

Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS)

Monday, February 12, 2024

1:30p.m.

FINAL

Virtual: Teams Meeting Platform
In Person Meeting Site: John H. Winters Building
Public Hearing Room, First Floor
701 W. 51st Street
Austin, Texas 78751

Agenda Item 1: Call to order, roll call, and welcoming remarks

Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair, called the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair, welcomed committee members, the public in attendance.

Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, Advisory Committee Coordination Office, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) read the logistical announcements and stated the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Ms. Jacqueline Thompson conducted the member roll call and announced the presence of quorum.

New members had an opportunity to introduce themselves to the Council.

Table 1: The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke member attendance at the Monday, February 12, 2024, meeting.

Member name	Attended	Member name	Attended
Dr. Elie Balesh	Y	Dr. Oscar Aguillar	Y
Dr. Stanley Duchman	Y	Dr. Alberto Maud	Y
Ms. Janett Hewlett	Y	Ms. Remmy Morris	Y
Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair	Y	Non-Voting Members	
Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks	Y	Ms. Karen Brajcki, TWC	N
Dr. E'Loria Simon-Campbell	N	Ms. Chelsea Couch, HHSC	Y
Ms. Marcie Gonzales Wilson	N	Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, DSHS	Y
Ms. Lourdes Cuellar	N		

Agenda Item 2: Council Member Appreciation

- Ms. Hildebrand and Ms. Wiseman presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Dr. Neal Rutledge for his years of service to the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of November 17, 2023, draft meeting minutes

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair, referred members to the draft minutes emailed by the program liaison and called for any edits. Hearing none, Ms. Hildebrand called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Ms. Remmy Morris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Janet Hall-Hewlett seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed by a majority vote with 8 yeas (Duchman, Hall-Hewlett, Hildebrand, Maud, Franks-Meeks, Aguilar, Balesh, and Morris), 0 nays, and 3 abstentions from (Wilson, Cuellar, and Simon Campbell).

Agenda Item 4: Presentation: Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Direct Care Careers- Mr. Lonnie Bean, DSW Policy Specialist and Ms. Tracy Frederick, Data Analyst

Highlights from the presentation:

- As Texans age, the need for direct service workers multiplies.
- Employment of home health and personal care aides is projected to grow 22% from 2022 to 2032.
- HHSC launched Direct Care Careers (DCC) in August 2023.
- DCC is a free, optional, online portal designed to connect personal care attendants (or prospective employees) with employers delivering home and community-based services (HCBS).
- Based on stakeholder feedback, DCC was designed as a strategy to support the Direct Service Workforce, HCBS employers, and individuals seeking attendants by making it easier to find and hire personal care attendants in Texas.
- Platform features: candidate profiles and resumes, employer profiles and job posts, search job posts, announcements, resources and training, and workforce data.
- Please visit <https://directcarecareers.com/state/texas> to sign up or for more information.
- For all other questions email the Office of Disability Services Coordination at HHSCOfficeofDisabilityServicesCoordination@hhs.texas.gov.

Agenda Item 5: Agency Representative Reports

A. Department of State Health Services- Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Chronic Disease Unit Director.

DSHS HDSP Staffing Updates

- The HDSP reposted the Program Specialist V position and is interviewing applicants.
- Jennifer Padron's last day with the Heart Disease and Stroke Program was December 13, 2023.

- Her position (Program Specialist IV) was posted and closed recently on January 25, 2024. The HDPS is currently conducting interviews.

HDPS Program Updates:

- The HDSP just published the HDSP newsletter February's edition on February 1, 2024. To be added to the distribution list, please email cardio@dshs.texas.gov.
- HDSP staff recently participated and completed two Healthy Heart Ambassador (HHA) Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program (BPSM) training, to become a program facilitator and to train new program facilitators. These trainings maintain the HDSP's capacity to provide technical assistance and support to partners who are implementing the HHA-BPSM program across the state.

New CDC Grants

- The HDSP has completed the continuation application for Year 2 of the 2304 grant. The application is going through the DSHS internal review process and will be submitted to CDC in March.
- Program received guidance for the continuation application for Year 2 of the 2305 grant and it will be submitted to the CDC at the end of March.

Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership

- The Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership has been officially transformed into a statewide Learning Collaborative that will support 2304 grant strategies throughout the life of the grant, focusing efforts in selected census tracts identified as high burden for CVD and high need for social and community resources.
- The selected census tracts are currently under review by the CDC and are pending final approval.

B. HHSC- Ms. Chelsea Couch

No Wrong Door Grant

- In September 2022, the HHS ASC received funding from the Administration for Community Living to assess and strengthen the state's No Wrong Door (NWD) system. HHS ASC will work with the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, the Texas Association of Regional Councils, the Texas Workforce Commission, and other key stakeholders over a two-year period to enhance the structure, oversight, and function of the NWD system.
- The University of North Texas Health Science Center conducted the statewide survey for assessing the access to long-term services and supports through the NWD System. The electronic distribution has closed, and we are compiling initial findings from those responses. The phone distribution of the survey is on target to close February 15. Once all distribution methods are closed UNTHSC will conduct a full, comprehensive analysis and provide a report of outlining the findings as well as recommendations.

Texercise

- In recognition of Older Americans Month (May), Texercise is issuing the Texercise Older Americans Month Challenge that encourages organizations and communities to host a Texercise program with a start date in May.

