

**Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke**  
**FINAL Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, August 11, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**Microsoft Office Teams Live**

**Agenda Item 1: Welcome, logistical announcement, and roll call**

The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS) meeting was called to order by Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks, RN, PhD, Acting Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, Facilitator, HHSC, announced the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, conducted roll call, and noted that a quorum was not present for the meeting.

**Table 1:** Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS) member attendance at the Friday, August 11, 2023, meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Dr. Elie Balesh	X*		Ms. Lourdes Cuellar	X	
Dr. Stanley Duchman	X		VACANT		
Ms. Janett Hewlett	X				
Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair		X	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>		
Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks	X		Ms. Karen Brajcki, TWC	X	
Dr. Neal Rutledge, Vice Chair		X	Ms. Chelsea Couch, HHSC	X	
Dr. Harry "Kyle" Sheets		X	Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, DSHS		X
Dr. E'Loria Simon-Campbell		X			
Ms. Marcie Gonzales Wilson		X			

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting, No: Indicates did not attend the meeting, and (\*) arrived after roll call.

**Agenda Item 2: GETAC stroke quarterly report – Dr. Robin Novakovic, GETAC Stroke Committee Chair**

- Data is sourced from Get with The Guidelines (GWTG).
- Get with the Guidelines is a data repository where hospitals submit their stroke performance data.
- Deidentified data in the presentation is year to date as of July 26, 2023.
- 180 Texas hospitals participate in GWTG.
- 185 stroke facilities in Texas.
- Majority of strokes in Texas are ischemic strokes, which is comparable to national averages.
- In 2023, 43% of people with documented strokes accessed the hospital via EMS in Texas.
- American Stroke Association and the Mission Triage Algorithm recommend for a stroke screening tool to be performed if stroke is expected. In Texas, the stroke screening tool is being performed and reported 29-34% of the time.
- Most stroke facilities that are in rural areas are acute stroke ready hospitals and a lot of them use tele-neurology.
- EMS providers were sent a survey on the stroke screening tool they use, and the information will hopefully be shared at a GETAC Stroke Committee meeting.

**Agenda Item 3: Liaison Reports**

**a. Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC); Cardiac Care** – Dr. Robin Novakovic & Dr. David Wampler  
There was no update.

**b. American Heart / America Stroke Association** – Mr. Alec Puente, Director, Governmental Relations, AHA / ASA

- New resources include F.A.S.T. Experience which is an interactive learning experience which help identify the signs of stroke and act appropriately. Spanish stroke resources will launch in September.
- Public Health AmeriCorps is entering Year 2.
- A \$51 million dollar grant from The Rockefeller Foundation is supporting the Food is Medicine initiative.
- Goals of Food is Medicine Initiative include:
  - Payors have sufficient, objective cost and effectiveness evidence for reimbursing FIM programs.
  - Healthcare professionals and practitioners know how to target and use the programs to help prevent and manage disease.
  - Millions of patients receive the benefit of a more holistic approach to diet and health.

**c. Brain Injury Programs Update (OABI)** – Mr. Blake Agee

- Increasing activity in the community by attending conferences/events and providing information, education, and facilitate resources.
- Exhibited at the Community Resource Coordination Groups Conference last month, along with several other health and independent programs.
- Almost finished updating the Texas Brain Injury Resource Guide and it will be produced in English and Spanish.

**Agenda Item 4: Consideration of February 17, 2023, and June 9, 2023, draft meeting minutes** – Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, Facilitator, ACCO, HHSC

Agenda Item #4 was tabled due to the lack of a voting quorum. Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks, Acting Chair moved to Agenda item #5.

**Agenda Item 5: Agency Representative Reports**

**Department of State Health Services** – Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, MD, DSHS & Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Unit Director, Chronic Disease Prevention, DSHS.

