

FINAL Meeting Minutes Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS)

Friday, June 9, 2023

Microsoft Teams Hybrid Meeting – Texas Department of State Health Services, Moreton Bldg., Room M-100, First Floor, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756

TCCVDS MEMBERS	In Attendance
J. Neal Rutledge, MD (Vice Chair)	P
Elie Balesh, MD	A
Lourdes Cuellar	A
Stanley Duchman, MD	A
Janet Hewlett, RD, LD	P
Suzanne Hildebrand (Chair)	P*
Samantha Kersey	A
Sherron D. Meeks, RN, PhD	A
Harry "Kyle" Sheets, MD	P
E'Loria Simon-Campbell, PhD	A
Maricella "Marcie" Gonzalez Wilson, RN	A
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
HHSC - Chelsea Couch	A
DSHS – Kelly Fegan-Bohm, MD	P
TWC - Karen Brajcki	A
HHSC – Blake Agee	P

"P" – Present - indicates attended the meeting. "A" - Absent indicates did not attend the meeting.
* - Arrived at Roll Call

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order, Welcome, Logistics

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, acting chair convened the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS) called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, Acting Chair, introduced Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, HHSC, ACCO Facilitator. Ms. Thompson called roll and requested members provide a brief introduction. Ms. Thompson advised Dr. Fegan-Bohm a quorum was not present.

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm announced the February 17, 2023 meeting minutes were tabled. The minutes will be considered at the next TCCVDS meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of February 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm announced prior to convening the meeting, The February 17, 2023 meeting minutes were tabled. There were no objections.

Agenda Item 3: Agency Representative Reports

3a. Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, acting chair, DSHS introduced Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Director, Chronic Disease Unit, DSHS. Ms. Wiseman announced Ms. Julie Ketelsen has been hired as the new TCCVDS liaison replacing Ms. Melissa Lamberton. Newly added staff include Angie Ortiz, team lead, Amy Tejada and Jennifer Patron both new Program Specialists.

Ms. Wiseman also introduced Ms. Allison Hern, Government Relations Specialist I, DSHS.

2320 Grant

- In April DSHS applied for a 5-year funding opportunity through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, called The National Cardiovascular Health Program. This funding opportunity will fund DSHS to implement evidence-based and evidence-informed strategies to prevent and manage cardiovascular disease throughout Texas. DSHS will work with various partners to implement the strategies. Notification of award is expected this month, with activities to start soon thereafter.
- In May DSHS also applied for a 5-year funding opportunity through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, called The Innovative Cardiovascular Health Program. This funding opportunity will fund DSHS to address health disparities in cardiovascular disease, specifically in targeted communities that are at higher risk of hypertension and high cholesterol. Notification of award is expected in August, and if awarded, grant activities will begin in October.

Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership

- The Partnership has selected a new chair, an existing member, Roy Champion.

DSHS HDSP Newsletter was published on May 24th.

Ms. Hern provided highlights from the 88th Regular Legislative session. Although the regular session has ended, Ms. Hern advised that governor has until June 18th to veto bills or allow bills to pass without his signature. According to Ms. Hern, once the veto period ends, DSHS will develop implementation plans for enacted bills and funding it has received. Ms. Hern noted the 1st Special Session was officially called on May 29, 2023. The two priorities: Property Taxes and Border Security. Special sessions can last up to 30 days and the governor can add items if he so chooses.

88th Legislative Session Statistics:

- Over 8000 house/ senate bills filed
- Less than 1300 sent to the Governor for signature; of the bills sent to the Governor will either become law or vetoed.

HR 435 by Raymond

Urges the Department of State Health Services and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to expand their comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs and find ways to collaborate federal agencies or national organizations to expand those programs. The resolution also states that the Texas Cardiovascular Plan should be updated to enhance the quality of care rendered to patients and improve health outcomes. The Department is reviewing the resolution language, evaluating the scope of implementation, and can provide further details at a later date once leadership has weighed in.

3b. Health and Human Services updates

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, acting chair, shared agency updates on behalf of Ms. Chelsea Couch.

- HHSC Aging Services Coordination (ASC) – Received funding from the Administration for Community Living (No Wrong Door Grant) in September 2022. The agency will work with the Governor’s s committee on People with Disabilities, Texas Association of Regional Councils, Texas Workforce Commission, and other key stakeholders over a two-year period to enhance the structure, oversight, and function NWD (No Wrong Door) system. This will include hosting six (6) listening sessions across the state of Texas. Sessions will target:

LTSS

People needing and accessing long-term services and supports (LTSS) including older adults, people with disabilities, and people who served in the military and caregivers of the afore mentioned populations.

The last listening session will take place June 14th -15th in Amarillo, Texas. Virtual listening sessions will also be provided.

HHSC recently launched its new caregiver campaign "Strengthen the Care You Give". Helps Texans identify with the role of unpaid/family caregivers, highlights issues associated with caregiving, and builds awareness of available services and support for unpaid caregivers. For information contact agewelllivewell@hhs.texas.gov.

