

HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes July 9 2014, 10:00 am

Meeting began: 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Tim Irvine, Chair

The quarterly meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) on July 9, 2014 was called to order by Chair Tim Irvine at 10:00 am. The meeting was held at the Brown Heatly Building, 4900 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751, Room 4530.

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.)
Mike Goodwin, Member, (Multifamily Housing Developer Representative)

James Hill, Member (Financial Institutions Representative) – participated by phone
Amy Granberry, Member, Charlie's Place (Health Services Entity Representative) – participated by phone

Felix Briones, Member, (Housing Consumer Representative)

David Danenfelzer – Member, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)

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

Jonas Schwartz, Member, Health and Human Services Commission

Laura Gold, filling in for Penny Larkin, Member, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

Jeff Williford, Member, Texas Veterans Commission

Members Absent:

Kenneth Darden, Member, (Macedonia Baptist Church, Advocate for minority issues)

Doni Green, Vice Chair, North Central Texas Council of Governments (Promoting Independence Representative.)

Anna Sonenthal, Member, Texas Department of State Health Services (Carmen Bliss sat in for Anna)

TDHCA Staff Present:

Elizabeth Yevich, Director of Housing Resource Center

Terri Richard, Coordinator of HHSCC

Megan Sylvester, Associate General Counsel

AGENDA

Public Testimony

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There was no general public testimony provided at the meeting.

Approval of April 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Approval was motioned by Mr. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Briones, Jr. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of Biennial Plan Development

Ms. Richard gave an update on the Biennial Plan. She shared that TDHCA staff held two public hearings on the Biennial Plan. The first was held in Dallas on June 23, hosted by REACH of Dallas and Paula Margeson, council member, attended. The second was held in Austin on June 24. Staff posted the draft plan on the TDHCA website and the Texas Register for public comment. Staff sent out listservs announcing the public comment period for the plan. In addition, the draft plan was shared with the Promoting Independence Advisory Committee, the Council for Advising and Planning for the Prevention and Treatment of Mental and Substance Use Disorders, the Governor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities, and the State Independent Living Council.

Comments were received from four different entities. The Department of Aging and Disability Services commented that they had an error in one of their documents that was used as a resource. In addition, they asked staff to clarify the number of people on their Medicaid waiver interest list. Staff made changes on page 22 and 33 of the plan.

Easter Seals and Disability Rights Texas commented that they were pleased staff had included the *State of Texas Comprehensive Analysis of Service-Enriched Housing Finance Practices Final Report* (completed by the Technical Assistance Collaborative) recommendations in the plan. Easter Seals also commented that Permanent Supportive Housing is not always integrated. Staff clarified on page 14 of the plan.

Disability Rights Texas commented that staff had left out of the plan mention of an additional resolution made to TDHCA regarding HOME funding. Staff included the resolution on page 44.

There were comments about including requests for additional funding for Service-Enriched Housing as a recommendation. There was brief discussion about the duties of the Council as a coordination council. Mr. Irvine clarified that Council members can bring information forward to the Legislature but when it moves from bringing information to actually making specific funding requests, that's really outside of our purview. In addition, Mr. Irvine explained that TDHCA will not be making any requests for exceptional items in its Legislative Appropriations Request for 2016-2017.

Mr. Irvine also briefly discussed the development of the 2015 Qualified Allocation Plan and explained that TDHCA staff will be looking for input. There is a new scoring item in the QAP for the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program. He encouraged members to contact Jean Latsha or Cameron Dorsey if they have questions about the QAP. He went on to explain that Cameron has accepted additional duties and is now overseeing TDHCA fair housing efforts in addition to multifamily programs oversight.

Motion was made by Mr. Goodwin and seconded by Ms. Margeson to approve the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council 2014-2015 Biennial Plan for submission to the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.

Previewing Training Videos

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Council members previewed “rough cuts” of four of the ten training videos being developed by the University of Texas on behalf of the Council.

Overview of Service-Enriched Housing
Rental Assistance
Energy Assistance
Accessing Department of State Health Services Programs

Council members and public participants provided input on the videos and staff will take those comments back for consideration as they finalize the videos. Council members asked to view the remaining six videos to provide input. Council members were asked to give feedback on all of the videos by July 15 as the project must be completed by August 31, 2014.

Update on 2-1-1 Analysis Project

Ms. Richard gave an update on the project.
TDHCA contracted with Texas State University – Center for Social Inquiry
The purpose of the interagency contract is to analyze the 2-1-1 Texas website and 2-1-1 call data to evaluate the Health and Human Services Commission 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN), including the “Disability Services” search function.

Update on HUD Section 811 PRA Program

Spencer Duran gave an update on the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program.

Discussion of Next Steps & Staff Assignments

Council members requested a Qualified Allocation Plan 101 presentation by TDHCA staff and an overview of the HHSCC budget as well as discussion for how HHSCC funds will be spent in 2015 be added as agenda items for the next meeting on October 8, 2014.

ADJOURN

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