

Convening of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC)

August 3, 2026

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The University of Texas System Administration

210 West 7th Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom

Austin, TX 78701

Minutes

The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC) will convene a videoconference meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127 at 10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2026 according to the following agenda. The Chairperson will be present and preside over the meeting at the posted location.

Definitions:

ARPA– American Rescue Plan Act

CAP– Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Fellowship

COSH– Centralized Operations Support Hub

CPAN– Child Psychiatry Access Network

CPWE– Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion

CTRN– Childhood Trauma Research Network

HRI– Health Related Institution

LMHA – Local Mental Health Authority

NECMHR– New and Emerging Children’s Mental Health Researchers

PeriPAN– Perinatal Psychiatry Access Network

TCHAT– Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine

TCMHCC – Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

Trayt– Data Management System

YAM– Youth Aware of Mental Health

YDSRN– Youth Depression and Suicide Research Network

I. Call to order, introduce new members, and roll call.

- **Dr. David Lakey, presiding officer of the TCMHCC, called the meeting to order.**
- **28 executive committee members were in attendance. See attendance report for details.**

II. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for June 3, 2026.

A. Dr. Babatope made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Nemeroff seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Lakey noted that he would be absent for a portion of the meeting due to a schedule conflict and Dr. Nemeroff would take over as presiding officer during his absence. For these reasons, he would be taking agenda items out of order.

The first agenda item would be Section E. Policy.

III. Presentations on the following agenda items. The full executive committee may review, provide information, make recommendations, and/or take appropriate action on the items presented.

A. Program Updates

1. CPWE Program Update

Summary: Upon completion of touring the 12 HRIs in August, Dr. Pliska will identify statewide challenges and benefits across system, then leadership and partners can consider these findings. In addition, he and HHSC are refining monthly reports with the inclusion of more detailed information in order to make policy decisions.

2. CAP & OWE Program Update

Summary: The workforce expansion program has a new name: Behavioral Health Workforce Development. This month, the CAP program is launching several didactic programs, between August 2026 and April 2027 and the disaster psychiatry workshop for trainees will also be launching in August with 4 sessions. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

3. PeriPAN Program Update

Summary: Enrollment by OB/GYN continues to increase (49%), total consultations also increasing, for direct patient consultations June seems lowest month yet still upward trajectory, HB 18 update includes reminding rural clinics of resources. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

4. COSH and CPAN Program Updates

Summary: Actively enrolled physicians continues to increase, consultations are at a steady growth from month-to-month despite the summer months, approximately 1/3 of calls are handled by psychiatrist, direct consultations also increasing, various project updates (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

5. COSH and TCHATT Program Update

Summary: Typical summer decline but service continues and is reflective in several metrics, updates provided on projects. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

6. TCHATT Governor's Report Update

Summary: Purpose of the report is a focus on schools and student enrollment in TCHATT. The update was based on information as of 6/30/2026. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

B. Data and Evaluation

1. Dissemination and Publication Committee Update

Summary: One proposal pending and nothing else to report.

2. External Evaluation Update

2.1 CPWE logic model – vote (time: 1:33)

Summary: Discussed at last EC meeting. No new comments.

Dr. Pliszka motioned to adopt the CPWE logic model as presented. Luanne Southern seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

2.2 Review of the CAP logic model

Summary: Stated the CAP program goal, inputs, activities, outputs, short-term outcomes, intermediate outcomes, and long-term outcomes. Discussion covered the inclusion of research track. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details)

3. Internal Evaluation Update

3.1 CPWE and CAP Performance Measures – vote (specific times below)

Summary: For CPWE, the proposed performance measures focus on the experience of the residents with other measures including participation, and increased access for children and youth. For CAP, the proposed performance measure focused on participation. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details)

Dr. Pliszka motioned to adopt the CPWE performance measures as presented. Luanne Southern seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. (time 1:44)

Dr. Pliszka motioned to adopt the CAP performance measure as presented. Scott Schalchlin seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. (time 1:44)

- 3.2 CPAN, PeriPAN and TCHATT Updated Measures –
Summary: For CPAN/PeriPAN proposed measures included caller satisfaction, consult satisfaction, PCP perception of improved care, proportion of PCPs enrolled in CPAN, proportion of OB-GYNs enrolled in PeriPAN and participation. For TCHATT proposed measures included engagement in care, timely access to care, caregiver satisfaction, proportion of cases involving parent/guardian and participation. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

Dr. Wagner motioned to adopt the CPAN/PeriPAN performance measures as presented. Dr. Wakefield seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. (time 1:47)

Luanne Southern motioned to adopt the TCHATT performance measures as presented. Dr. Pliszka seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. (time 1:49)

Note: Dr. Lakey returned to the meeting and resumed as presiding officer. (time:1:50)

C. Research

1. YDSRN update

Summary: The presentation covered the YDSRN registry study status, youth characteristics overview, behavioral activation for teens overview, publications overview, grants overview (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

2. CTRN update

Summary: The presentation covered the Texas CTRN visit tally, monthly enrollment and visits, retention rates, recruitment source by year, enrollment & completion of therapy, therapist training, presentations at upcoming conferences, CTRN publications, grants update, and website launch (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

3. NECMHR Grant Update

3.1 Update to the FY28-29 NECMHR Grant

Summary: The NOFO was released on July 8 and two informational sessions scheduled. Preapplication due sept. 30 and full applications will be due later.