NO DSHS Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Staffing Updates

**New CDC Grants**

- We are pleased to announce that DSHS was awarded funding for a CDC grant (CDC-RFA-DP-23-0004) on the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease in Texas. Grant activities have begun and include promoting Target BP among multidisciplinary teams to improve BP control, promoting, and expanding SMBP with the Healthy Heart Ambassador program and Remote Patient Monitoring in rural pharmacies, enhancing bidirectional referrals between social support services and healthcare providers, advancing the use of EHRs, and HIT to address clinical and social needs and to facilitate team-based care coordination, and collaborating with partners across the state.

- DSHS is still awaiting notification about whether they will be funded for another CDC grant (CDC-RFA-DP-23-0005). This 2nd grant focuses on prevention and management of cardiovascular disease in Texas in specific very high prevalence areas. Notification is expected this month, and if awarded, we anticipate grant activities to begin in September 2023

### **Public Health Strategies for Addressing Heart Disease and stroke in Texas, 2024-2028**

- The Public Health Strategies for Addressing Heart Disease and Stroke in Texas are currently being revised by the HDSP. The updated strategies for 2024-2028 will be in alignment with bill HR 435, the House Resolution Ms. Hern shared at the last meeting.

### **Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership**

- The next Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership meeting takes place on Friday, August 18, 2023, at 11:30 am.

### **DSHS HDSP Newsletter – May**

- August edition of the HDSP newsletter was published on Tuesday.
- Anyone not subscribed yet, interested in receiving the newsletter, please send us an email to [cardio@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:cardio@dshs.texas.gov).

### **Health and Human Services Commission – Ms. Chelsea Couch, Program Specialist, HHSC**

- No Wrong Door (NWD) listening sessions held across the state concluded and the team is working on analyzing feedback.
- NWD is partnering with the University of North Texas Health Science Center to conduct a statewide survey. The council will be informed when the survey is launched.
- For more information on NWD, email [chelsea.couch@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:chelsea.couch@hhs.texas.gov).
- The Strengthen the Care You Give statewide campaign launched. The campaign identifies the role of unpaid/family caregiver, highlights issues associated with caregiving and builds awareness of available services and supports for unpaid caregivers.
- For any questions regarding the campaign including the webinar series, please contact [AgeWellLiveWell@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:AgeWellLiveWell@hhs.texas.gov).
- HHSC recently announced seven Innovators in Aging across the state in recognition for their efforts in serving older adults.
- For more information regarding the award and the winners, visit the Innovators in Aging [webpage](#).

### **Texas Workforce Commission – Ms. Karen Bracjcki, Texas Workforce Commission**

- Employment Support for Brain Injury
  - 10 active contracts with 12 locations in all regions in Texas.
  - New open enrollment in late fall, FY24.
  - Would appreciate for council members to spread the word on the program to get greater support and buy-in from the rehabilitation facilities and rehabilitation hospitals.
  - Ms. Bracjcki will advise council members when the applications are live.

### **Agenda Item 6: Discussion of Action Items and topics for the November 17, 2023, meeting – Ms. Julie Ketelsen, TCCVDS Committee Liaison, DSHS**

Members should email a presenter's contact information and topic by Friday, September 1, 2023.

### **Agenda Item 7: Consideration of Officer Election Procedures and Election of Vice-Chair – Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, Facilitator, ACCO, HHSC**

Mr. John Chacón, Assistant Director, ACCO, HHSC advised Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks, acting chair, the voting procedures and election of Vice-chair must be postponed until a quorum of the membership was present to adopt the election procedures. Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks, acting chair, moved to the next agenda item.

**Agenda Item 8: Upcoming Meeting Dates:** - Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks, Acting Chair

Upcoming meeting dates: November 17, 2023, February 9, 2024, and May 10, 2024.

**Agenda Item 9: Public Comment** – Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, Facilitator, ACCO, HHSC

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 10: Adjournment** – Dr. Sherron Franks- Meeks, Acting Chair

Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks, acting chair, adjourned the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council meeting at 2:27 p.m.

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Below is the link to the archived video of the August 11, 2023, Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke will be available for viewing approximately two years from date meeting posted on website and based on the HHSC records retention schedule.

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