

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2011

Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke

Department of State Health Services

1100 W 49th Street – M-739

Austin, Texas 78756



1.	Call to Order – 10:43 a.m. Tom Tenner, Council Chair, called the meeting to order.
2.	Roll Call Members present – Dr. Tom Tenner, Dr. Deanna Hoelscher, Dr. Lauri Kalanges, Dr. Neal Rutledge, Dr. Erica Swegler, Ginny Barr, Jan Skinner, Ann Quinn Todd, Dr. Michael Hawkins, Pam Akins, Louis West. Excused Absence – Dr. Bob Hillert, Dr. Lilani Muthali. <i>Note: Ginny Barr departed the meeting at 1:49</i>
3.	Approval of Minutes Dr. Hawkins moved to approve minutes from last meeting pending minor clarifying corrections. Dr. Hoelscher seconded.
4.	Council Chair Report Rick Schwertfeger introduced several guests in attendance at the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April Taylor, CDC Site Director for Texas Department of State Health Services• Rosemary Ang, epidemiologist for the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Program• Erika Wood, graduate intern from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth, evaluating the Heart and Stroke Healthy Cities and (funded) Stroke Public Education Campaign.• Dr. Adolfo Valadez, Assistant Commissioner for Prevention and Preparedness Services at Texas Department of State Health Services. Rick updated the Council on the following Program activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick and Tom Stephan have been working with John Litaker and The Litaker Group on preparations for the Strategic planning sessions with the Council.• Get With The Guidelines: Still in process. After several back and forth sessions between the vendor and the Department, the data agreement is now in DSHS Legal Department for final approval. Once the agreement is agreed upon and signed by both parties, the purchase can be executed.• Continuation Application to the CDC: Under review by Rick. Due March 9th.• Rick said that no legislative bills have been submitted for review as yet.• The deadline for Heart and Stroke Healthy Cities' application deadline for

submission is March 1. Applications will be scored Friday, May 6 at the Council Meeting, and asked the Council about scheduling a time for scoring.

- Tom (Stephan) reported that the CVD and Stroke Health Promotion Awards applications have been received and will be processed. He will contact the Council to ask for scoring assistance.

5. State Agency Reports

Department of State Health Services: Presented by Drs. Kalanges and Valadez

Dr. Kalanges reported that the Council's request for a legal opinion on whether there was clear legislative authority to have hospitals report stroke data to the Council for the purposes of developing and maintaining a stroke registry had been completed by Monty Waters, legal counsel for the Department, and was currently undergoing internal review.

Dr. Valadez then gave a detailed report regarding the legislative funding and budget reductions currently underway. He said that the Legislature's current budget for FY 12-13 has returned all budgets to 2008 level, including the \$1 million dollar exceptional item for CVD and Stroke Council initiatives. He noted that exceptional items are still being discussed and debated.

In response, Dr. Swegler informed the Council she had gone to the State Capitol with Joel Romo, Government Relations with the American Heart Association to advocate for the Council, and had requested, among other things, the restoration of Adult Health funding including the Council funding.

Dr. Tenner noted that monies originally slated by the Council for the hiring of a currently "frozen" position dedicated to Council support has been redirected for Council support by existing staff members. As such, the loss of funding would have a real impact to program employees.

Dr. Kalanges responded, saying that there is potential for impact to current employees, but as Section Director, it is her goal that the number of current employees will be maintained.

Diabetes Program Update: presented by Roger Faske.

Selected highlights. In late November 2010, the Texas Health Institute released a report (<http://www.texashealthinstitute.org>) that projects the number of adult Texans with diabetes will almost quadruple by 2040. The report, developed in collaboration with the Office of the State Demographer, projects almost 8 million adult Texans will have diabetes by 2040.

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Diabetes Program Update (*continued*)

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Rick Schwertfeger, Dr. Valadez and Dr. Tenner all noted that, given the link between diabetes and cardiovascular disease, an increase in diabetic/pre-diabetic patients in Texas could mean an increase in CVD and stroke patients.

Texas Education Agency: presented by Ginny Barr

Selected highlights: The TEA has received notice of a general revenue budget reduction of 40 percent.

The TEA Commissioner projects reductions in staff at the beginning of March and after close of Legislative session. No details are available on numbers.

The Health and Safety Division is responsible for a quantity of non-funded legislation, including healthy school and student initiatives; however, the introduction of a bill (House Joint Resolution 56) calling for the removal of unfunded mandates could impact those initiatives.

(Detailed note: H.J.R. 56 would amend the Texas Constitution so that no bills enacted after Jan. 1, 2012 would impose on a local government by requiring the expenditure of revenue.)

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services: presented by Jan Skinner

Selected highlights: Federal funding and good maintenance of state funding has allowed DARS to reduce their number of projected full time employee reductions to thirty persons.

Jan Skinner has worked with Ann Quinn Todd and the Methodist Stroke Centers in Houston to create a pilot program for the training of "liaison counselors" to identify and provide rehabilitative resources for stroke patients in the population able to return to the workforce and provide resources.

6. **Presentations**

CVD Surveillance Report - **Rosemary Ang**

A complete updated copy of the presentation will be made available to the Council and placed on the CVD Program website once approved.

Highlights: CVD and Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. It is the third leading cause of death in Texas.

- 32.5% of all deaths in Texas in 2007
- An estimated 1.2 million Texan adults reported that they have had heart disease or stroke in 2009
- The overall age-adjusted mortality rates (AAMR) for heart disease and stroke have steadily declined since 1970
- Texas females had higher AAMR due to stroke than males
- African Americans had higher AAMR due to stroke than Whites, Hispanics and Others

Presentations (*continued*)

Dr. Swegler requested more information on prevalence of tobacco use as a risk factor. Rosemary agreed to add the information to the report and make it available to the Council.

7.	Work Group Reports/Old Business/Approval as Needed No work group reports from this meeting
8.	Acceptance for Items for Discussion/Approval at Future Meetings <i>Next meeting dates:</i> Saturday, February 5, 2011 Friday, May 6, 2011 Saturday, August 6, 2011 Friday, November 4, 2011
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10.	Public Comments Remmy Morris, Seton Family of Hospitals.
11.	Lunchtime Dr. Tenner called for a lunchtime adjournment at 12.54 p.m.
12.	Strategic Planning Session Returning from Lunch at 1:30 p.m., the Council, with the assistance of John Litaker of the Litaker Group, worked on identifying goals of strategic planning. <i>Minutes were not kept for this section, but the meeting remained open to the public and a recording is available for review.</i>
13.	Adjournment