

FINAL Meeting Minutes Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS)

Friday, November 18, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

**Microsoft Teams Hybrid Meeting – Texas Department of State Health Services,
Robert D. Moreton Bldg., Room M-100, First Floor, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin,
Texas 78756**

TCCVDS MEMBERS	In Attendance
J. Neal Rutledge, MD (Vice Chair)	P
Elie Balesh, MD	A
Lourdes Cuellar	P
Stanley Duchman, MD	P
Janet Hewlett, RD, LD	P
Suzanne Hildebrand (Chair)	P
Samantha Kersey	P
Sherron D. Franks-Meeks, RN, PhD	P
Harry "Kyle" Sheets, MD	P
E'Loria Simon-Campbell, PhD	P
Maricella "Marcie" Gonzalez Wilson, RN	A
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
HHSC - Chelsea Couch	P
DSHS - Kelly Fegan-Bohm, MD	P
TWC - Karen Brajcki	P

"P" – Present - indicates attended the meeting. "A" - Absent indicates did not attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order, Welcome, Logistics

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair, convened the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS) called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair introduced Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, HHSC, ACCO Facilitator. Ms. Thompson called roll and requested members provide a brief introduction. Ms. Thompson advised Ms. Hildebrand that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of August 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Allen advised members the next item on the agenda was the consideration of the August 12, 2022 draft meeting minutes. Ms. Hildebrand asked if there were any corrections or additions to minutes. There were known. Ms. Hildebrand requested a motion to approve the August 12, 2022 draft meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION:

Dr. Neal Rutledge moved to approve the August 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. E'Loria Simon-Campbell. Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, ACCO Facilitator conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed with a vote of Seven (7) For, Zero (0) Against, Zero (0) Abstain, and Four (4) Absent: Dr. Elie Balesh, Dr. Stanley Duchman, Ms. Samantha Kersey, and Ms. Marcie Gonzales Wilson.

Agenda Item 3: Agency Representative Reports

3a. Department of State Health Services

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair introduced Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm to provide DSHS updates. Dr. Fegan-Bohm advised that she did not have any agency updates at this time.

Dr. Fegan-Bohm turned the floor over to Ms. Nallely Trejo, Manager, Heart Disease and Stroke Program.

Highlights from Ms. Trejo's updates:

- New staff member Mr. Jerry Burrola, Program Specialist, Chronic Disease Prevention Unit, joined team in September 2022.
- Two CDC Grants awarded to the Heart disease and Stroke program are in their fourth year of a five-year agreement.
- The Heart disease and Stroke program is currently coordinating the 2022 Hypertension Control Summit in collaboration with the American Heart Association.

There were no questions or comments regarding Ms. Trejo's updates.

3b. Health and Human Services Commission

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand introduced Ms. Chelsea Couch, Texercise Coordinator, Office of Aging Services, HHSC to give agency updates.

Highlights from Ms. Couch's updates included the following:

- Aging Services Coordination (ASC)
- No Wrong Door Grant
- Texercise Connects
- Texas Talks
- Aging Well Resources Order Form
- SNAP-Ed

There were no questions or comments regarding Ms. Couch's updates.

3c. Texas Workforce Commission update

Ms. Karen Brajcki provided an update on the Employment Supports for Brain Injury (ESBI) services. Highlights included:

- TWC Vocational Rehab held a free virtual networking / conference on October 26th and 27th. The conference was designed to assist in the understanding of the new ESBI model.
- One-hundred and nine (109) attendees; 32 providers, 77 Texas Workforce Commission staff who work directly with ESBI clients.
- Staff turnover at rehab facilities resulting in TWC having to train new staff.
- ESBI Open Enrollment may resume in December 2022.
- ESBI is still lacking support in two areas of the state: El Paso and Austin.

There were no questions or comments on Ms. Brajcki's presentation.

Agenda Item 4: Liaison Reports

4a. Brain Injury Programs Report

Mr. Blake Agee, Manager, Office of Acquired Brain Injury

Highlights from Mr. Agee's presentation:

- Comprehensive Rehab Services (CRS) has experienced issues with staff turnover.
- Hiring for multiple positions.
- Continuing to work on reducing Interest List and Wait list times.

Office of Acquired Brain Injury

- Attended the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators SEED Summit in Denver, Colorado in 2022.
- Office of Acquired Brain Injury continues to provide logistical guidance to Texas Brain Injury Advisory Council (TBIAC). The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2023. At the last meeting, TBIAC voted and approved their report to the Executive Commission and Biennial Report to the Texas Legislature.
- Key Recommendations:
 - 1. Texas adopts a Universal Helmet law to reduce the impact on healthcare system.
 2. Improve outreach to Case managers and others involved in the early treatment and care coordination of people with brain injuries.
 3. Research the process and possible impact of expanding the eligibility criteria for comprehensive rehabilitation services program.
 4. Veterans Recovery Pilot Program report nearly completed. Mandated by legislation that created Veterans Recovery Pilot Program.
 5. Working with the Texas Council on Coordinating Veteran Services to provide recommendations for better access to help Veterans seeking services.
 6. Attending STAR+PLUS and IDD SRAC meetings in anticipation of 2023 enactment.
 7. Update mandated Law Enforcement Education training continuing for Traumatic Brain Injury.
 8. Continue to provide training and outreach service to anyone requesting additional information or resources.
 9. Collaborating with TWC Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors with transition of services from CRS to BR.

