

**Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)
Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday, June 9, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

Teleconference from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), 1100 West 49th Street, Robert Bernstein Building, Room K-100, Austin, Texas 78756.

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Members Attending

Aelia Akhtar, MS
Carol Boswell, Ed.D., RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN
Chelsea Elliott
Courtney Harvey, Ph.D., MA
Kimberly N. Haynes, D.M.D.
Ken Holland
Emily Hunt, D.N.P, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC
Doris J. Jackson, DHA
Elizabeth Mayer, M.P.Aff.
Elizabeth Protas (Chair), P.T., Ph.D.
Tamara Rhodes, MSN, RN
Melinda Rodriguez, D.P.T, PT
Cheryl T. Sparks, Ed.D.
D. Bailey Wynne, R.Ph., M.H.A.
Yasser Zeid, M.D.

Members Absent

Jimmy Blanton, M.P.Aff. (Excused)

Staff Present

Ann Barnett, MS, MS, Manager, Health Provider Resources Branch
Ashlee Bledsoe, Ph.D., MA, Program Director, Health Professions Resource Center
Ky Burke, Research Specialist, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies and Health Professions Resource Center
Cate Campbell, MPH, Research Specialist, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies
Kayla Davis, MS, Research Specialist, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies
Jordan Hill, Government Relations Specialist, Government Affairs
Abigail Melick, Government Relations Specialist, Government Affairs
Lisa Wyman, Ph.D., Director, Center for Health Statistics

SHCC Meeting Minutes March 3, 2022

<p>1. Chairman’s Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Dr. Protas called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Dr. Bledsoe announced that members should state their name for the record when making comments and to mute themselves when not speaking.</p>
<p>2. Establish a Quorum – Roll Call and Possible Action to Approve Excused Absences</p>	<p>A quorum was established. Jimmy Blanton requested an excused absence.</p>
<p>3. SHCC Discussion and Possible Action to Approve October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>A review of the March 3, 2022 minutes elicited no revisions. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Boswell and seconded by Dr. Zeid. The motion carried.</p>
<p>4. SHCC Review of Policy Recommendations for the 2023-2028 Statewide Health Plan</p>	<p>The SHCC discussed the Policy Recommendations of the 2023-2028 Statewide Health Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Access to Care, Health Equity, and Social Determinants of Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wynne stated the importance of having a healthcare workforce that demographically represents the community they serve. • Dr. Zeid commented that there’s many reasons that Medicaid is limited for those who need it. This problem is alleviated for now because of Covid-19 policies, but as soon as funding for Covid-19 is over, many will lose healthcare. • Dr. Haynes asked whether there is a section examining patient-doctor ratio with the number of providers that are taking Medicaid and how that affects access to health. • Dr. Zeid addressed the reimbursement rates for Medicaid and how Texas compares to surrounding states. b. Mental Health and Behavioral Healthcare Workforce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Uvalde mass shooting was brought up during this section, but since it was not on the agenda, the council could not address it at this time. Dr. Protas mentioned it could be a great topic for a following meeting. • Dr. Rodriguez suggested more trauma-informed care and how to address PTSD for children in schools.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Harvey states she's in agreement with all the recommendations on the slides and where funds should be allocated.• Dr. Wynne wanted to state wanted to speak on the role of Texas schools and working with students. Further discussions after this will encompass students and their families, but we also need to include educators.• Dr. Harvey stated she's in agreement with Dr. Wynne's comments. Mental health first aid training offered by the state targets educators and those working in public school system. There are adult, teen, and child components. There are more efforts to make the Youth Aware Mental health (YAM) training robust and accessible.• Dr. Boswell wanted to make everyone aware that we're on the third cycle of nurse workforce violence and that it might be beneficial to implement some of those programs to address violence in schools.• Dr. Sparks spoke about needing more mental health services in higher education and specified that recommendations for students should dictate all levels. <p>c. Rural Communities and Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Wynne asked if there could be any collaboration in rural areas to encourage their employees to be vaccinated. April 2022 ended the term for free vaccines, though. The loss of insurance for many in rural areas will affect vaccine rates.• Dr. Protas agreed. She spoke with Dr. Tim Benton who runs CareVan which goes to oil businesses in the panhandle and Texas Tech University. He's been invited to the next meeting to speak on how this program can improve rural health. <p>d. Telehealth and Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sparks asked whether the recommendations could include rural libraries locations for kiosks.• Dr. Boswell stated that while telehealth is great for some groups of people, but not geriatric patients.• Dr. Haynes provided that the E-Health Advisory Committee had been discussing telehealth and technology. Literacy and cost of broadband are concerns.• Dr. Rhodes spoke about the benefit of telehealth in the panhandle area in multiple populations. Providers have seen a lot of success in increased
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	<p>patients with decreased travel times. Parents are doing much more for their children’s health. Their elderly population isn’t as familiar, so we could introduce a liaison present to help them embrace it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hunt spoke about the urgent care system at Texas Children’s in Houston where they have their own department for Telehealth. She suggested creating more facilities for people to visit after telehealth appointments. • Dr. Wynne suggested training for patients on how to use telehealth services. Community health workers are increasing as a workforce and could assist geriatric patients. • Dr. Sparks stated that telehealth relates heavily to rural communities, but specialties often don’t want to come out to rural areas. <p>Dr. Protas asked for a motion to approve the policy recommendations for the 2023-2028 Statewide Health Plan.</p> <p>Dr. Harvey made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Ken Holland.</p>
<p>5. Texas Health and Human Services Director of Women’s Health Coordination, Joy Borjes’, presentation and discussion on the Strategic Plan for Hyperemesis Gravidarum</p>	<p>Joy Borjes presented on Hyperemesis Gravidarum (HG) and its effects on Texas women’s health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hyperemesis Gravidarum Strategic Plan is the first one, legislatively required by the 87th session, Health and Safety Code, Section 32.047. • Priorities from the plan include helping clinicians and hospitals better recognize and treat Hyperemesis Gravidarum and improve health and social supports. • Dr. Wynne asked two questions: whether the report will examine at the prevalence among ethnicities, and two, over why this was designated as a priority as a condition with a 3% occurrence in pregnancies. • Dr. Haynes asked about prevalence in race/ethnicity and age categories. She brought up how the 3% are only those who receive a proper diagnosis, so it could be more common. • Dr. Zeid commented about the risk factors of HG, patients being young or having their first pregnancies.
<p>6. SHCC Agency Representatives’ Reports</p>	<p>a. Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): Dr. Harvey with HHSC gave an update on Behavioral Health Services:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the HHSC’s report was two-fold: it covered HHSC’s continued dedication to mental health services and the services provided by HHSC to Uvalde. • The Disaster Behavioral Health Services Team deployed to the community to offer support in partnership with the Texas Council of Community Centers, Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. Together, they created the Uvalde Support Line. Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities also launched a website (www.UvaldeStrong2022.org) to list available services and supports. • HHSC continues to focus on policy, providing services, training, technical assistance across several areas: recruiting and retaining a qualified behavioral health workforce, the implementation of the 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline, behavioral health services for youth with complex needs, crisis prevention, intervention, and treatment, and continuing to expand community psychiatric hospital beds. <p>b. Department of State Health Services (DSHS): There was no update from DSHS this session.</p> <p>c. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Mayer gave updates on a few grant programs. Awards for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program were made in January. • The Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee recently met to determine the funding for 2023. • The Nursing Shortage Reduction Program: THECB is the process of finalizing the contracting process for programs receiving funds. • The UT Tyler Medical School has been approved by the board at the January meeting, and they’ll begin enrolling students in fall 2023.
<p>7. Report on SHCC Representation on the HHSC E-Health Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Haynes presented a report on SHCC Representation on the HHSC E-Health Advisory Committee (E-HAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The E-HAC has 8 vacancies in 7 categories. Their plan is to have members in place by the September 2022 meeting. Additional vacancies are expected at the end of 2022. • The first draft of the committee’s report is expected by the end of the summer. Some topics covered