New Aging Services GovDelivery

- GovDelivery allows you to sign-up to receive updates on a variety of agency topics. We are excited to share that, ASC has created a new Aging Services GovDelivery topic. [Sign up now](#) for the Aging Services topic on GovDelivery for access to agency aging related policy updates, published reports, newsletters program highlights and more.

C. Texas Workforce Commission- Ms. Karen Brajcki

- Ms. Brajcki was not present. There were no updates.

Agenda Item 6: Liaison Reports

a. American Heart/American Stroke Association coverage update- Mr. Alec Puenta, Director of Governmental Relations

- Health Care by Food Initiative aims to spend to spend \$250 million over the next 10 years on nutrition interventions for both treatment and prevention for chronic disease issues.
- Initial support from Rockefeller Foundation, Kroger, Instacart, Kaiser Permanente, Walmart Foundation.
- Research pilots beginning in 2024 to examine increasing enrollment and engagement in interventions:
 - Food resource coaching
 - Interventions in underserved communities
 - Produce delivery to patients with heart failure
 - Food prescription programs for older adults

Smoke-Free Air

- Dallas: Proposal to add e-cigarettes to strong smoke-free ordinance.
- Corpus Christi: Proposal to ban smoking/vaping in parks and beaches.
- Potential ordinance updates in San Antonio, Schertz, Leander and around Central Texas

Nutrition and Active Living

- San Antonio: "Complete Streets"
- San Antonio: Nutrition Assistance and Prescriptions
- Dallas: Nutrition Incentive Programs
- Fort Worth: Healthy Kids Meals

Heart Month Policy Focuses

- The bipartisan Access to AEDs Act, which would increase training and availability of AEDs on elementary and secondary school campuses.
- Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERPs) that establish specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest in school settings and ensure CERP teams are trained and empowered to administer lifesaving care until emergency medical services arrive.

- Telecommunicator CPR (T-CPR) policies preparing 911 call takers to recognize a cardiac arrest and guide the caller through lifesaving CPR instructions over the phone.
- CPR in Schools policies that set CPR as a high school graduation requirement and provide funding to train the next generation of lifesavers.
- Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week: February 7-14, 2024

b. Office of Acquired Brain Injury- Mr. Blake Agee, Office of Acquired Brain Injury Manager

- Office staff is continuing community outreach efforts by attending conferences, providing education events, and providing resource facilitation.
- The Brain Injury Awareness Month in March and Stroke Awareness Month in May.
 - A conference will occur in March.
 - Virtual webinars will be hosted during these months where some CEUs will be provided, but the focus is more on family and survivors.

c. Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC). Dr. David Wampler, Professor of Emergency Health Sciences and Dr. Robin Novakovic-White, Professor of Radiology and Neurology

i. GETAC Cardiac Care Committee

- Dr. Wampler was not present.

ii. GETAC Stroke Committee- Dr. Novakovic-White

- Data was shared from Get With The Guidelines (GWTG)
- 188 designated stroke facilities
- 196 Texas hospitals are participating in GWTG.
 - 40 are classified as rural.
 - 17 rural sites joined as part of the Rural Healthcare Outcomes Accelerator program which allows them to participate for free.
- EMS On-Scene Time in <= 15 minutes was approximately 50% for hospitals in rural, suburban, and urban areas in CY2023.
- In CY2023, a stroke screening tool was used approximately 33% of the time when patients were transferred to a hospital.
- In CY2023, there was a 19.4% EMS prehospital notification in Texas.
- The GWTG reports are generated from a live registry and all data is subject to change. Report generated on 1/25/2024.
- GETAC Stroke Committee is working on several initiatives to help improve Door in Door Out, as well as improve utilization of stroke screening tools, stroke severity tools, and pre-notification.
- One goal in the upcoming year is to start a rural taskforce to discuss ways to improve access to stroke care in our rural areas.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion of Texas Administrative Code, 25 TAC § 1051.1

- In 2007, rules were adopted in the Texas Administrative Code (or TAC) on the conduct of Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke meetings.
- The rules have not been amended, and possibly not reviewed for potential amendment, since that time.
- According to current legislation, all TAC rules are to be reviewed every four years to ensure the rules are still applicable.

- Rule review is a fairly simple process and review of the TX CVD and Stroke Council rules falls to Council.
- A copy of the rules was provided to council members.
- The process for reviewing the rules was shared with council members.
- Council members voted to review the rules.

Motion: Dr. Stanley Duchman made a motion for TCCVDS to review the 25 TAC § 1051. Dr. seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed by a majority vote with 9 yeas (Duchman, Hall-Hewlett, Hildebrand, Maud, Franks-Meeks, Aguilar, Balesh, and Morris, Cuellar), 0 nays, and 2 abstentions from (Wilson, and Simon Campbell).

Agenda Item 8: Review of action items and agenda items for May 6, 2024, meeting

- Dr. Aguilar will present on the inclusion of nutrition in medical schools in Texas.

Agenda Item 9: Upcoming Meeting Dates

- May 6, 2024
- August 5, 2024
- November 4, 2024

Agenda Item 10: Public Comment

No one registered for public comment.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

Ms. Hildebrand adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m. CST.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC webcast of the February 12, 2024, Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke meeting that will be available for viewing for approximately two years from the date of the meeting.

<https://texashhsc.v3.swagit.com/videos/297107>