There were no comments or questions on Mr. Agee's presentation.

4b. Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC); Cardiac Care Report

Dr. Neal Rutledge, TCCVDS member presenter. Highlights from Dr. Rutledge's Presentation include:

- No cardiac updates
- Moving forward with rule change relating to Stroke Emergency Care Services (SECS).
- Next meeting council will review certifications for the SECS program.
- New Stroke rules relating to transportation of patients by EMS to facilities equipped to handling certain levels of severity.
- The least certified areas with the greatest need: Rural and frontier areas. Greatest obstacle is severe financial stress.

4b. Cont'd Dr. David Wampler, Governor's Liaison to EMS and Trauma Advisory Council, UT-Health, San Antonio. Highlights from Dr. Wampler's presentation:

- Exploring credentialing for Cardiac Receiving centers.
- Review of the Texas Cardiac Arrest Registry to enhance survival. The state of Texas know has a uniform data set to track cardiac arrest in the state.
- Upcoming review data from HA Mission Lifeline

Dr. Rutledge asked how does EMORY work. Dr. Wampler explained how the data is transmitted and retained. There were no other questions.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion of the legislative recommendations in partnership with the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair, read the draft recommendation letter to the Governor and Lt. Governor. Ms. Hildebrand noted one addition to the recommendation letter from Dr. Neal Rutledge relating to hospitals capable of performing clot retrieval services be added to the recommendation letter.

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand called on Mr. Alex Puente, Governmental Relations, America Heart Association to answer questions and provide input regarding portion of the letter relating Wellness Programs for state employees.

Motion:

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair requested a motion to approve the draft legislative recommendation letter with changes. The motion was made by Dr. Neal Rutledge and seconded by Dr. Sherron D. Meeks. The motion passed by a vote of Seven (7) Yeas, Zero (0) Nays, Zero (0) Abstentions, and Four (4) Absent: Dr. Elie Balesh, Dr. Stanley Duchman, Ms. Samantha Kersey, and Ms. Marcie Gonzales Wilson.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion of Texas Administrative Code (TCCVDS)

Presentation provided by Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Chronic Unit, Director, DSHS.

Ms. Wiseman covered Title 25, Part 15, Chapter 1051, Rule §1051.1 Conduct of Meetings
Ms. Wiseman's presentation highlights:

- TCCVDS created under Health Safety Code, Chapter 93.
- DSHS is looking into whether Rule §1051.1 Conduct of Meetings needs to be revised. If so, DSHS will work with HHSC to determine proper avenue for doing so.

There were no questions for Ms. Wiseman.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion on Creating TCCVDS Bylaws

Presentation provided by Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Chronic Unit, Director, DSHS.

- Bylaws template
- Council can draft Bylaws (using template provided by ACCO) or allow DSHS to draft Bylaws on behalf of TCCVDS. Either way, draft must be reviewed and approved by legal before council can act.
- No deadline for Bylaw creation for Governor

Dr. Sherron Meeks suggested forming a workgroup to create the council's bylaws. Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair confirmed with Ms. Jacqueline Thompson, ACCO facilitator whether the formation of a subcommittee would be feasible. Ms. Thompson confirmed formation of a subcommittee today or at a future meeting would be acceptable. Mr. John Chacón, ACCO Lead Facilitator, stated the formation of a subcommittee of the TCCVDS membership to work with DSHS on drafting Bylaws is highly recommended. Dr. Neal Rutledge inquired as to whether a draft of the Bylaws would be shared with the full committee prior to a full committee vote. Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand confirmed the subcommittee's recommendations would be shared with the full committee prior to a vote.

Item 8: Review proposed meeting dates

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair recognized Ms. Melissa Lamberton, DSHS, announced the following proposed meeting dates for 2023:

- February 17, 2023
- June 9, 2023
- August 11, 2023
- November 17, 2023

There were no questions or discussion relating to the proposed meeting dates.

Agenda Item 9: Discussion of Action Items and topics for February 17, 2023 meeting

Ms. Melissa Lamberton noted the following action items:

- Send a copy of the legislative recommendations letter with the additions discussed in today's meeting.
- Texas Administrative Code (TAC) rules process will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Send an email to members interested in participating on subcommittee to draft the bylaws.

There were no questions or discussions of the action items. Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, chair asked Ms. Sharon Meeks to discuss the Stroke Survivors and Caregivers Conference tentatively scheduled to take place on May 19, 2023 in Odessa, Texas.

Ms. Hildebrand announced the next meeting will take place on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Meeks asked if she could lobby the legislature as a private citizen and not as a member of TCCVDS. Ms. Hildebrand confirmed doing so would be fine. She could not in any way represent herself as a member of the TCCVDS member.

Ms. Suzanne Hildebrand, Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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