

HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Summary July 31, 2019

On Wednesday, the thirty-first day of July 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 11th 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. Suzanne Barnard, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs
4. Rev. Kenneth Darden, Advocate for minority issues
5. Helen Eisert, Health and Human Services Commission (by telephone)
6. Mike Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer
7. Claire Irwin, Health and Human Services Commission
8. Paul Julio for Jose Ramirez, Texas Veterans Commission (by telephone)
9. Joyce Pohlman, Health and Human Services Commission
10. Scott Sroufe, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Health
11. Michael Wilt for David Danenfelzer, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

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 present.

1. Approval of January 30 and May 1 HHSCC Meeting Minutes

David Cervantes introduced the meeting minutes from the January 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019 HHSCC meetings. Mike Goodwin moved to approve and Doni Green seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

2. Update on the HHSCC Performance Measures Advisory Committee

David Cervantes announced that Elizabeth Yevich would be providing an update on the HHSCC Performance Measures Advisory Committee as part of the agenda item "Identifying Council Priorities."

3. Update on the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (SBHCC)

TDHCA Housing Resource Center (HRC) Director Elizabeth Yevich provided an update on the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (SBHCC). The HHSCC has served informally as a housing subcommittee for the SBHCC; TDHCA Director of Programs Brooke Boston has participated in the SBHCC for the past 18 months and reports out on the work of the HHSCC. The SBHCC had a meeting scheduled for August 1, 2019, and was expected to vote on the creation of formal subcommittees, including the potential creation of a housing subcommittee. Brooke Boston will attend the meeting, and an update on the SBHCC and any new SBHCC subcommittees will be provided to the HHSCC at the next quarterly meeting.

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4. Identifying Council Priorities

TDHCA HRC Research Specialist Danny Shea provided an overview of the HHSCC's prior accomplishments and an update on priorities for the Council moving forward. Priorities include the creation of a database to monitor service-enriched housing across the state and the evaluation of the state's long-term service providers' capacity to provide service-enriched housing. Elizabeth Yevich also provided an update on the HHSCC Performance Measures Advisory Committee; the committee was on hold while TDHCA hired for the HRC Research Specialist position, and Danny Shea will begin work with the committee before the next Council meeting. General discussion followed.

5. Update on Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program Evaluation

TDHCA Section 811 PRA Program Manager Spencer Duran provided an update on the Section 811 PRA program. The program has housed 268 households to date, with a goal of housing 600 households by 2021. The program is in the process of transmitting data to HHSC to compare with Medicaid data. HHSC will share data with the Texas Health Improvement Network (THIN), which will submit a letter of interest to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for grant funding to complete an evaluation of program participants' Medicaid expenses before and after being housed. General discussion followed.

6. Five-Year Consolidated Plan Consultation Process

TDHCA HRC Administrator Jeremy Stremmer provided an update on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Consultation process. Members were invited to provide comments to Jeremy via email. Examples of possible feedback provided during consultation included data members want to see in the Consolidated Plan or proposed changes to program rules and administration. The deadline for consultation is the end of October.

7. TDHCA Updates

TDHCA Director of Programs Brooke Boston announced that Bobby Wilkinson would start as TDHCA's Executive Director on August 15th, and in that role will serve as Chair of the HHSCC. David Cervantes will continue in his role as Director of Administration at TDHCA.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. General Updates/Next Steps/Staff Assignment(s)

The next HHSCC meeting will take place on October 16, 2019.

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.