

**Texas Diabetes Council
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019
1:00 p.m.**

**Moreton Building, Public Hearing Room M-100
1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756**

Table 1: Texas Diabetes Council member attendance at the Thursday, January 24, 2019 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Dr. Mitchel Abramsky	X		Dr. Kathy LaCivita	X	
Ms. Joan Colgin	X		Ms. Aida (Letty) Moreno-Brown		X
Ms. Felicia Fruia-Edge	X		Dr. Feyi Obamehinti	X	
Ms. Lisa Golden	X		Ms. Ardis Reed		X
Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade		X	Dr. Jason Ryan	X	
Mr. John Griffin	X		Mr. William (David) Sanders	X	
Dr. Manda Hall	X		Dr. Curtis Triplitt		X

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Dr. Kathy LaCivita, Chair of the Texas Diabetes Council (TDC), convened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Dr. LaCivita greeted everyone and turned the floor over to Ms. Stephanie Gutierrez, HHSC, Policy & Rules, Advisory Committee Coordination Office.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

Ms. Gutierrez reviewed logistics, called roll, and determined quorum. Ms. Gutierrez requested a motion to excuse the absences of members.

MOTION: Mr. John Griffin made a motion to approve the absences for Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade, Dr. Curtis Triplett, and Ms. Ardis Reed. Ms. Joan Colgin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gutierrez asked if there were any necessary edits. Mr. Roy Champion, RN, requested the sentence stating he was presenting to the Council as a subject matter expert on behalf of the Journey for Control Program be moved up for the sake of legal ramifications. Ms. Gutierrez requested a motion.

MOTION: Mr. John Griffin made a motion to approve the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes with the stated edit. Mr. William Sanders seconded. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: New American Diabetes Association Guidelines Downgrade Insulin as First-Line Injectable Treatment

Dr. LaCivita reviewed the handout, *Summary of Revisions: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes-2018*.

Members discussed:

- Why first line injectables are chosen over second line injectables, such as insulin:
 - Depends on the formulary
 - Depends on contracts pharmaceutical companies have with pharmacy benefit managers

ACTION ITEM: The article, “New Diabetes Guidelines Downgrade Insulin as First-Line Injectable Treatment” will be sent to members.

Agenda Item 5: Texas Public Health Priorities

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Dr. Stephen Pont, DSHS, Medical Director, Office of Science and Population Health. Dr. Pont reviewed the PowerPoint and handout, *Texas Public Health Priorities*.

Members discussed:

- Number of potential health themes to be selected by the state
- How often is the material assessed
- What a fair goal from the Council and state is to improve the outcome.
 - Set long term goals and achievable short term goals
 - Reduce the prevalence of type II diabetes based on resources and ability to impact communities
- Starting with prevention at an early age rather than treating the obese patient

ACTION ITEM: A list of stakeholders will be sent to members.

Agenda Item 6: Texas Legislation Affecting Diabetes

Dr. LaCivita stated the Council's responsibilities are to give advice to the legislature on important issues impacting people with diabetes and the state of Texas. Dr. LaCivita stated this year the Council will focus on the below items as part of the state plan:

- Gestational diabetes
 - Specifically looking at prenatal and postnatal care and the high risk of progression on to frank diabetes or a recurrent of gestational diabetes in the future. Currently a workgroup is looking at ways to influence outcomes for gestational diabetes.
- Medicaid
 - Enhancing provider ability to treat Medicaid and CHIP patients with diabetes by decreasing barriers to care.
 - Modify the Title XIX Form.
- Obesity and Pre-Diabetes Initiative
 - Looking at school age children and working with school educators to affect the curriculum.
 - Providing input to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum.
- Adding an Employee Retirement Services of Texas (ERS) representative to the Council.

Agenda Item 7: Response to Pay for Quality Challenges

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Ms. Denbigh Shelton, HHSC, Medicaid and CHIP Services, MSW Senior Quality Analyst. Ms. Shelton referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Medical Pay-for-Quality Program*.

