

# HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes Summary May 1, 2019

On Wednesday, the first day of May 2019, at 10:00 a.m., the quarterly meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) was held at the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs building at 211 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701, Room 116.

The following members were present:

1. David Cervantes, Chair
2. Doni Green, Vice Chair, Promoting Independence Workgroup representative
3. Catrina Pulido for Suzanne Barnard, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs
4. Rev. Kenneth Darden, Advocate for minority issues
5. Carissa Dougherty, Health and Human Services Commission
6. Mike Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer
7. Claire Irwin, Health and Human Services Commission
8. Arnold Alaniz for Jose Ramirez, Texas Veterans Commission
9. Alicia Sunderlage for Scott Sroufe, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Health
10. Michael Wilt for David Danenfelzer, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

David Cervantes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. After all attendees introduced themselves, it was determined that quorum was not present.

### **2. Approval of October 24, 2018 HHSCC Meeting Minutes**

David Cervantes announced that approval of the meeting minutes from the January 30, 2019 HHSCC meeting would be postponed because Council did not have quorum.

### **3. Update on Section 811 Project Rental Assistance**

TDHCA 811 Program Manager Spencer Duran gave an update on the Section 811 Program. He stated that applications have increased to about 200 per week. As a percentage of total applications, rejections for criminal justice involvement and landlord history have decreased and rejections for credit history have held steady. He explained that due to increases in rent and to the participation of larger households than were anticipated, the program will serve less than the number of households that it had been projected to serve previously. He also shared that the program has recruited twice the number of units that were expected to be a part of the program and as a result, Section 811 will no longer be incentivized in the 2020 Qualified Allocation Plan. General discussion followed.

### **4. Update on Project Access and the Mainstream Voucher Program**

TDHCA Director of Programs Brooke Boston gave an update on the Project Access program and Mainstream Voucher program. At the time of the meeting, Project Access had 62 voucher holders currently housed, 78 voucher holders looking for housing, and 89 individuals on the waitlist. There were 8 Mainstream Voucher holders housed and 42 voucher holders looking

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for housing. Discussion about issuing Mainstream Vouchers to individuals on the Project Access waitlist followed. See meeting transcript for more details.

### **5. Update on the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (SBHCC)**

Carissa Dougherty, HHSC, gave an update on the SBHCC. She shared that the SBHCC was focusing on legislative actions that might affect the group moving forward, including the codification of the SBHCC in statute and the formation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

### **6. Update on National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Technical Assistance Initiative**

Carissa Dougherty, HHSC, gave an update on the NASHP Technical Assistance Initiative. She stated that the NASHP workgroup is continuing to implement its work plan, including developing memoranda of understanding between HHSC and STAR+PLUS managed care organizations (MCOs) to allow HHSC to collect health and housing-related data from MCOs that are collecting that data.

### **8. HHSCC Performance Measures Project**

TDHCA Housing Resource Center Director Elizabeth Yevich provided an update on the HHSCC performance measures project. She reported that Carissa Dougherty, Helen Eisert, and Mike Goodwin had all agreed to be on the Performance Measures Advisory Committee. She stated that the project was on hold while TDHCA was hiring for the Housing Resource Center Research Specialist position, which provides administrative support to the Council.

### **9. 5-Year Consolidated Plan Consultation Process**

TDHCA Housing Resource Center Administrator Jeremy Stremmer introduced the 5-Year Consolidated Plan consultation process. Members were invited to provide comments and the consultation process was identified as an agenda item for the July 31, 2019 HHSCC meeting.

### **10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **11. General Updates/Next Steps/Staff Assignment(s)**

TDHCA Director of Programs Brooke Boston informed the Council of an upcoming Disability Advisory Workgroup (DAW) meeting, at which the DAW would discuss TDHCA's integrated housing rule. She also reminded the Council that TDHCA's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing was open for public comment. Upcoming HHSCC meetings were announced for July 31, 2019 and October 16, 2019.

### **ADJOURN**

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.