

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

**Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2011, 2:00 pm**

Meeting began: 2:02pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Michael Gerber, Chair

The Council Meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council of February 7, 2011 was called to order by Chair Michael Gerber at 2:02pm. It was held at the Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 220S at 1700 N Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701.

Members Present:

Michael Gerber, Chair
Paula Margeson, Vice Chair
Sherri Gothart-Barron, Member
Doni Van Ryswyk, Member
Jean Langendorf, Member
Amy Granberry, Member
Kenneth Darden, Member
Paige McGilloway, Member
Jim Hanophy, Member
Nick Dauster, Member
Marc Gold, Member
Jonas Schwartz, Member
Mike Goodwin, Member
Mark Wyatt, Member

Members Absent:

Felix Briones, Member
Jimmy Carmichael, Member

TDHCA Staff Present:

Brooke Boston, Deputy Executive Director
Elizabeth Yevich, Director of Housing Resource Center
Ashley Schweickart, Coordinator of HHSCC
Suzanne Hemphill, Data Specialist of HHSCC

AGENDA

Public Comment

There was no public comment given.

Approval of November 1st and December 15th Meeting Minutes

There were no changes made to the November 1st meeting minutes or the December 15th meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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Summary of Committee Discussions

Ashley Schweickart gave a summary of the Cross-Agency Committee meeting, including a discussion of the draft State Agency Reference Guide. The Committee gave edits and recommended that all state agency representatives bring the draft Guide back to their staff for further review. The Committee also discussed steps for implementation and dissemination of the Guide.

Suzanne Hemphill gave a summary of the Policy & Barriers Committee meeting, including follow-up communication with the Disability Opportunity Fund and a discussion of the draft Provider Capacity Survey. The Committee gave suggested edits and discussed steps for implementation and dissemination of the Survey.

Report on Interim Report of the House Committee on Urban Affairs

Ashley Schweickart gave a summary of the House Committee on Urban Affairs Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature, which made a recommendation concerning the Council. In their Findings, the Committee stated that the passage of Senate Bill 1878, which created the Council, moves the state forward in providing an atmosphere to allow elderly persons the ability to live in their homes as long as possible through “service enriched housing” initiatives. The Committee then made a recommendation that the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council’s scope be expanded to “set a goal to aggressively reduce the premature institutionalization of people at the state expense under the Medicaid program by 20% over the course of 5 years by redirecting housing funds, energy related funds, and other funds to remain in their homes instead of going to nursing homes and state hospitals.”

Discussion of Timeline & Progress on Council Tasks

Ashley Schweickart presented the Council with a timeline to complete the outstanding statutory tasks before the Council. The Council then discussed further research for Council staff, including studying the Melville Act and changes to the Section 811 program. Also discussed was the upcoming implementation of the Housing Navigators pilot by DADS, which could be utilized by the Council.

Discussion of Committee Restructuring

The Council agreed to hold committee meetings on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of FY 2011.

Legislative Update

Council staff will continue to monitor the 82nd Legislative Session for any changes affecting the Council. The draft budgets for the House and Senate currently do not include cuts to Council funding.

Next Steps

The Council’s next meeting will be held on Friday, June 10th at 10:00am.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.