	<p>include: access concerns in operability barriers, digital literacy, and behavioral health concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee voted to continue the upkeep of the committee. They were set to expire in 2023, but they saw the relevancy of their work extending past 2023.
<p>8. Health Professions Resource Center and SHCC Coordinator’s Report</p>	<p>Dr. Bledsoe provided an update on the Health Professions Resource Center (HPRC) and SHCC activities. Dr. Bledsoe discussed the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPRC staff have been working on the 2023-2028 Statewide Health Plan and have finished the SB18 Report, which covers physician supply and demand. • HPRC is undergoing a large data transfer process that should allow them to do more robust research on different healthcare professions. • They’ve been fulfilling data requests and hired one new Research Specialist III.
<p>9. Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Report</p>	<p>Cate Campbell provided an update on the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) and discussed the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCNWS will have their Advisory Committee meeting on July 13, 2022, to give updates and receive updates from the represented organizations on the committee. • Nursing education reports have been approved by the TCNWS Advisory Committee and are published on the TCNWS website. • Updated nursing education dashboards are on Texas Health Data. • The 2022 Staffing Studies, which cover hospitals, long-term care, home health and hospice, and governmental public health nursing facilities, went out in April. They’ve extended the deadline out to June 24th. • TCNWS expects to have reports and policy recommendations for the Advisory Committee at their October meeting.
<p>10. Administrative Items and Next Steps</p>	<p>SHCC tentative meeting date: October 13, 2022.</p>
<p>11. Public Comment and Adjourn</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p> <p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Zeid and seconded by Dr. Wynne. The motion carried.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.</p>