Members discussed:

- The definition of capitation
- Capitation amounts
- Awarding programs for meeting the state standard yet not penalizing programs for not meeting the national standard
- Comparing Texas against other states in regard to the impact demographics have on national Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures'
- The exclusion of people who have diabetes under the age of 18 contributing to false data
- The lack of preventative measures as oppose to outcome measures
- Combining prevention and outcome measures.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Shelton will provide the capitation amount to members.

Agenda Item 8: Open Meetings/Advisory Committee Training

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Ms. Kym Oltrogge, HHSC, Office of Chief Counsel, Policy Department Associate Director.

Ms. Oltrogge referenced the handout, *Texas Diabetes Council*.

Members discussed:

- Quorum being eight members
- Notes taken during an open meeting are subject to the Public Information Act and can be collected until the approval of the minutes for the meeting the notes refer to

Agenda Item 9: State Agency Representatives

a. Department of State Health Services

Dr. Manda Hall, DSHS, Community Health Improvement Division, Associate Commissioner, stated the link on the DSHS Diabetes webpage includes the Journey for Control. Dr. Hall informed members there is not a bill filed that has impacted the diabetes program. Dr. Hall stated there are other programs in the division that may be of interest for collaboration.

Members discussed:

- Revisions to www.diabetesintexas.org and the DSHS Diabetes website

b. Health and Human Services Commission

Dr. Mitchell Abramsky, HHSC, Medicaid and CHIP Services, Associate Medical Director, stated there is a new Medicaid Director starting February 19, 2019. There is no update on continuous glucose monitoring at this time.

c. Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Ms. Lisa Golden, Texas Workforce Commission, stated TWC is not getting as many referrals as before; this could be due to people not knowing how to get Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services. Ms. Golden requested Council offer assistance to reach practitioners and consumers.

Members discussed:

- Adding a link to TWC on www.diabetesintexas.org

Agenda Item 10: Workgroups

a. Advocacy and Outreach

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Mr. John Griffin, TDC member and Chair of the Advocacy and Outreach workgroup. Mr. Griffin informed the Council, the workgroup discussed:

- Potential legislation
 - ERS representative
- Identifying women with gestational diabetes and postpartum care
 - During, after, and in subsequent pregnancies
- Reports that require DSHS and Council collaboration
- Advocacy activities
 - 2019 legislative priorities for American Diabetes Association (ADA)
 - Ensuring patients with diabetes receive insurance
 - Diabetes prevention programs
- Promoting health equity among populations disproportionately affected by diabetes
- Ensuring tools for kids and adults with diabetes are accessible

b. Health Professionals and Outcomes

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Ms. Colgin, TDC member and Co-Chair of the Health Professionals and Outcomes workgroup.

Ms. Colgin and Dr. Feyi Obamehinti, TDC members, informed the full Council, the workgroup:

- Did a final review of the 2019 Medicaid Managed Care Organization survey
 - The survey will be available for all managed care contracted Medicaid provider networks
 - Results will be presented to the Council during the April meeting
- Discussed collaboration with the State Board of Education and Texas Education Agency (TEA)
 - Contributing to the TEKS in an effort to address obesity
- Discussed removing barriers to access to the Journey for Control diabetes self-management program

Agenda Item 11: Announcements

Dr. LaCivita opened the floor to member announcements. No announcements from members were made.

Agenda Item 12: Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 13: Future Meetings

Dr. LaCivita stated the next scheduled meeting is April 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Dr. LaCivita reviewed the topics of discussion for the April meeting:

- Gestational diabetes presentation
- MCO survey data
- Update on Diabetes Advisory Alliance meeting in Washington D.C.
- Pediatric obesity presentation
- Economic presentation
- Presentation on Together 2 Goal (Tentative)

Agenda Item 14: Adjournment

Dr. LaCivita adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Webcast: <https://texashsc.swagit.com/play/01242019-1538>