

**Texas Diabetes Council
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

Location: Microsoft Teams Live Event

Table 1: Texas Diabetes Council member attendance Thursday, October 22, 2020.

NAME	IN ATTENDANCE
Dr. Mitchel Abramsky (Non-Voting)	Yes
Ms. Joan Colgin	Yes
Ms. Felicia Fruia-Edge	Yes
Ms. Lisa Golden (Non-Voting)	Yes
Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm (Non-Voting)	No
Mr. Dirrell Jones	Yes
Ms. Diane Kongevick (Non-Voting)	Yes
Dr. Kathy LaCivita	Yes
Ms. Aida (Letty) Moreno-Brown	No
Ms. Averil Mullins (Non-Voting)	Yes
Dr. Feyi Obamehinti	Yes
Dr. Stephen Ponder	Yes
Ms. Ardis Reed	No
Mr. Jason Ryan	Yes
Mr. William (David) Sanders	Yes
Dr. Christine Wicke	Yes

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Dr. Kathy LaCivita, Chair of the Texas Diabetes Council (TDC), convened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

Ms. Sallie Allen, HHSC, Advisory Committee Coordination Office, provided a logistics announcement, called roll and determined a quorum was present.

MOTION: Dr. LaCivita moved to excuse the absences of Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, Ms. Aida Moreno-Brown, and Ms. Ardis Reed. Ms. Joan Colgin provided the second for the motion. Ms. Allen conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried with no objections.

Agenda Item 3: July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Dr. LaCivita introduced the July 23, 2020 minutes and asked if there were any edits from the members. One typo was identified on page 3 and a correction was offered.

MOTION: Dr. LaCivita moved to approve the July 23, 2020 meeting minutes with suggested edits. Dr. Ponder provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried with no objections.

Agenda Item 4: Texas Diabetes Council Vice Chair Nomination Process

Dr. LaCivita introduced the election of the vice chair. Ms. Allen provide the details of the presiding officers election procedures to members for consideration. The procedures were approved with no objections. Upon asking for nominees, Ms. Joan Colgin was the single nominee for vice chair.

MOTION: Mr. Jason Ryan moved to elect Ms. Colgin as Vice-Chair of the Texas Diabetes Council. Mr. David Sanders provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and Ms. Colgin was elected by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5: Beyond Type 1: Education and Integrated Care: Improving Care with the Help of Technology (Blue Loop)

Dr. LaCivita introduced Ms. Amy Josefy, Beyond Type 1 Lead Texas Advocate. Ms. Josefy referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Beyond Type 1: Warning Signs Awareness Campaign*.

Highlights included:

- A description of Type 1 Diabetes
- Examples and symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes and Ketoacidosis
- Discussed Beyond Type 1 Campaign goals
- Provided an update of activities and challenges faced
- Discussed opportunities to collaborate with the Texas Diabetes Council in disseminating campaign materials
- www.BEYONDTYPE1.ORG/DKACAMPAIGN

Agenda Item 6: Texas Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Survey Update

Dr. LaCivita introduced Dr. Maria Cooper, Chronic Disease Epidemiology Branch, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section, DSHS. Ms. Cooper referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Texas Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Survey Report*.

Highlights included:

- Introduction to Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) and Diabetes Prevention Education (DPE) services offered
- Description of the collaborative effort of stakeholders to conduct the survey
- The rationale for conducting survey with Texas Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
- Survey dissemination efforts
- Results of the survey
- Responses from MCOs providing DSMES services for adults
- Responses from MCOs providing DSMES services for adolescents
- Responses from MCOs providing Type 2 DPE for adults
- Responses from MCOs providing Type 2 DPE for adolescents
- Summary of the finding and key takeaways

Agenda Item 7: State Agency Representatives

Dr. LaCivita introduced the State Agency representatives to provide updates to the members.

a. Department of State Health Services

Ms. Kelsii Dilley, Branch Manager, DSHS, Diabetes and School Health provided an update.

Highlights included:

- Staffing changes and updates
- Diabetes Prevention and Control Program held a state engagement call on August 4 and the next call is currently being planned
- DSHS LAR update with possible impacts to the diabetes program
- 2019 State Plan for Diabetes and Obesity Treatment is in final review by HHSC before submission to the legislature
- School nurses will be sent Beyond Type 1 presentation information

b. Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS)

Ms. Averii Mullins, Health Benefits Program Analyst Specialist, Lead Consultant provided an update.