3.2 Presentations by 2025/2026 FY25-26 NECMHR PIs:

3.2.1 Evaluating the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Program -
Youngran Kim, PhD

Summary: The presentation included the background and primary information of the YES program and waiver, study aims, preliminary results, frequent services, challenges and future directions. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

- 3.2.2 Ecological Momentary Assessment of the Impact of Parental Emotion Socialization on Childhood Anxiety - Erika Trent PhD
Summary: The presentation included the childhood anxiety/state of affairs, ecological momentary assessment, three core questions in model, data collection, study participation, participant responses to questions and responses influences on kids anxiety, reflections and future directions. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details.)

D. Legislative and Administrative Updates

1. Legislative Bills Updates

Summary: HB 18 – continuing implementing CPAN and PeriPAN with continuous growth in clinics and hospitals, TCHATT has been implemented in most HRIs, March 2027 implementation statewide; HB 6 – resources are placed quarterly on website; third party reimbursement – data collected, another meeting with stakeholders to discuss findings and then will prepare final report to legislature.

2. Budget Updates

Summary: Working on current fiscal year and next biennium; preparing legislative appropriations request using latest submissions from HRIs; statewide reductions requested at 3% and 10%

3. Communication Update

Summary: New staff at Center for Health Communication and new website is expected to go live in September.

E. Policy

1. TCHATT Policies and Procedures

1.1 TCHATT School Outreach and Enrollment; Referrals and Enrollment; and Services & Discharge Policy Updates – vote (time 10:51)

Summary: All three policies were presented and voted on individually. See powerpoint presentation for full details.

School Outreach and Enrollment policy – No changes since June meeting and no discussion. **Dr. Nemeroff motioned to approve and Dr. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.** (time 12:31)

Referrals and Enrollment policy – Changes since June meeting include updated definitions to align with the services & discharge policy. No discussion. **Dr. Nemeroff motioned to approve and Dr. Mathews seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.** (time 13:23)

Services & Discharge Policy – Changes since the June meeting included clarified language on requirement regarding legally authorized presence during home-based sessions and updated definitions to align with the referrals and enrollment policy. A question was raised regarding intermediate services, medication management and transferring patients between HRIs. The proposed resolution was to clarify this issue in the policy.

The revised proposed motion was to add to the revised/proposed service and discharge policy clarification that one reason to transfer could be related to medication management. **Dr. Nemeroff motioned to approve and Dr. Wakefield seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.** (time 15:12)

Staff will make changes as approved and all revised policies will be effective August 2026.

2. CoCM Proposed Process and Scope of Incubator Program Plan
2.2 Review overall plan (including FY2028/2029) – review only

Opening comments from Dr. Lakey: The first portion of this item is a review only, sets time for feedback and is related to the overall structure. The second portion of this item is to prepare for next year.

The presentation covered both items (see Powerpoint presentation for full details). It covered the reason for the redesign and the core pieces of the program that are changing. The discussion and questions focused on the need for HRI leadership, funding, standardization yet flexibility and sustainability goals.

The presentation and vote for the FY2027 plan were put on hold while Dr. Lakey left to attend another meeting. It resumed upon his return to the meeting. Dr. Nemeroff took over as presiding officer, finalized the discussion and moved to item III. A. Program Updates.

2.2 2027 Plan – vote (Time: 2:57)

Summary: Obtain approval to begin preparatory work necessary to implement (beginning in FY 28) whatever program structure is ultimately approved. Actions include: close out the pilot, prepare for the next cohort and establish a CoCM work group. (See PowerPoint presentation for full details)

Dr. Farmer motioned to approve and Dr. Pliska seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Closed Session, if necessary, for consultation with attorney regarding legal matters, related to posted items, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

V. Adjourn

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Attendance List

Executive Committee Member	Institution / Organization	Attended?
Alcides Amador, MD	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	y
Andy Keller, PhD	Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	Y
Brittney Nichols, MBA, LPC-S	The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center	Y
Charles Nemeroff, MD, PhD	The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School	Y
Cole Johnson, JD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Y
David Farmer, PhD, LPC, LMFT	The University of North Texas Health Science Center	Y
David Lakey, MD	The University of Texas System	Y
Diana Chapa, MD	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Y
Donna Carlin	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Y
Hicham Ibrahim, MD	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Y
Jair Soares, MD, PhD	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	N
John Pogue, MD	The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center	N
John Scott	Texas Education Agency	Y
Karen Wagner, MD, PhD	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Y
Laurel Williams, DO	Baylor College of Medicine	Y
Lee Johnson, MPA	Texas Council of Community Centers	N
Luanne Southern, MSW	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services	Y
Melissa Defilippis, MD	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	N
Nathan Maxwell, Ed.D.	Region 16 Education Service Center	Y
Nekesha Oliphant, MD	The University of North Texas Health Science Center	N
Octavio Martinez, Jr., MD, MPH	Hogg Foundation for Mental Health	Y

Olga Rodriguez	Texas A&M University Health Science Center	Y
Peter Thompson, MD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Y
Rene Olvera, MD, MPH	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Y
Sanjay Mathew, MD	Texas A&M University Health Science Center	Y
Sarah Martin, MD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	N
Sarah Wakefield, MD	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Y
Scott Schalchlin, JD, M.Ed.	Texas Health and Human Services Commission	Y
Steven Pliszka, MD	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Y
Jason Isham	Children's Health	Y
Taiwo Babatope, MD, MPH, MBA	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Y
Tarek Rajji, MD	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Y
Trina Ita, MA	Texas Health and Human Services Commission	N
Wayne Goodman, MD	Baylor College of Medicine	Y
Young Shin Kim, MD, MS, MPH, PhD	The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School	Y