

## Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS)

Friday, November 17, 2023

1:30p.m.

**FINAL**

Virtual: Teams Meeting Platform  
In Person Meeting Site: John H. Winters Building  
Public Hearing Room, First Floor  
701 W. 51<sup>st</sup> 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 1:31 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.

Due to some technical difficulties, Ms. Hall-Hewlett served as the voice for Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand during the meeting.

**Table 1: The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke member attendance at the Friday, November 17, 2023 meeting.**

Member name	Attended	Member name	Attended
Dr. Elie Balesh	N	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	<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	
Dr. Sherron Franks-Meeks	Y	Ms. Karen Brajcki, TWC	Y
Dr. E'Loria Simon-Campbell	Y	Ms. Chelsea Couch, HHSC	Y
Ms. Marcie Gonzales Wilson	N	Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, DSHS	N
Ms. Lourdes Cuellar	N		

## **Agenda Item 2: Consideration of February 17, 2023, June 9, 2023, and August 11, 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 2/17/2023, 6/09/2023, and 8/11/2023 meetings.

**Motion:** Dr. Franks-Meeks moved to approve the minutes as presented from the 2/17/2023, 6/09/2023, and 8/11/2023 meetings. Dr. Duchman and Dr. Maud seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed by a majority vote with 7 yeas (Duchman, Hall-Hewlett, Hildebrand, Maud, Franks-Meeks, Morris, Simon-Campbell), 0 nays and 4 abstentions from (Aguilar, Wilson, Balesh, Cuellar).

## **Agenda Item 3: Presentation: Current and Future Status of Mobile Stroke Units-** Dr. James Grotta, Memorial Hermann Hospital-Texas Medical Center, Houston

Highlights from Dr. Grotta's presentation:

- Not every hospital can treat stroke patients the same way.
- Mobile Stroke Units have been recognized as important way for patients to be triaged for stroke.
- Mobile Stroke Units (MSU) eliminate the conundrum of deciding where to send patients as it's a Primary Stroke Center on wheels.
- For every 100 tPA eligible patients treated with a MSU instead of EMS:
  - 27 will have less disabled outcome at 3 months.
  - 11 more will have no disability at 3 months.
- When patients are treated in the first hour, 60-70% will completely recover from their stroke.
- The cost of a Mobile Stroke Unit is expensive.

## **Agenda Item 4: Agency Representative Reports**

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

### **DSHS HDSP Staffing Updates**

- The HDSP is in the process of hiring for a Program Specialist V position. This position will serve as a Learning Collaborative coordinator and will work closely with the rest of the HDSP and other DSHS programs to align the current Texas Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Partnership with CDC grant goals.

### **New CDC Grants**

- We are pleased to announce that DSHS received funding for the CDC's Cardiovascular Health Innovative Grant. The grant began October 1 and the HDSP is working on implementing grant interventions related to:
  - Advancing the adoption and use of electronic health records (EHR) and health information technology (HIT) to address health disparities and health outcomes.
  - Promoting the use of processes and tools such as GIS and Geo-mapping to identify and address social services and support needs including assessment of referrals.
  - Advancing the use of HIT to support team-based care for.

- Building and managing coordinated networks of multidisciplinary partnerships that address barriers and needs for social services and support needs.
- Identifying and deploying CHWs to provide continuum of care and services to extend clinical interventions.
- Promoting the use of Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) monitoring with clinical support.

### **Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership**

- The next Texas Cardiovascular Disease & Stroke Partnership will be combined with the upcoming American Heart Association's Annual Hypertension Summit scheduled to take place on December 1, 2023.
- The Partnership will also be transitioning to a Learning Collaborative to align its mission and goals with the newly awarded National Cardiovascular Health grant to focus efforts on addressing non-medical drivers of health in areas of Texas with a high prevalence of cardiovascular disease and stroke that are also in high need for social services and community resources.

### **DSHS HDSP Newsletter – November**

- The HDSP just published the HDSP newsletter November's edition on Wednesday 11/1

### **B. HHSC- Ms. Chelsea Couch**

- Ms. Couch had to leave the meeting early.

### **C. Texas Workforce Commission- Ms. Karen Brajcki**

- Did not have any updates to share.

### **Agenda Item 5: Liaison Reports**

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

- New stroke resources include F.A.S.T. Experience which is a set of games, quizzes, and other interactive experiences and RÁPIDO which raises stroke awareness in the Hispanic community.
- A new American Heart Association presidential advisory identifies the strong connections among cardiovascular disease (CVD), kidney disease, Type 2 diabetes, and obesity. A suggestion was made redefining CVD risk, prevention, and management.
- The Advisory provides guidance on definition, introduces a staging model/new prediction consideration, and elevates the importance of holistic approaches to care for patients.
- Local policy makers in cities around Texas are showing a renewed interest in smoke-free air policies.
- The Texas Hypertension Control Summit will be on Friday, December 1 and will be in a hybrid format.

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

- Mr. Agee was unable to join the meeting and there were no updates.

**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

- Continues to follow the CARES Network which is a registry focused on out of hospital cardiac arrests. The CARES Network is a national data set that is focused on tracking cardiac arrest outcomes.
  - Switched from a subscription service to a statewide service. The State of Texas is a subscriber to the CARES Network.
  - It takes significant input to get EMS data into the CARES registry.
  - There is a large urban and suburban representation, but it is underrepresented by rural partners. The CARES Network is working to get rural partners to contribute more.
- Focusing on a needs analysis of the Texas population that is not covered by primary or referral center coronary vascular intervention.
  - The needs analysis focuses on how much of the population does not have access to a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) center within 90 minutes.

ii. GETAC Stroke Committee

- Dr. Novakovic-White was unable to attend.

**Agenda Item 6: Discussion of any action concerning items above, and topics for February 9, 2024, meeting**

- Dr. Franks-Meeks would like to add a stroke walk across Texas as an agenda item for the Feb. 2024 meeting.
  - Would like for the council to support a stroke walk in every county in Texas on the same day in May, which is National Stroke Awareness Month.
  - Dr. Franks-Meeks will reach out to Alec Puente with American Heart Association.
- If there is a topic or a speaker council members would like added to the February agenda, they should let Julie know.

**Agenda Item 7: Consideration of Officer Election Procedure and Election of Vice-Chair**

- Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, ACCO Facilitator read the vice-chair election procedure.
- Council members voted on vice-chair election procedure.

**Motion:** Ms. Hall-Hewlett moved to approve the vice-chair election procedure. Dr. Maud 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, Morris, Simon-Campbell), 0 nays and 3 abstentions (Wilson, Balesh, Cuellar).

- Dr. Franks-Meeks, Dr. Aguilar, and Ms. Morris were nominated for vice-chair.
- The nominees were given two minutes to provide their qualifications for office.

- With a total of 5 votes, Dr. Aguilar was elected as vice chair.

### **Agenda Item 8: Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- The 2024 meeting dates were shared.
- There was discussion on moving the meetings to a different day of the week other than Fridays.
  - Fridays are incredibly busy days for cardiologists and nurses.
  - The meetings have been on Fridays for a long time and not sure why that day was originally designated.
  - Program and the chair will consult with ACCO regarding 2024 meeting dates.

### **Agenda Item 9: Public Comment**

No one registered for public comment.

### **Agenda Item 10: Adjourn**

Ms. Hall-Hewlett adjourned the meeting at 3:10p.m. CST.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC webcast of the November 17, 2023, Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke meeting that will be available for viewing for approximately two years from the date of the meeting.

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