



Thursday, March 18, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

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Agenda

I.	Welcome	T. Widmer	2 min.
II.	Vote to Approve Minutes	T. Widmer	2 min.
III.	New Participant Introductions	T. Widmer	2 min.
	a. Loren Fouch – Mayhill		
	b. Kyle Infante – Mayhill		
IV.	Vote to Approve New Appointee	T. Widmer	2 min.
	a. Chris McGinn – City of Lewisville		
V.	Report on Increased Mental Health Needs	L. Elliott-Dansby	5 min.
VI.	New MHMR SAMHSA Grant	P. Gutierrez	5 min.
VII.	Workgroup Committee Reports		15 min.
	a. Child and Family Systems	L. Prillwitz/L. Elliott-Dansby	
	b. Veterans Workgroup	R. Holder	
	c. Jail Diversion	D. Lee	
VIII.	Denton County Veteran Stability Program	E. Baxter	5 min.
IX.	Backbone Support Update		15 min.
	a. COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund Outcomes – S. Spencer for G. Henderson		
	b. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Update - E. Lusk		
	c. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team – O. Williams		
X.	New Business	T. Widmer	15 min
	a. Ad Hoc Substance Abuse Workgroup		
XI.	Public Comment		
XII.	Adjourn	T. Widmer	

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | United Way Denton County





Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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| I. | Welcome | T. Widmer | 2 min. |
| | Terry Widmer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. | | |
| II. | New Intern Introductions | S. Spencer | 5 min. |
| | Shanan Spencer introduced Rebecca Champion, Jacob Chamberlain, Ginny Brundeen, and Karina Garcia who are new interns working with Shanan in Health and Mental Health Initiatives. | | |
| III. | Vote to Approve New Appointee | T. Widmer | 2 min. |
| | a. Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, City of Denton | | |
| | Terry Widmer called for a motion to approve the appointment of Mayor Gerard Hudspeth from the City of Denton. That motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous for the acceptance of his appointment. | | |
| IV. | Report on Increased Mental Health Needs | P. Gutierrez | 5 min. |
| | Pam Gutierrez spoke about the increased mental health needs observed during COVID. She indicated that the programs through MHMR have moved to a virtual platform, so services are continuing. She indicated that the number of suicide related calls have decreased. Adults are expressing satisfaction with the virtual platform. Her team has continued to go into the jails for 16.22 assessments as needed. | | |
| V. | HB 13 Update | H. Rodgers | 10 min. |
| | Hope Rodgers from United Way reported on the completion of HB 13 work. By working with the jails, there were 2,344 non-duplicated clients served. The Veteran Community Navigators are continuing to work with justice-involved Veterans who started under the HB 13 work. | | |
| VI. | Workgroup Committee Reports | | 10 min. |
| | a. Child and Family Systems | | |
| | | L. Prillwitz/L. Elliott | |
| | In response to Pam’s report, Lisa Elliott began by reporting that at Cook Children’s there has been an increase in the number of suicidal kids and teens. They have not responded as positively to telehealth as the adults and have been asking for in-person sessions. She reported that CFS Workgroup has continued to distribute “OK to Say” materials and that she and Laura have been attending the Lake Cities 40 Developmental Assets meetings. Further, she indicated that CFS is continuing to pursue resources for Mental Health Navigators. | | |

Laura Prillwitz reported that the OK to Say stories collection has received 8 stories so far. She also reported that in partnership with WATCH, the CFS hosted a full day symposium on Commercial Sex Trafficking. The virtual event was attended by nearly 100 people.





b. Veterans Workgroup

C. Martin

Curtis Martin reported that he has taken a lesser role in co-facilitating the Veterans Workgroup. Raymond Holder has been chairing the workgroup meetings. The Veteran Community Navigators have been meeting with 10-12 veterans on a daily basis to provide case management and other supports to them. Hope Rodgers reported that we have received an additional 15 HUD VASH vouchers, which is a huge help to veterans experiencing homelessness.

c. Jail Diversion

D. Lee

Captain Doug Lee reported that the Jail Diversion group had not met in nearly a year due to COVID, but would be resuming meetings in February.

