



Task Force of Border Health Officials (TFBHO) APPROVED Meeting Minutes 1:00 p.m., Jun 13, 2024

Physical Location: Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Robert D. Moreton Building, Room M-100, First Floor 1100 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756

TEAMS Virtual/Hybrid Meeting

Table 1: TFBHO attendance at the June 13, 2024, meeting.

Table with 6 columns: MEMBER NAME, YES, NO, MEMBER NAME, YES, NO. Rows list attendees like Dr. Richard Chamberlain, Ms. Esmeralda Guajardo, etc., with attendance status.

Agenda Item 1: Call to order, welcome, Chair remarks, meeting logistics, and Roll Call

Dr. Arturo Rodriguez, Chair, convened the TFBHO meeting at 1:00 p.m., and welcomed attendees. Mr. John Chacón, Associate Director, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), provided logistical announcements, conducted the roll call, and noted a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of April 10, 2024, draft meeting minutes

Dr. Rodriguez called for any edits or changes to the draft April 10, 2024, meeting minutes. Receiving no edits or changes, Dr. Rodriguez called for a motion to approve the draft.

MOTION:

Mr. Steven Kotsatos moved to approve the April 10, 2024, draft meeting minutes as written. Dr. Cynthia Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: Update: DSHS Immunizations Unit

Adrian Sanvictores, Manager; Timothy White, Research Specialist; Ms. Cheryl Garcia, Nurse; Mr. Austin Knaplund, Vaccine Ordering Lead, Vaccine Operations Unit, and Ms. Nurriya Mohammad, Epidemiologist; all of them from the Immunizations Unit, DSHS, provided members with an update on vaccinations. Key points included:

- There were some challenges cleaning migrant client data in the Texas Immunization Registry (ImmTrac2) after the COVID-19 pandemic. Lessons learned will help obtain accurate data in a future public health emergency.
• CDC encouraged completing vaccine series for adolescent children: meningitis ACWY at age 11 and 16, and Human Papillomavirus at age 9 as a 2-dose series or age 15 and older in a 3-dose series.

- Several of next season's flu doses are still available for prebooking by reaching out to DSHS and a provider's responsible entities. 2024-2025 flu doses will be trivalent.

Agenda Item 4: Presentation: Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies

Ms. Amy Carter, Congenital Syphilis Coordinator, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Unit, DSHS, presented a PowerPoint titled "Congenital Syphilis". Highlights included:

- Inadequately treated syphilis includes treatment less than 30 days prior to delivery as well as historical treatment that does not match the surveillance stage of syphilis for the mother.
- Texas is currently ranked 1st nationally by case count and 4th by case rate. Congenital syphilis investigators completed over 3000 investigations in 2022.
- DSHS conducts data matching with maternal syphilis cases and Medicaid services data to increase treatment adequacy data.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion: 2023-2024 Recommendations Report

Dr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Karin Hopkins, Office of Border Public Health Director, DSHS, to provide a refresh of the timeline for the 2023-2024 Recommendations Report and the work session convened in the morning prior to the meeting. A final working meeting will be scheduled virtually for the upcoming weeks. Ms. Hopkins suggested alternative dates for the October 9 meeting due to events scheduled that week; members choose October 3. Then Dr. Rodriguez lead the discussion about Community Mental Health. The results will be included in the 2023-2024 Recommendations Report.

Agenda Item 7: Public comment

Mr. Chacón acknowledged a written public comment from Moises Arjona, Collective Impact Director, Unidos Contra la Diabetes, was received and shared with TFBHO members. No other further public comment was received.

Agenda Item 8: Closing remarks, thank you, and adjourn

Dr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC video to view, and listen to, the entirety of the June 13, 2024, Task Force of Border Health Officials (TFBHO) meeting; this video will be available for approximately two years from the date the meeting video is posted in accordance with the HHSC records retention schedule:

[Task Force of Border Health Officials \(TFBHO\)](#)