

# HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes April 16 2014, 10:00 am

**Meeting began: 10:11 AM**

### **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

**Tim Irvine, Chair**

The quarterly meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) on April 16, 2014 was called to order by Chair Tim Irvine at 10:11 am. The meeting was held at the Brown Heatly Building, 4900 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751, Room 4105.

### **Members Present:**

Tim Irvine, Chair, Executive Director of the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs  
Paula Margeson, Member, REACH Resource Center of Dallas (Non-profit Advocate Representative.)  
Amy Granberry, Member, Charlie's Place (Health Services Entity Representative  
Doni Green, Vice Chair, North Central Texas Council of Governments (Promoting Independence Representative.)  
Mike Goodwin, Member, (Multifamily Housing Developer Representative)  
Kenneth Darden, Member, (Macedonia Baptist Church, Advocate for minority issues)  
James Hill, Member (Financial Institutions Representative) – participated by phone  
Suzanne Barnard, Member, Texas Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Affairs representative  
Megan Cody, Member, Texas Department of Agriculture – Office of Rural Health representative  
Martha Bagley, Member, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services representative

### **Members Absent:**

Felix Briones, Member, (Housing Consumer Representative)  
Marc Gold, Member (Steve Ashman sat in for Marc), Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
Anna Sonenthal, Member, Texas Department of State Health Services (Carmen Bliss sat in for Anna)  
David Danenfelzer, Member, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation  
Jonas Schwartz, Member, Health and Human Services Commission

### **TDHCA Staff Present:**

Elizabeth Yevich, Director of Housing Resource Center  
Terri Richard, Coordinator of HHSCC  
Megan Sylvester, Associate General Counsel

### **AGENDA**

#### **Public Testimony**

There was no general public testimony provided at the meeting.

#### **Approval of January 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

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Approval was motioned by Ms Green and seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Discussion of Biennial Plan Development**

Ms. Richard gave an update on Work Group meetings and reviewed the Draft 2014-2015 Biennial Plan that was provided to the council for review. Ms. Richard took comments from council members on each section of the draft plan. Mr. Irvine commented that it's really hard to navigate acronym soup, suggested someday, not necessarily as part of this report, but just as an informational tool, a third column that briefly describes what these things do and just make it available to the general public to help them navigate services.

Ms. Green recommended an addition to the list of acronyms and Martha Bagley provided paper copy edits to Ms. Richard. Mr. Goodwin suggested some clarification to the information about costs comparisons of community services to institutional services. Ms. Richard agreed to do some more research. Mr. Goodwin also commented on the TDHCA Integrated Housing Rule that the percent of set-asides for people with disabilities seems counter intuitive in that it is 18% for properties that have 50 or more units and 36% for properties that have 50 or fewer units. It seems that there is less integration in the large properties than in small.

Ms. Green suggested adding additional information about the coordination and behind the scenes activity that must take place in order to transition individuals from institutions to the community. She also suggested including the Area Agencies on Aging in the recommendation section related to training opportunities. Mr. Irvine suggested totally the additional funding described in Section 4.0.

Ms. Richard asked council members to provide any additional comments to her by April 30, 2014. She explained that TDHCA will be holding public hearings and an Online Discussion Forum. After the public input the council will have another opportunity to approve the plan. Council members were told they were welcome to attend the public hearings but their attendance was not required.

### **Possible DSHS SAMHSA Housing Grant Discussion**

Carissa Dougherty gave an overview of the grant opportunity. She explained that DSHS did not have enough resources to apply for the grant this year but will be working towards applying for the next years' funding. And so the funding, at its essence, is for services, 15 percent is dedicated to building and enhancing state infrastructure related to serving the chronically homeless population, and that includes veterans and non-veterans with disabilities, mental health, substance abuse or co-occurring disorders, and then 85 percent is dedicated to actual service delivery. SAMHSA is really looking at the permanent supportive housing model and pairing enhancing behavioral health services and wraparound services, including integrated medical, peer support services to help someone move directly into housing and stay stabilized.

The target population is looking at those who aren't already eligible for existing services, so that would get at those folks who are veterans who don't qualify for VASH housing subsidy and really targeting that population of chronically homeless individuals. Mr. Irvine clarified with Ms. Dougherty that DSHS staff do coordinate with Continuum of Care organizations and TDHCA Homeless Housing and Services Program. Ms. Dougherty stated that she is familiar with Continuum of Care but not the Homeless Housing and Services Program.

### **Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program Update**

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Carmen Bliss gave an update on the program. DSHS has submitted a state plan amendment to create a program for adults with mental illness who have long-term stays in State Mental Health Facilities. With the program DSHS will have supports to transition and work with discharge planners at the hospital to support individuals to be successful in the community.

Services that DSHS submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the state plan amendment include: adaptive aids, residential assistant services, psychiatric supports and treatment, peer support, employment assistance, home-delivered meals, minor home modifications, nursing, recovery management, rehabilitation services, short-term respite care, substance use disorder services, transition assistance, flexible funds, and transportation services. They are awaiting CMS approval of the state plan amendment.

### **Housing Training Video Project Overview**

Ms. Richard gave an update on the Video Project. TDHCA is in the process of contracting with the University of Texas, Department of Radio, Television and Film to produce the videos. TDHCA anticipates using the Technical Assistance Collaborative materials to produce the housing and services training videos. Ms. Richard mentioned that she will be reaching out to council members who are willing to be interviewed for the videos.

In addition to the video project, TDHCA is planning to use additional council funds to contract with an entity to conduct an analysis of the 2-1-1 data and the online clearinghouse search function that was added to 2-1-1 with Real Choice Systems Change Grant funds. Another option is to contract with an entity to develop performance measures for the council.

Elizabeth Yevich explained that these projects will be moving very quickly over the summer as they must be completed by August 31, 2014.

### **Update on HUD Section 811 PRA Program**

Ms. Richard gave an update on the 2012 Section 811 PRA in Kate Moore's absence. February 2013 the department was awarded \$12 million to fund approximately 385 units. TDHCA received the Cooperative Agreement from HUD in November and provided comments back to HUD in early December 2013. Most of the comments were related to ensuring that the agreement was consistent with our Housing Tax Credit Program to ensure success of the program.

TDHCA continues to work with HUD on the cooperative agreement for the 2012 funding cycle. In addition, HUD released a new Notice of Funding Availability for 2013 funds. TDHCA and partner agencies have agreed to apply for additional funding even though the 2012 program has not been initiated. The application is due May 5, 2014 and will target the same populations and cities as the 2012 program.

### **Discussion of Next Steps & Staff Assignments**

Mr. Irvine reminded everyone that if they have suggestions for the next meeting agenda items or any other questions or suggestions he and Terri are available.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 pm.