Texercise™

A statewide health and wellness initiative by HHSC which encourages individuals to adopt healthy lifestyle habits.

Texercise Prevents: Food Insecurity in Older Adults is the latest campaign launched in the series. The campaign raises awareness of food insecurity in older Texans, risk factors as well as signs and symptoms, and community-based resources and services to address it. For more information email texercise@hhs.texas.gov.

TWC updates

Ms. Paula Brunson, TWC was not present at the meeting. No update was provided on Texas Workforce Commission.

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair arrived at 1:51 p.m.

4. Liaison Reports

4a. American Heart Association

Mr. Alec Puente, Director, Governmental Relations, AH/ASA provided an update on legislation American Heart Association (AHA) and American Stroke Association (ASA) Provided updates on the following:

1. Legislative Updates – 88th Regular Session There was wide support for funding existing CPR and AED training requirements. Legislation to create a mobile stroke unit passed the House, but there wasn't enough time for a vote in the Senate. It may be worth revisiting in the interim and during next session.

2.

3. HeartCorps in Texas Three service members started in January 2023 and they are looking for a fourth. Housing is difficult to find in rural Texas and that is why hub counties were selected to serve the rural counties around them.

4. Collaboration for Equitable Health Collaboration between leading health organizations aims to improve health outcomes in communities of color. \$25 million, 4-year initiative in collaboration with Bank of America, the American Diabetes Association, and the American Cancer Society. Launched in 11 cities, including San Antonio, Texas. Will focus on three key areas: education and capacity building for health system, partners and patients; increasing access to health screenings and preventive care; and advocating for policies that ensure fair opportunities and resources with state and local leaders. Currently working with local partners

on both community and advocacy-based approaches to addressing social determinants of health, including hypertension control, nutrition, and active living.

4c. GETAC

Ms. Remy Morris stated her presence today was not on behalf of Travis County Medical Society, but as a private citizen with a passion for stroke and cardiac care.

Ms. Morris noted she is also a member of the Governor's EMS Trauma Advisory Council and the Stroke Committee as a member. Highlights from Ms. Morris' presentation include:

1. ASA Lifeline Pre-Stroke Algorithm recommendation has been approved by the GETAC. GETAC will seek approval from EMS Medical Directors, Regional Advisory Councils, and Air Medical Committee.
2. The Stroke System of Care Workgroup is working on establishing a recommendation for stroke infrastructure.
3. Pediatric Task Force has been formed to review possibly implementing care methods used on adults for use on children.
4. GETAC stroke education workgroup is working on compiling a list of stroke education courses to present to the full committee for approval.
5. Quarterly Texas Quality Performance report – The committee will generate a report disseminating the quarterly report.

Ms. Morris advised TCCVDS members Dr. Robin Novakovic, M.D. and GTAC committee chair has offered to provide the report at the next committee meeting.

4b. Brain Injury Programs update

Mr. Blake Agee, Manager, Office of Acquired Brain Injury, HHSC presented his report to the committee.

- Mr. Agee and members of Acquired Brain Injury team attended the Stroke Survivors and Caregivers conference in West Texas.
- Ms. Lori Pryor, the newly hired Director Texas Brain Injury programs will attend the next TCCVDS meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Stroke Survivors and Caregivers Conference – Report Out

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair discussed the Stroker Survivors and Caregivers conference which was held in Odessa, Texas. Ms. Hildebrand talked about discovering there are no stroke certification programs in W. Texas hospitals. The conference organizer: Ms. Sherron Franks-Meeks did an excellent job of putting it all together. Texas Tech University donated their conference center and supported virtual platform. The Permian Basin Health Education Center provided logistical support and lunch to attendees. Keynote Speaker was Dr. Tommye Austin of St. Louis, MO. Everything was contributed, and nothing came out of pocket.

Agenda Item 6: TCCVDS Bylaws

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair recognized Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Director, Chronic Disease Unit to provide update on TCCVDS Bylaws.

Ms. Wiseman advised the TCCVDS Bylaws have been reviewed by legal and are presently being routed internally and will be sent to the HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO) soon. The bylaws may be ready for TCCVDS to vote on by the next meeting which will take place in August.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion of Action Items and Topics for August 11, 2023 meeting

Ms. Julie Ketelsen, TCCVDS liaison confirmed action items for next meeting include:

1. Presentation of GETAC Stroke Quarterly Report presented by Dr. Robin Novakovic, M.D.
2. Report of GETAC recommendations.

Agenda Item 8: Upcoming Meeting Dates

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair stated the following upcoming TCCVDS meeting dates:

1. August 11, 2023
2. November 17, 2023
3. February 9, 2024

Agenda Item 9: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Ms. Remmy Morris, GTAC member clarified the GETAC's recommendations were not final. Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

To access archived recording of the June 9, 2023 meeting go to:

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