

**Texas Diabetes Council
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2018
1:00 p.m.**

**Moreton Building, Public Hearing Room M-100
1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756**

Table 1: Texas Diabetes Council member attendance at the Thursday, October 25, 2018 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Ms. Joan Colgin	X		Ms. Aida (Letty) Moreno-Brown	X	
Ms. Felicia Fruia-Edge	X		Dr. Feyi Obamehinti	X	
Ms. Lisa Golden	X		Ms. Ardis Reed	X	
Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade		X	Dr. Jason Ryan	X	
Mr. John Griffin	X		Mr. William (David) Sanders	X	
Dr. Manda Hall	X		Dr. Curtis Triplitt		X
Dr. Kathy LaCivita	X		VACANT		

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Dr. Kathy LaCivita, Chair of the Texas Diabetes Council, TDC, convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Dr. LaCivita greeted everyone and turned the floor over to Ms. Stephanie Gutierrez, HHSC, Policy & Rules, Advisory Committee Coordination Office.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call

Ms. Gutierrez reviewed logistics, called roll, and determined quorum. Dr. LaCivita noted that Dr. Curtis Triplitt and Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade have excused absences. Ms. Gutierrez confirmed with Dr. LaCivita if a motion was in order. Dr. LaCivita affirmed. Ms. Gutierrez requested a motion.

MOTION: Dr. Jason Ryan moved to approve the absences for Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade and Dr. Curtis Triplett. Ms. Joan Colgin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: July 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gutierrez asked if there were any necessary edits, hearing none, Ms. Gutierrez requested a motion.

MOTION: Dr. LaCivita made a motion to approve the July 25, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Ardis Reed seconded. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: Presiding Officer's Address: Medicaid Fee Bump Did not Increase Primary Care Participation

Dr. LaCivita reviewed, with members, the handout, *Medicaid Fee Bump Did Not Increase Primary Care Participation*.

Agenda Item 5: Underutilization of Glucagon in the Prehospital Setting

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Ms. Artis Reed, Texas Diabetes Council member. Ms. Reed reviewed, with members, the handout, *Underutilization of Glucagon in the Prehospital Setting*.

Ms. Reed stated first steps are to research Texas protocols as well as meet with a subject matter expert in an effort to discover barriers or gaps in service of EMTs providing services in the field.

ACTION ITEM: To have more information for discussion in the January 2019 meeting.

Agenda Item 6: The Role of Obesity in Prevention of Diabetes and Decreasing risk of Cardiovascular Disease and Death

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Dr. Reese Ochsner, Obesity Medical Liaison, Novo Nordisk.

Dr. Ochsner referenced the PowerPoint, *Complexity of Body Weight Regulation and Obesity*.

Members discussed:

- Level of intensity of intervention matched with severity of diagnosis;
- Integrating education of obesity prevention into K-12 institutions;
- Effectiveness of new generation medications to reduce obesity;
- Pediatric obesity, specifically children with Type II diabetes; and
- The age group included in the study.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Ochsner will send members the original article.

Agenda Item 7: The Role of Pharmacy Benefits Managers in Prescription Drug Access

Dr. LaCivita stated for the record this agenda item will be postponed and moved to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 8: Journey to Control: Diabetes Conversation Maps Curriculum

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Mr. Roy Champion.

Mr. Champion referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Journey for Control and the US Diabetes Conversation Map Program* and the, *2018 Virtual Patient Program Schedule Time*.

Mr. Champion stated for the record he is presenting as a subject matter expert on behalf of The Journey for Control Program.

Members discussed:

- Online classes and modules
 - Duration
 - Type
 - Accessibility
 - Completion rate
 - Cost;
- Adding a link to the program on diabetesintexas.com;
- Adding the Google Translate to the program for language translation; and
- Use of the terminology, Diabetes Educator, lending confusion about credentialing.

Ms. Colgin suggested a motion.

MOTION: Ms. Colgin made a motion to add a link to Journey to Control to the diabetesintexas.com website as another option for diabetes self-management education. Mr. William Sanders seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Champion will get the completion rate of classes/modules to members of the Council.

Agenda Item 9: Priorities and Progress of the Texas Diabetes Council

Dr. LaCivita reviewed the handout, *TDC State Plan Priorities*.

Members discussed:

- Having an Obstetrician and Gynecologist, OBGYN expert on the TDC;
- Education for gestational diabetes; and
- Adding an Employees Retirement System, ERS member to the TDC.

