

HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Summary January 29, 2020

On Wednesday, the twenty-ninth day of January, 2020, 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. Bobby Wilkinson, Chair
2. Doni Green, Vice Chair, Promoting Independence Workgroup representative
3. Suzanne Barnard, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Office of Rural Affairs
4. Michael Wilt for David Danenfelzer, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) (by telephone)
5. Rev. Kenneth Darden, Advocate for minority issues
6. Helen Eisert, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
7. Mike Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer
8. Olivia Burns for Claire Irwin, HHSC
9. Joyce Pohlman, HHSC
10. Jose Ramirez, Texas Veterans Commission
11. Scott Sroufe, TDA, Office of Rural Health

Welcome and Introductions

Bobby Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. After all attendees introduced themselves, it was determined that quorum was present.

1. Approval of July 31 and October 16 HHSCC Meeting Minutes

Bobby Wilkinson introduced the meeting minute summaries from the July 31, 2019 and October 16, 2019 HHSCC meetings. Mike Goodwin moved to approve the July 31 minutes and Helen Eisert seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve. Mike Goodwin moved to approve the October 16 minutes and Helen Eisert seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve.

2. Lead Hazard Control Grant

Zuleika K. Morales-Romero, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) San Antonio Field Office Director, presented information on upcoming funding opportunities available through HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. Notices of funding availability for lead hazard mitigation and related programs are released annually. General discussion followed; see meeting transcript for more details.

3. Update on the HHSCC Performance Measures Advisory Committee

TDHCA Housing Resource Center Research Specialist Danny Shea provided an update on the HHSCC Performance Measures Advisory Committee. He reviewed possible data sources for suggested performance measures, including TDHCA and HHSC program data from Section 811, the Mainstream Voucher Program, Project Access, Tenant-Based Rental

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Assistance and others. Next steps for the Committee will include developing more formalized draft language for suggested performance measures. Danny Shea reported that he would provide updates at upcoming Council meetings and aim to suggest performance measures in time for HHSCC's 2020 Biennial Plan and Report of Findings. General discussion followed.

4. Update on the HHSCC Biennial Plan and Report

Danny Shea presented an update on the HHSCC Biennial Plan and Report. Council's Biennial Report of Findings is due to the Governor's office and Legislative Budget Board on August 1, 2020 and the Plan will be published on HHSCC's webpage. Danny Shea reported that he plans to provide an outline of both documents, along with draft suggested performance measures, available for the next Council meeting. The plan will then be to incorporate members' feedback, distribute draft documents to members in June, invite the Council to vote on approval for the final documents at the July Council meeting, and submit the final document to the Governor's office and LBB before the August 1 deadline.

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 402 households to date, with 358 currently housed and a goal of housing 600 households by 2021. The program has trained 600 referral agents through HHSC's Centralized Training Infrastructure, and a fourth Section 811 staff member is being hired at TDHCA. The program is closing waitlists in Bexar, Dallas, Nueces, and Travis counties and has received generally positive feedback about the plan from referral agents and other program partners. TDHCA's Section 811 staff is working with Department of Family and Protective Services staff, Superior HealthPlan staff, and HHSC Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services staff to improve the program's outreach to youth aging out of foster care and State Supported Living Center residents. General discussion followed.

6. Update on TSAHC Supportive Housing Academies

Michael Wilt, TSAHC Senior Manager of External Relations, presented on permanent supportive housing (PSH) workshops cosponsored by TSAHC and LISC-San Antonio. The one-day workshops provide a high-level overview of the PSH development process. Workshops were delivered in Austin, San Antonio, and Houston in 2019. TSAHC is looking to host a more in-depth training for development teams later in 2020.

7. Update on National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Technical Assistance Initiative

Joyce Pohlman, HHSC Stakeholder Engagement and Strategic Planning, provided an update on the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) technical assistance initiative. Texas Health Improvement Network (THIN) finished a preliminary data-matching project focused on Section 811 and Medicaid data; they determined that there is a sufficient amount of data that may be matched and will pursue funding to do a full assessment of Medicaid expenditure data for Section 811 residents. Additionally, HHSC is working to execute a contract that will fund the provision of tenancy supports through Medicaid and will aim to teach staff at Local Mental Health Authorities to provide tenancy supports. HHSC is also planning and has begun hosting regional housing summits for service providers around the

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state to identify and develop solutions for affordable housing. Lastly, HHSC has been directed by their Behavioral Health Advisory Council to create a "Housing Choice Plan" that will review the current continuum of housing options for people with behavioral health conditions or intellectual and developmental disabilities. HHSC is collaborating with state agency partners and other stakeholders on the development of that plan.

8. General TDHCA Updates

TDHCA Director of Programs Brooke Boston provided three additional updates from TDHCA. First, TDHCA is applying for two funding opportunities from HUD: one for the Section 811 PRA program, and one for Fair Housing education and outreach. Second, the Department's HOME and Homelessness Division is merging with the Department's Office of Colonia Initiatives/Housing Trust Fund/Neighborhood Stabilization Program Division. The new division will be known as Single Family and Homeless Programs and will be directed by Abigail Versyp. Lastly, TDHCA's draft Consolidated Plan will go before the Department's Board of Directors at the March Board meeting.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

The next HHSCC meeting will take place on April 29, 2020.

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.