VII. Denton County Veteran Stability Program E. Baxter 5 min.

a. Contract with Lyft

In Elishia's absence, Shanan reported that she Elishia has been working with Lyft to contract for transportation services using TVC grant funds.

VIII. Backbone Support Update 15 min.

a. COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund Outcomes – G. Henderson

Hope Rodgers reported in Gary's absence that with CARES Act funding, UWDC worked with community partners from March – December to provide 7.2 million dollars of assistance to 2,000 unique households, covering 4,000 months. She also reported that Denton County was approved for the second round of CARES Act funding and UWDC will receive 20.3 million dollars to use beginning in February.

b. Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team Update - E. Lusk

Hope Rodgers reported in Elena's absence that part of the 20.3 million dollar funds would be marked for Rapid Rehousing, which allows for 3-6 months of rental assistance and case management. It will provide funding to UWDC and non-profit partners to increase staffing to fill the case management positions. In addition, UWDC submitted application to Texas Homeless Network for a 50K grant for Barriers Funding. Further, the Point in Time count scheduled for next week will be modified due to COVID. There will be no community volunteers and only unsheltered homeless will be counted. Finally, Denton County Housing Authority opened its waitlist and will be accepting application until January 31.

c. Denton County Workforce Success Leadership Team – O. Williams

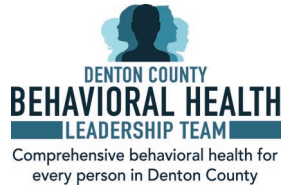
Olivia reported that there were no updates from her team. The group is meeting tomorrow to reassess their strategic plan.

IX. New Business T. Widmer 15 min.

a. Review Role of DCBHLT Appointees & Attendance Expectations

b. Renewed Focus on the Strategic Plan

Terry reminded group members of the team's charge and the attendance expectations of its members. She asked members to read the expectations of group members distributed in the meeting packet. She also indicated that each workgroup will be reviewing its strategic plan and making adjustments and refocusing as necessary.



X. Public Comment

Shanan reported on the start of the “Wellness Wednesday” presentations that will go to UWDC staff and posted on the website each week. She asked that anyone interested in receiving it let her know.

Hope Galloway reported that her agency recently received a grant to provide QPR suicide prevention training to agencies and community members. Anyone interested in receiving the training should contact Hope.

Julie Wright from Texas Health reported that their community impact grant on Resiliency in Youth had gone viral. The Drew Barrymore show recently reported on the grocery store in Linda Tutt high school.

- XI. Adjourn T. Widmer
Terry adjourned the meeting until March 18 at 8:00 a.m.

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Inaugural O'Donnell Brain Institute Symposium: Autism Spectrum Disorders

Thursday-Friday, March 25-26, 2021

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PURPOSE AND CONTENT

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is one of the most common neurodevelopmental disorders, affecting one in fifty-five children in the United States. This symposium aims to update the community on new discoveries in the pathophysiology and causes of ASD as well as emerging novel treatments. The symposium will: 1) review novel ways to assess and characterize clinical features of patients with ASD, 2) review neural circuit mechanisms in both humans and animal models of ASD, 3) review insights gained from studying syndromic ASD, and 4) review novel treatments for ASD. Attendees will gain an understanding of the current state of research in the underlying pathophysiology of ASD as well as novel treatments to target those mechanisms.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Evaluate clinical phenotyping, genotyping, and biomarker development as critical tools for assessing ASD (Session 1)
- Identify the critical neural circuits that contribute to neurodevelopmental disabilities and behavior in ASD (Session 2)
- Analyze clinical presentation, disease mechanisms and latest research and treatment strategies for syndromic autisms (Session 3)
- Describe novel treatments being developed for ASD such as gene replacement therapy, cerebellar circuit modulation, and neuropsychopharmacology (Session 4).

