

# Senate Bill 10/11

## The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

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# The TCMHCC is composed of the following entities:

- 1) the 13 state funded health related institutions of higher education (including Dell and RGV Medical Schools) in Texas;
- 2) the Health and Human Services Commission;
- 3) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB);
- 4) three nonprofit organizations that focus on mental health care, designated by a majority of the 13 health related institutions (by legislative intent, expected to include the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, and the Texas Council of Community Centers; and
- 5) any other entity that the executive committee considers necessary.



# The TCMHCC Executive Committee

## Mandatory Members

- (1) the chair of the academic department of psychiatry of each of the 13 health-related institutions of higher education listed in the bill or a licensed psychiatrist, including a child-adolescent psychiatrist, designated by the chair to serve in the chair's place;
- (2) a representative of HHSC with expertise in the delivery of mental health care services, appointed by the executive commissioner;
- (3) a representative of HHSC with expertise in mental health facilities, appointed by the executive commissioner;
- (4) a representative of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, appointed by the commissioner of the coordinating board;
- (5) a representative of each nonprofit organization that is part of the consortium;
- (6) a representative of a hospital system in this state, designated by a majority of the members described by Subdivision (1); and
- (7) any other representative designated by a majority of the members described by in Subdivision (1) at the request of the executive committee.

## Additional Members

**The president of each of the 13 health-related institutions of higher education listed in the bill may designate a representative to serve on the executive committee.**

## Presiding Officer

The executive committee shall elect a presiding officer from among the membership of the executive committee.



# Duties of the Consortium

- Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN);
  - Create a network of academic hubs to provide telemedicine-based consultation and training to pediatricians to assist them with identifying mental health issues in their patients
- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT)
  - Create or expand existing telemedicine or telehealth programs to assist school districts with identifying mental health care needs and accessing services;
- Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion
  - Fund full-time psychiatrists to serve as academic medical directors at community mental health providers and to supervise two new resident rotations at those facilities; and
- Fund child and adolescent psychiatry fellowships.



# Direction from the Budget Rider

- Consortium will develop a plan to implement these programs
  - Must be approved by the LBB before expenditures are allowed.
  - Must be submitted to the LBB by November 30, 2019.
  - Approved if not disapproved within 30 days.
- The Consortium will be administratively attached to the Coordinating Board for purposes of distributing the funds through interagency contracts.
- Administrative support
  - \$1.5 million in administrative costs (\$1 million year 1, and \$500,000 year 2).
  - Funding will be transferred to “an institution of higher education designated by the executive committee” to support the Consortium’s activities.
  - The Coordinating Board must enter into a contract for an interagency transfer of funds to this designated entity by September 15, 2019.
- Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2020, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020.



# Funding

- Rider 58
  - “Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy F.1.10, Child Mental Health Care Consortium, is \$49.5 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2020 and \$49.5 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2021 to implement the provisions of this rider.”
- SB 11
  - Sec. 113.0252. APPROPRIATION CONTINGENCY. The consortium is required to implement a provision of this chapter only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the consortium may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this chapter.
  - Sec. 113.0153. REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES. A child psychiatry access center established under Section 113.0151(a) may not submit an insurance claim or charge a pediatrician or primary care provider a fee for providing consultation services or training opportunities under this section.



# TCMHCC Timeline

- First Meeting : August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
  - Established the executive committee
  - Selection of administrative support entity
  - Selection of presiding officer
  - Selection of workgroups and their leaders
  - Initial approval of governance document
- Administrative Contract between THECB and UT System was signed and effective on 9/1/2019
- Follow-up meetings: September 11, October 4<sup>th</sup> and two more to be scheduled in November
- Plan must be submitted to LBB by November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - approved if not disapproved in 30 days



# Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

Executive Committee  
Structure (35 Members)

## Administrative Attachment:

Higher Education  
Coordinating Board receives state funding and sends it to the Consortium for services as directed by the Consortium's plan, once approved by the Legislative Budget Board.

## Administrative Support Entity:

UT System appointed by the Executive Committee to provide administrative support for Consortium activities, funded with \$1.5 million in administrative appropriations.

### HRI and Medical Schools

(26 total members)

Two members per institution:

Chair of Psychiatry  
Dept.

President's designee

### HHSC

(2 members)

One services expert, Sonja Gaines

One facilities expert, Mike Maples

### Nongprofit Orgs.

(3 members)

Selected by Consortium:

Meadows Policy Institute, Andy Keller

Hogg Mental Health Foundation, Octavio Martinez

Texas Council of Community Centers, Danette Castle

### Hospital System

(1 member)

Selected by Consortium:

Children's Health, Danielle Wesley

### Higher Education Coordinating Board

(1 member)

Stacey Silverman

Any other entity designated by the Chairs of Psychiatry members:

(2 members)

James Bourgeois, Baylor S&W,

Dr. David Lakey. UT System,



# Current TCMHCC Workgroups and Leaders

- Child Psychiatry Access Network
  - Laurel Williams, Baylor College of Medicine
- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine
  - Sarah Wakefield- Texas Tech University Health Science Center
  - Alex Vo- UTMB
- Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion
  - Steven Pliszka- UTHSC San Antonio
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowships
  - Elizabeth Newlin UTHSC- Houston
- Research
  - Carol Tamminga- UTSW



# Early Issues/Questions in Implementing SB 11

- Funding distribution among the various mental health initiatives.
- Rider 58 states that the developed TCMHCC plan will “promote and coordinate mental health research across state university systems in accordance with the statewide behavioral health strategic plan.”
  - What is the scope of allowable research?
  - How much funding is available for research after prioritizing services?
- Begin to develop proposals for operations and workforce initiatives
  - and possibly research, depending on legislators’ guidance.
- Role of THECB in oversight.
- Administrative structure of TCMHCC within the designated administrative entity.



# Thank you!

## Questions/ Comments?

