

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010, 2:00 pm**

Meeting began: 2:00pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Paula Margeson, Vice Chairman

The Council Meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council of March 2, 2010 was called to order by Vice Chair, Paula Margeson at 2:00 pm. It was held at the HHSC Brown-Heatly Building, Room 1410, 4900 N Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751.

Members Present:

Michael Gerber, Chair
Sherrri Gothart-Barron, Member
Mark Wyatt, Member
Jonas Schwartz, Member
Nick Dauster, Member
Jim Hanophy, Member
Marc Gold, Member
Paige McGilloway, Member
Jean Langendorf, Member
Amy Granberry, Member
Paula Margeson, Member
Kenneth Darden, Member
Jimmy Carmichael, Member
Mike Goodwin, Member
Felix Briones, Member

AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 8th, 2010

Paula Margeson, Vice Chairman

The Vice Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes. There being none, a motion to approve was made and approval was unanimous.

Policy & Barriers Committee Report

Jonas Schwartz, Committee Chair

Committee Chair Jonas Schwartz reported on the Policy & Barriers Committee meeting, which occurred earlier that morning. During the Committee's meeting, the definition of service-enriched housing was discussed and a draft was brought before the full Council for final approval. The approved definition will be presented to the TDHCA Governing Board at their March 11th, 2010 meeting.

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Discussion & Adoption of Service-Enriched Housing Definition

Michael Gerber, Chairman

Council discussed that the draft definition did not articulate what types of services can be provided. There are several categories of services, including health services and long-term supports and services.

The Policy & Barrier Committee members explained that the definition would be expanded upon via the biennial plan. It was also explained that the preamble language was added to the definition in order to direct people to the biennial plan, so that the definition does not stand alone.

TDHCA staff explained the process of TDHCA rule adoption, stating that the definition approved at today's meeting will go to the TDHCA Board on March 11th, and then be published on the Texas Register for a public comment period of one month. If the public comment received is significant, then the Council could decide to reconvene, but the comment is similar to what we received at the public forums, then the Council would not need another meeting. Finally, after the public comment period closes, the Council staff would either recommend changes to the definition or no changes and the Board would make a final decision.

Suggestion was given to add "health-related and other" before "services." This addition to the definition was accepted.

Final Definition: "For the purpose of directing the work of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council and its work product including the biennial plan, service-enriched housing is defined as integrated, affordable, and accessible housing that provides residents with the opportunity to receive on-site or off-site health-related and other services and supports that foster independence in living and decision-making for individuals with disabilities and persons who are elderly."

Chair Michael Gerber asked for motion to approve the definition as written above. The Council voted unanimously to approve the definition.

Discussion of Vision, Next Steps for Council and Staff Assignments

Michael Gerber, Chairman

Chair Michael Gerber requested that the Coordinating Committee hold a conference call meeting this month to outline the work for the biennial plan.

The Chair also encouraged Council member to send research requests to Council staff during this time of plan preparation.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.