TARGET AUDIENCE

This symposium is designed for and open to physicians and others involved in autism research and clinical care of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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Day One – Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Session 1	Advancing Assessment and Characterization of Autism	
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome – Opening Remarks	William Dauer, M.D.
8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.	The Science Behind Interpreting a Genome Sequence in Thousands of Families with Autism	Stephen Scherer, Ph.D.
9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Deciphering Autism: From Genetics to Mechanisms	Maria Chahrour, Ph.D.
9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Toward Strategic Prevention in Autism Spectrum Disorder	Jed Elison, Ph.D.
10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	EEG Biomarkers for Improving Clinical Trials in Autism	Sara Webb, Ph.D.
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Mechanisms of Sensorimotor Impairment and Their Implications for Understanding Pathophysiology in ASD	Matthew Mosconi, Ph.D.
11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Minority Underrepresentation in Autism Diagnoses	Patricia Evans, M.D., Ph.D.
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Session 1 Panel Discussion	Stephen Scherer, Ph.D. Maria Chahrour, Ph.D. Jed Elison, Ph.D. Sara Webb, Ph.D. Matthew Mosconi, Ph.D. Patricia Evans, M.D., Ph.D.
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Poster Session	Lunch Break – Poster Session

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Session 2	Neural Circuit Mechanisms in Autism: Humans and Animal Models	
1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Clinical Trial Readiness for Neurodevelopmental Disorders: On the Road to Precision	Shafali Jeste, M.D.
2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Which Circuits? And How Often?	Jason Lerch, Ph.D.
2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Peripheral Sensory Neuron Dysfunction: Emerging Roles in Autism Spectrum Disorders	Lauren Orefice, Ph.D.
3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Mechanisms of Sensory Cortical Dysfunction in Mouse Autism Models	Kimberly Huber, Ph.D.
3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Arousal Modulation of Cortical Network Dynamics in Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Michela Fagiolini, Ph.D.
4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Cell Type-Specific Transcriptional Networks Related to Autism	Genevieve Konopka, Ph.D.
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Session 2 Panel Discussion	Shafali Jeste, M.D. Jason Lerch, Ph.D. Lauren Orefice, Ph.D. Kimberly Huber, Ph.D. Michela Fagiolini, Ph.D. Genevieve Konopka, Ph.D.
5:30 p.m.	Day One Adjourn	

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Session 3	Insights from Syndromic Autism; Humans and Animal Models	
8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Targeting mTOR: Therapies for Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Mustafa Sahin, M.D., Ph.D.
9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Fragile X Pathophysiology and Treatment: Obstacles and New Opportunities	Mark Bear, Ph.D.
9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Angelman Syndrome Biomarkers and Treatment Opportunities	Ben Philpot, Ph.D.
10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Mechanisms and Treatment Opportunities for Angelman Syndrome	Ype Elgersma, Ph.D.
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Learning from Animal Models of Shank3 Mutations	Guoping Feng, Ph.D.
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Session 3 Panel Discussion	Mustafa Sahin, M.D., Ph.D. Mark Bear, Ph.D. Ben Philpot, Ph.D. Ype Elgersma, Ph.D. Guoping Feng, Ph.D.
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Session 4	Therapeutic Opportunities for Autism	
1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Refining Translational Medicine in Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Craig Erickson, M.D.
2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	TBA	Evdokia Anagnostou, M.D.
2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Clinical Trial Readiness for Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Kimberly Goodspeed, M.D.
3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Prospects and Considerations for Gene Therapy for Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Steven Gray, Ph.D.
3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Cerebellar Modulation of ASD-Relevant Behavior	Peter Tsai, M.D., Ph.D. Catherine Stoodley, D.Phil.
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Session 4 Panel Discussion	Craig Erickson, M.D. Evdokia Anagnostou, M.D. Kimberly Goodspeed, M.D. Steven Gray, Ph.D. Peter Tsai, M.D., Ph.D. Catherine Stoodley, D.Phil.
5:30 p.m.	Day Two Adjourn	