that DMGs are typically developed for conditions that are: frequently encountered, high-risk, problem prone and that are high cost. To evaluate performance, Dr. Zepeda stated there are established systems to determine if DMGs have the desired impact on care and patient outcomes through the routine analysis of data: validation through medication use evaluation (MUE) and monitor ongoing performance through facility scorecard and clinical dashboards.</p>		

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<p>VII. Texas Department of Criminal Justice Disease Management Guideline and Clinical Pharmacist programs (cont.) - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda</p>	<p>Dashboards are used to measure provider acceptance of specific recommendations taken from DMGs by tracking outcomes on an ongoing basis using health care analytics obtained from the electronic health record (EHR) in comparison to an external benchmark (e.g., Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS). Lastly, DMGs are reviewed and revised at least every five years or sooner if there is emergence of new information warranting early review and updates to medical literature and guidelines. Medications are also assessed during annual drug category reviews that may prompt a revision to the DMGs.</p> <p>Next, Dr. Zepeda provided an overview of Clinical Pharmacy Services. She stated UTMB CMC Pharmacy is responsible for drug procurement and distribution to the TDCJ prison units. Clinical pharmacy services are provided by UTMB and TTUHSC within their respective sectors. Services are led by Pharmacy Clinical Practice Specialists that have advanced skills and training required to perform advanced roles. Patients may be enrolled in a clinic through various mechanisms, such as generating a patient registry for a target disease from EHR data, scheduling patients if they meet the criteria, and referring them to Disease Therapy Management (DTM) clinics. Additionally, this process is integrated into standard EHR workflow for referrals to specialty clinics.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda reported that Pharmacists also perform targeted medication reconciliation for patients discharging from an infirmary or moving from one infirmary to another. The purpose of medication reconciliation is to compile and verify a complete and accurate list of a patient's medications during care transitions to prevent medication errors such as omissions, duplications, dosing errors, and drug interactions. Dr. Zepeda reported on non-formulary medication consulting services, stating pharmacists review requests for non-formulary medications submitted by providers through the EHR non-formulary module. She stated the goal is to optimize access and ensure the appropriate use of non-formulary medications.</p>		

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<p>VII. Texas Department of Criminal Justice Disease Management Guideline and Clinical Pharmacist programs (cont.) - Dr. Stephanie Zepeda</p>	<p>Dr. Zepeda provided cost-saving data for non-formulary medications in FY24 as follows: Prescriptions for non-formulary medications accounted for 2.7% of prescription volume and 21.9% of prescription cost. Over the past five years, FY24 savings amounted to approximately \$16.8 million.</p> <p>Lastly, Dr. Zepeda provided information regarding specialty medication management. She stated the specialty medication team closely tracks and monitors certain patients receiving high-risk specialty medications, which treat complex, rare, and/or difficult-to-manage conditions. These medications require special handling, administration, and monitoring.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg thanked Dr. Zepeda and opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda responded by stating she is very concerned which led her to send a budgetary fiscal note to Dr. Murray about the tariff issue.</p> <p>Dr. Zepeda explained that the current U.S. Administration is weighing a 10% tariff against China, a 25% tariff against Mexico and Canada. Dr. Zepeda stated she expects this tariff to hit the drug budget which will have an impact and escalate the cost of drugs across the United States. She went on to explain that 91% of our products are generic drugs and a lot of those raw ingredients come from China. The active ingredients that manufacture, bring to their factories to make the drugs comes from China. Dr. Zepeda stated she is not only concerned that it is going to drive up cost but it's going to cause a drug shortage in the U.S. and across the world.</p>	<p>Dr. Jumper thanked Dr. Zepeda for completing the DMGs. Dr. Jumper stated, the DMGs are so helpful to make sure that everyone is uniform in how patients are treated.</p> <p>Dr. Murray asked Dr. Zepeda if she could explain the possible impact of some of the tariff's potential on the drug budget moving forward.</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 June 12, 2025, in Conroe, Texas.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.</p>		


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

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