

HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Summary May 28, 2020

On Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of May, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., the quarterly meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) was held via videoconference.

The following members were present:

1. Bobby Wilkinson, Chair
2. Suzanne Barnard, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Office of Rural Affairs
3. Michael Wilt for David Danenfelzer, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) (by telephone)
4. Rev. Kenneth Darden, Advocate for minority issues
5. Diana Delaunay, Financial institutions representative
6. Helen Eisert, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
7. Jennifer Gonzalez, PhD, Nonprofit organization representative
8. Mike Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer
9. Doni Green, Promoting Independence Advisory Committee representative
10. Claire Irwin, HHSC
11. Donna Klaeger, Rural communities representative
12. Derrick Neal, Health services entities representative
13. Joyce Pohlman, HHSC
14. Jose Ramirez, Texas Veterans Commission
15. 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 January 20, 2020 HHSCC Meeting Minutes

Bobby Wilkinson introduced the meeting minute summaries from the January 29, 2020 HHSCC meeting. Mike Goodwin moved to approve the minutes and Suzanne Barnard seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

2. HHSCC Overview

Elizabeth Yevich, TDHCA Housing Resource Center Director, presented an overview of HHSCC and a history of the Council. Prior Council activities have included defining service-enriched housing, developing service-enriched housing case studies, providing guidance for the development of TDHCA's Section 811 program, and implementing Housing and Service Partnership Academies.

3. Update on the HHSCC Biennial Plan and Report

Danny Shea, TDHCA Housing Resource Center Research Specialist, 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

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published on HHSCC's webpage. Council members discussed the findings and recommendations included in the draft Report of Findings. Danny Shea then presented an overview of the Biennial Plan sections focused on technical assistance provided to local communities and suggested HHSCC performance measures. General discussion followed.

4. Update on Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA)

TDHCA Section 811 PRA Program Director Spencer Duran provided an update on the Section 811 PRA program. The program has housed 483 households to date, with 355 currently housed. The program has spent its first award of \$12 million, and is approximately 30 units away from fully committing its second award of \$12 million. The program will be launching a landlord mitigation fund, funded by the Money Follows the Person Demonstration, which will pay for damages in the event that a Section 811 program participant causes any damage to their unit. The program applied for \$7 million of additional funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is waiting to be notified of that funding decision. General discussion followed.

5. Update on Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Housing Choice Plan

Joyce Pohlman, HHSC Stakeholder Engagement and Strategic Planning, provided an update on the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) Housing Choice Plan. The Housing Choice Plan will include an inventory of existing housing resources for people who have mental health conditions, substance use histories and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. The work group focused on development of the Plan has been meeting biweekly.

6. TDHCA COVID-19 Response

Brooke Boston, TDHCA Deputy Executive Director of Programs, provided an update on TDHCA's COVID-19 response efforts. TDHCA has reprogrammed existing HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and Homeless Housing Services Program (HHSP) funds, and has been additional funds for CSBG, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and other programs. TDHCA has also received 15 additional Mainstream Voucher Program vouchers, which the Department will provide to Project Access program participants.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

The next HHSCC meeting will take place on July 22, 2020.

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.