

**Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 8, 2018
1:00 p.m.**

**Texas Department of State Health Services
Moreton Building, Room 100
1100 W 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756**

Table 1: Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke member attendance at the February 8, 2019 council meeting.

Member Name	YES	NO	Non-Voting Member	YES	NO
J. Neal Rutledge, MD		X	Diane Himmel	X	
Michael M. Hawkins, MD		X	Manda Hall, MD	X	
Suzanne Hildebrand		X	Chelsea Couch	X	
Bob C. Hillert, MD	X				
E'Loria Simon-Campbell, PhD	X				
Sherron D. Meeks, RN	X				
Shilpa Shamapant	X				
Harry "Kyle" Sheets, MD	X				
Maricella "Marcie" Gonzalez Wilson, RN	X				
Janet Hall, RD, LD		X			
Vanessa Hicks-Callaway	X				

"Yes" indicates attended the meeting.

"No" indicates did not attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (CVDS Council) meeting was convened at 1:02 p.m. by Ms. Carleigh Baudoin, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention Branch, Department State Health Services (DSHS). Ms. Baudoin advised members that Dr. Neal Rutledge, Chair, was not able to attend and requested membership to agree to appoint Ms. Sherron Meeks, CVDS Council member, as the Temporary Chair Pro Tem to preside over the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Ms. Baudoin introduced Ms. Sallie Allen, Project Manager, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to go over meeting logistics. This meeting of the Council was conducted as a webcast. Ms. Allen conducted a roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

MOTION:

Ms. Baudoin called for a motion to appoint Ms. Meeks as Temporary Chair Pro Tem. Dr. Bob Hillert moved to accept the motion, and Ms. Shilpa Shamapant second the motion. The appointment was unanimously approved by members present with no nays or abstentions. Ms. Baudoin turned the meeting over to Ms. Meeks.

Ms. Meeks asked members to introduce themselves and new members to provide a brief background.

- Vanessa Hicks-Callaway, Lt. Col., retired – Consumer, Open heart surgery survivor
- Chelsea Couch, Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES), Texercise Program, HHSC

Ms. Meeks advised the council that Dr. Rutledge, Dr. Mike Hawkins, Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, and Ms. Janet Hall requested excuse absences and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION:

Dr. Kyle Sheets moved to accept the excused absences of the four council members. Dr. Hillert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by members present with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of November 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Meeks called for review of the November 30, 2018 meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Dr. Hillert moved to accept the November 30, 2018, draft meeting minutes. Ms. Marcie Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by members present with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: Submission of Recommendations for 86th Legislative Session

Ms. Meeks stated the Council had numerous discussions on their legislative recommendations at past meetings and Dr. Rutledge is working on a recommendation letter for submission to the Legislature. Ms. Meeks advised that Dr. Rutledge would appreciate assistance from members to help author the letter. Ms. Meeks asked for volunteers to help with writing the recommendations and Ms. Shamapant and Dr. Hillert offered their assistance. Ms. Meeks noted that a draft was not currently available for review. DSHS staff will contact the volunteers and discuss the process.

Ms. Meeks requested a motion to allow Dr. Rutledge as Chair to have final approval of the letter and submit it to the DSHS Executive Commissioner on behalf of the Council.

MOTION:

Ms. Marcie Wilson moved to allow the Chair to have final approval of the letter and submission to the DSHS Executive Commissioner. Ms. Shamapant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by members present with no nays nor abstentions.

ACTION ITEM:

- Ms. Meeks requested that Ms. Heather Bertero, Program Coordinator, Texas Heart Attack and Stroke Data Collection Initiative, DSHS, send the members a copy of the final legislative recommendation letter. Ms. Allen reminded Ms. Bertero to send the letter as "bcc" to the members, to prevent a quorum of members.

Agenda Item 5: Chronic Care Workgroup and next conference

Ms. Meeks mentioned the next conference is anticipated to be held in Houston, Texas. Dr. Sean Savitz, UT Health Science Center of Houston, has agreed to host it. Ms. Hildebrand has spearheaded this conference in the past and is looking for volunteers to assist with the planning. Ms. Shamapant, Ms. Wilson, Dr. E'Loria Simon-Campbell and Ms. Hicks-Callaway expressed interest in serving on the planning workgroup. The conference will be held sometime in October-November 2019.

Agenda Item 6: Department of State Health Services (DSHS) representative report

Dr. Manda Hall, Associate Commissioner, Community Health Improvement Division, DSHS, provided a programmatic update and legislative session.