MOTION: Dr. LaCivita made a motion to add an ERS representative as a nonvoting member to the Texas Diabetes Council. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Agenda Item 10: State Agency Representatives

a. Department of State Health Services

Dr. Manda Hall, DSHS Community Health Improvement Division Associate Commissioner, introduced herself to members and discussed the response to the State Plan posted to the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) website. The Legislative Appropriation Request was submitted in August 2018, which included 1.4 million dollars for the Diabetes and School Health Branch. Other related diabetes activities being worked on through 2023:

- Developing three to five public health priorities. Currently in the process of seeking input from stakeholders and partners;
- DSHS was awarded 4.3 million dollars for Fiscal Year 2019 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to focus on:
 - Diabetes
 - Prediabetes
 - Hypertension
 - High Cholesterol
 - Nutrition
 - Physical Activity; and
- The Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Section received three five-year grant awards:
 - State Physical and Nutrition Program
 - Improving the Health of Americans Through Prevention of Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke
 - Innovative State and Local Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke.

b. Health and Human Services Commission

Dr. Mitchell Abramsky stated Dr. Rajendra Parik is retiring, and Dr. Lisa Glenn is the acting Medical Director. The appointment for the TDC HHSC representative member is underway.

A policy analyst is reviewing the continuous glucose monitoring recommendations. The process began three to six months ago.

c. Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Ms. Lisa Golden stated anyone in need of vocational resources services can go to the Texas Workforce website to locate services. Currently, TWC has an announcement posted on the Electronic Business Daily (ESBD) seeking to train and contract with diabetes educators working with people with severe disabilities throughout the state, but especially in Abilene, Waco, College Station, Tyler, and Lubbock. Ms. Golden is working towards making diabetes self-management education (DSME) more accessible for visually and hearing impaired audiences. Ms. Golden stated she provides training diabetes educators on adapting DSME materials and class instruction and can make resources available via the Texas Association of American Diabetes Educators (AADE) network website.

Agenda Item 11: Workgroups

a. Advocacy and Outreach

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Mr. John Griffin, TDC member and Chair of the Advocacy and Outreach workgroup.

- Mr. Griffin informed the full Council, the workgroup:
- Revisited the issue of House Resolution, H.R. 5768 and requested the support of the full Council;
- Discussed insulin pricing and requested the awareness of the full Council with how to effect policy for insulin pricing and access;
- Celebrated a program, developed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), allowing people who use insulin to operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce; and
- Is aware the American Diabetes Association (ADA) will begin to identify state and legislative priorities, as well as advocate for H.R. 5768.

b. Health Professionals and Outcomes

Dr. LaCivita introduced and turned the floor over to Ms. Colgin, TDC member and Co-Chair of the Health Professionals and Outcomes workgroup.

Ms. Colgin informed the full Council, the workgroup:

- Is developing a survey that will be sent to all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations and fee-for-service Medicaid and CHIP providers
 - Will be completed before January meeting; and
- Had a update from Dr. Carley Gomez-Meade regarding her presentation to Medicaid MCOs on continuous glucose monitoring
 - HHSC Medicaid and CHIP Services Project Manager Sheree Coleman explained the organizational process for vetting CGM approval.

Ms. Colgin introduced and turned the floor over to Mr. Champion to present the importance of including diabetes self-management training in the in pay for quality measure required of Managed Care Organizations.

Mr. Champion referenced the PowerPoint and handout, *Reassessing the Diabetes Pay for Quality (P4Q) Measures*.

Members discussed:

- TDC meeting with the Medicaid Medical Director regarding implementing P4Q;
- Insurance Codes;
- Statistics of people who are newly diagnosed with diabetes; and
- Including additional measures.

Dr. LaCivita stated the workgroup needs to develop solutions on getting the P4Q measures aligned with the current clinical recommendations.

Agenda Item 12: Announcements

Dr. LaCivita opened the floor to member announcements.

Ms. Reed stated she was invited by the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance to present in Washington, DC to multiple federal government agency groups that represent work in the field of diabetes. Ms. Reed will have 15 minutes to present on an aggregate view of barriers patients, providers, and healthcare systems and organizations encounter.

Agenda Item 13: Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 14: Future Meetings

Dr. LaCivita stated the next scheduled meeting is January 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and the April meeting date needs to be rescheduled.

MOTION: Dr. LaCivita made a motion to move the April TDC meeting to Thursday, April 18, 2019. Ms. Reed seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Agenda Item 15: Adjournment

Dr. LaCivita adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Webcast: <https://texashsc.swagit.com/play/10252018-1025>