

**Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)  
Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday, June 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**Teleconference from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

**There was not a physical location for this meeting.**

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**Members Attending**

Jimmy Blanton, M.P.Aff.

Carol Boswell, Ed.D., RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN

Chelsea Elliott

Peter Hajmasy

Kimberly N. Haynes, D.M.D.

Trina Ita, M.A.

Doris J. Jackson, DHA

Elizabeth Protas (Chair), P.T., Ph.D.

Melinda Rodriguez, PT, DPT

Cheryl T. Sparks, Ed.D.

Bharath Thankavel, M.D.

D. Bailey Wynne, R.Ph., M.H.A.

**Members Absent**

David Allen, D.N.P., RN, CCNS-BC, CCRN

Courtney Sherman, DNP, RN, WHNP-BC (resigned)

Stacey Silverman, Ph.D.

Shaukat Zakaria

Yasser Zeid, M.D.

**Staff Present**

Nicole Avellanet, MPH, Research Specialist, Health Professions Resource Center

Ashlee Bledsoe, Ph.D., MA, Program Director, Health Professions Resource Center

Pamela Lauer, MPH, Program Director, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies

Anne Nordhaus, MA, Research Specialist, Health Professions Resource Center

<p><b>1. Chairman’s Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	<p>Dr. Protas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was announced that members should mute themselves when not speaking and that members should state their name when speaking. Dr. Protas took roll. Dr. Protas welcomed the council members present.</p>
<p><b>2. Establish a Quorum – Roll Call and Possible Action to Approve Excused Absences</b></p>	<p>A quorum was established. Dr. Silverman and Dr. Zeid requested excused absences. A motion to approve excused absences was made by Dr. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Wynne. The motion carried.</p>
<p><b>3. SHCC Discussion and Possible Action to Approve March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>A review of the March 4, 2021 minutes elicited no revisions. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Rodriguez and seconded by Dr. Boswell. The motion carried.</p>
<p><b>4. Joy Borjes Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Postpartum Depression Strategic Plan</b></p>	<p>Ms. Joy Borjes, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), presented on the Postpartum Depression Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2021-2025 that was published in September 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Borjes provided an overview of the plan, including the five goals of the plan and the 15 strategies that were developed based on those goals.</li> <li>• The 2021 update will include the status of strategy deliverables and will outline ongoing and new activities in support of the 15 strategies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Round-Table Discussion on Areas of Interest for Next State Health Plan</b></p>	<p>The SHCC discussed possible topics to include in the next State Health Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Such topics included mental health, the behavioral health workforce, women’s health, health equity, social determinants of health, coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination, community-based organizations, dental health, and access to care.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. SHCC Agency Representatives’ Reports</b></p>	<p>a. HHSC: Mr. Blanton and Ms. Ita provided an update on HHSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Blanton discussed legislation related to teleservices, eligibility expansion for postpartum care, data and transparency, interstate medical licensure compact, and benchmarks for managed care.</li> <li>• Ms. Ita discussed legislation related to the funding of inpatient psychiatric resources.</li> <li>• Ms. Ita also discussed funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act that will be used to expand outpatient capacity, expand peer and recovery services, and enhance residential services.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ita further discussed funding from the American Rescue Plan that is intended to maintain the expanded capacity.</li> </ul> <p>b. DSHS: Mr. Hajmasy provided an update on DSHS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Hajmasy discussed the status of COVID-19 and the state’s COVID-19 vaccination efforts.</li> <li>• Mr. Hajmasy also discussed legislation related to prescription drug price disclosure, the Compassionate Use Program, placenta accreta care-related protocols, the administration of vaccines by home and community services agency providers, and public health disasters and emergencies.</li> <li>• Mr. Hajmasy further discussed upcoming studies related to the COVID-19 response, DSHS regions, health care system planning and response capabilities, data standardization, and COVID-19 immunization equity.</li> </ul> <p>c. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: Dr. Fu-An Lin (on behalf of Dr. Silverman) provided an update on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lin discussed legislation related to the funding of higher education, health professions education, and the Child Mental Health Care Consortium, as well as the following programs: Family Practice Residency Program, Statewide Preceptorship Program, Autism Program, Emergency and Trauma Care Education Partnership Program, Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, Nursing Innovation Grant Program, and Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program.</li> <li>• Dr. Lin also discussed legislation related to out-of-state clerkships, the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute, the Joint Admission Medical Program, and the number of baccalaureate degrees offered by community colleges.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review of June 3, 2021 Agenda</b></p>	<p>The agenda was reordered to have item 8 occur after item 6.</p>
<p><b>7. Report on SHCC Representation on the HHSC E-Health Advisory Committee</b></p>	<p>No update was provided. The next HHSC E-Health Advisory Committee meeting will be held on June 21, 2021.</p>

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<b>8. Health Professions Resource Center and SHCC Coordinator's Report</b>	Dr. Bledsoe provided an update on the Health Professions Resource Center and the SHCC. Dr. Bledsoe discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill analyses;</li><li>• Fact sheets on health professions;</li><li>• State Health Plan, which has been posted online;</li><li>• Texas Primary Care Office's needs assessment, which has been submitted; and</li><li>• Senate Bill 18 report.</li></ul>
<b>9. Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Report</b>	Ms. Lauer provided an update on the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies and discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursing education reports;</li><li>• Dashboards and data;</li><li>• Surveys of employers, individual nurses, and workplace violence, which have been postponed to Spring 2022;</li><li>• Workplace Violence Grant Program; and</li><li>• Next advisory committee meeting, which will be held on July 14, 2021.</li></ul>
<b>10. Administrative Items and Next Steps</b>	a. 2021 tentative SHCC meeting date: October 14, 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible topics for the next State Health Plan will be distributed to the SHCC.</li></ul>
<b>11. Public Comment and Adjourn</b>	There were no public comments.  A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Dr. Boswell. The motion carried.  The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.