Highlights included:

- Health Plan changes to Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) on September 1, 2020 and to United HealthCare on January 1, 2021
- Hosting Medicare webinars due to COVID, with upcoming meetings in January and April
- Active Care Plan through BCBS provides 4 PPO plans and hosted town halls with district leaders
- 10 District Ambassadors will provide more outreach to school districts

- Conducting district profiles to provide information back to districts with chronic health data and services for districts with more than 1000 employees
- Next District Leaders Town Hall will be November 19, 2020

c. Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS)

Ms. Diana Kongevick, Director of Group Benefits provided an update.

Highlights included:

Benefits change on September 1, 2020 to Health Select.

Ms. Kongevick explained that the change moved diabetes testing and supplies from the medical plan to the pharmacy plans, which is a benefit in getting supplies.

d. Health and Human Services Commission

Dr. Mitchell Abramsky, HHSC Medicaid and CHIP Services, Associate Medical Director provided an update.

Highlights included:

- Upcoming Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) meeting to address diabetes medication and referenced meeting support documents included helpful summary of drug classes
- HHSC Policy change to include glucose monitoring and pumps will take effect based on date of rate hearings
- Topic Nomination form (proposal to change language related to diabetes self-management education and support (DSMES) benefit) submitted in July to Medicaid Policy is currently under review but is awaiting fiscal and projected utilization numbers

e. Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Ms. Lisa Golden, MA, Vocational Rehabilitation Services Diabetes Specialist provided an update.

Highlights included:

- Disability and rehabilitation services have increased for independent living services for the blind
- Helpline for older individuals who are blind is 512-936-3388 and the email address oib.info@twc.texas.gov.

Agenda Item 8: Workgroups

a. Advocacy and Outreach

Dr. LaCivita introduced, Mr. Jason Ryan, TDC member, provided an update. Highlights included:

- Discussed Workgroup meeting and upcoming Legislative session

- Preventing Ketoacidosis was presented and started a conversation regarding possible legislation
- Addressing therapeutic interference by the TDC was discussed including;
 - Possibly seeking Attorney General opinion or
 - Legislation addressing issue of therapeutic interference
- Updates from the American Diabetes Association included;
 - Health Equity Bill of Rights
 - Screen at 23 campaign targeting Asian Americans
 - Discussion of Telehealth in possible upcoming legislation

MOTION:

Dr. LaCivita made a motion for the Advocacy and Outreach Workgroup to continue efforts to draft legislation regarding therapeutic interference. Mr. Ryan provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried with no objections.

b. Health Professionals and Outcomes

Dr. LaCivita introduced, Ms. Colgin, TDC member and co-facilitator of the Health Professionals and Outcomes workgroup. Ms. Colgin provided update on the Vendor Drug Program and then introduced Dr. Feyi Obamehinti to provide an update on the Health Education TEKS.

Highlights related to Vendor Drug Program included:

- Texas Vendor Drug program information regarding pricing and how drugs are determined as preferred drug pricing
- Explained DURB meeting addressing preferred drug list (PDL) status
- The Vendor Drug Program will present to the subcommittee in January and continue discussion on options to lower drug prices
- FDA approval for Biosimilar drugs provides opportunity for new legislation
- Ongoing social media discussions which is now being considered by legal.

Dr. Obamehinti provided following TEKS updates:

- Discussed partnership between the TDC and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding updates to the review Health and Physical Education TEKS and the process for the adoption of the final recommendation of the workgroups
- TDC recommendations for age appropriate education and addition of health crisis information of diabetes and obesity
- TDC also made physical education recommendations to the TEKS curriculum

- Closing of public comment to final recommendations closes on November 13. Second reading at the November meeting which then will go to the State Board of Education (SBOE)
- TEKS for Health now includes information regarding pre-diabetes, diabetes and obesity as a result of TDC's contributions

MOTION: Dr. LaCivita moved that the TDC's recommendation to the Health and Physical Education TEKS concludes the collaboration of the group with the SBOE. Ms. Colgin provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried with no objections.

Agenda Item 9: Announcements

Dr. LaCivita called for announcements Council members would like to share.

Agenda Item 10: Public Comment

No written or public comment was received for the meeting. A question was addressed from the public regarding the MCO survey presentations. Question was regarding the number of clients being served by MCOs in the survey. Dr. LaCivita clarified survey did not include numbers of clients rather reporting number of providers.

Agenda Item 11: Future Meetings

Dr. LaCivita stated the next is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting is still to be determined.

Topics of discussion for the January meeting:

- Dr. Ponder suggested COVID preparedness report to be shared
- Ms. Colgin suggested an update to the drug vendor review for any changes to diabetes drugs
- Ms. Colgin suggested social media updates to be included

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

Dr. LaCivita adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Webcast: <https://texashsc.swagit.com/play/10232020-954>