- The Texas ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) and Heart Attack System of Care Report 2018 and the Texas Stroke System of Care Report 2018 should be available early March 2019.
- Implementing a self-measure blood pressure monitoring project, with the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC), Tyler, Texas
- Legislative session kicked off January 8th; as of February 26th, 2,500 bills have been filed, and it is expected that 5,000-7,000 bills will be filed by the March 8th deadline.
- DSHS is currently tracking 46 bills which will have impact on DSHS programs; however, to date, none have impacted the heart disease and stroke program.
- Both House and Senate versions of the base budget were released and funds for DSHS are approximately the same dollar amount as last legislative session.

Dr. Hall noted the recommendation regarding the tobacco purchase age being raised to 21 is drawing attention in the Legislature, and there are some bills associated with this topic that the program area is reviewing. Funding is given to each strategy that is related to the health promotion chronic disease program. Funds are then allocated to the various sections and the individual programs which are implemented by DSHS. Dr. Hall stated the funding is not necessarily for the Council, it is for the programs.

Agenda Item 7: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) representative report

Ms. Diane Himmel, Program Specialist, Physical Disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Texas Workforce Commission, provided the report.

- The Council was provided a copy of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services statistical report dated September 17, 2018, in their meeting packet.
- Ms. Himmel reviewed the report with the Council, highlighting several areas, and noted the full report is available on the TWC website for an in-depth review.
- At the next council meeting, Ms. Himmel will present fiscal year 2018 statistical report for VR consumers that have primary, secondary and tertiary disabilities of either cardiovascular disease or stroke.

Based upon the information presented, members requested in-depth statistical information on individuals associated with cardiovascular disease and stroke.

ACTION ITEM:

- Ms. Himmel will research and present the statistical information requested, particularly those related to cardiovascular disease and stroke, at the next Council meeting.

Agenda Item 8: American Heart Association Liaison Report

Ms. Shelby Massey, Governmental Affairs Director, American Heart Association (AHA), provided a legislative update.

- Tobacco 21 legislation: Two bills have been filed: House Bill (HB) 718, by Representative John Zerwas, and Senate Bill (SB) 338, by Senator Joan Huffman.

- The AHA is working with Partnership for Healthier Texas, and focused on obesity prevention efforts to expand options to healthy food in underserved communities, including incentivizing healthy food in the SNAP program.
- The budget process has started and the Senate and House will have hearings in next couple of weeks for Article 2, Health and Human Services. Since the DSHS tobacco cessation program was cut approximately 50 percent in the last session, DSHS has asked this Legislature to restore funds to the 2016-2017 levels. It is anticipated the Tobacco 21 bill will help address retailer reinforcement and the prevention of tobacco sales to underage individuals.

Ms. Massey stated the tobacco settlement funds the state previously received is controlled by the Texas Legislature's Appropriations committee and they determine the distribution of those funds. With regards to tobacco-free areas, there are approximately 100 municipalities that have a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance. Approximately 30 percent of the Texas population lives in an un-incorporated area, and counties do not have authority to put through the comprehensive smoke-free ordinance.

Comments were made to the effect that municipalities within Hidalgo County are now smoke-free. The fines paid by retailers go back into the general fund and are not distributed to the tobacco cessation program.

Ms. Larissa DeLuna, Quality and Systems Improvement Department, AHA, American Stroke Association (ASA), advised she attended the International Stroke Conference in Hawaii last week; a major announcement was a change to the Target: Stroke program. Target: Stroke has helped hospitals nationwide achieve improved stroke outcomes through reduced door needle times for eligible ischemic stroke patients.

In 2020 the ASA will be adding an extra level of adherence called Target: Stroke Phase III. There are two major program updates: 1) door-to-needle time within 60 minutes, with 85 percent or more acute ischemic patients treated with IV thrombolytics; and, 2) hospitals to achieve door-to-device times within 90 minutes for direct arriving patients, and within 60 minutes for transferring patients, and 50 percent or more of their ischemic patients treated for endovascular therapy. Webinars will be held starting March 1st and information will be shared with those interested.

With regards to the two major updates, members requested information on the certification requirements for accrediting agencies and a list of the Texas Level 1 centers who will be associated with this new program.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ms. Massey will provide a map of all the primary and comprehensive stroke centers in Texas which address level of care for acute coronary issues.
- Dr. Hall will gather data (i.e. epidemiology, smoking ordinances) and share via "BCC" email with Council members and Ms. Baudoin.
- Ms. Baudoin will contact the DSHS Designation program regarding assistance with this program for hospitals in east and west Texas.

Agenda Item 11: Discussion on any of the above agenda items

Ms. Meeks requested an overview on the latest EMS requirements for stroke-ready primary and comprehensive stroke centers.

Agenda Item 14: Public comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 15: Adjourn

Ms. Meeks called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Ms. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shamapant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by members present with no nays nor abstentions. Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.