

**Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council**  
**Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting Summary**  
**Friday, March 21, 2014**

1. SHCC Response to HB 1023 (Mental Health Workforce Shortage Policy Recommendations)
  - a. Categories of Problems/Areas in Need of Policy Recommendations
    - Shortage of providers
      1. Making psychiatry more attractive to medical students
      2. Graduate Medical Education
      3. Advanced Practice Nurses
      4. Use of primary care providers (Medicaid data)
    - Maldistribution of providers
      1. Loan repayment for rural practice
      2. Socioeconomic distribution of need (relative to payment rates)
      3. Mental Health Facility Designation
      4. Telemedicine – UTMB/TTHSC
    - Lack of provider diversity
      1. Targeted recruiting
        - a. Increasing Hispanic participation
        - b. Developing linguistic and cultural competency
      2. Pathways from lower-level professions to higher-level professions (LVN to ADN, etc.)
    - Educational/Curriculum Reform
      1. Recent changes in maximum degree hours and potential use of community colleges for 4 year nursing degrees
    - Lack of Data
    - Others
2. State Health Plan – Additional Mental Health Availability/Accessibility Issues
  - a. Delivery System
    - Horizontal and vertical integration of care teams
    - Inpatient beds available (HSC)

- b. Payment System
    - Gather data from THCIC
  - c. Others
3. Administrative Items and Next Steps
- a. Deliverables
    - Estimates of mental health demand (homelessness, TDCJ)
    - Description of data available from THCIC
  - b. Next Meeting – Tuesday April 15, 2014 at 2:00 pm.