

Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee

February 6, 2019

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Health and Human Services Commission

Moreton Building

Public Hearing Room M-100

1100 West 49th St

Austin, TX 78751

Table 1: Aging Texas Well AC member attendance at the Wednesday, February 6, 2019 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Adams, Cindy		X	Saunders, Michele	X	
Bordie, Patricia		X	Wilson, Michael	P	
Bower, Bruce	P		Zernial, Carol	P	
Crocker, Andrew	P				
Flores, Richard	X		Sheridan, Dirk (ex-officio)	X	
Fredriksen, Amanda		X	Spong, Tim (ex-officio)	P	
Gray, Anna	P		Taylor, Lynda (ex-officio)		X
Mermelstein, Tammy	X				

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting

No: Indicates did not attend the meeting

P: Indicates phone conference call

1. **Welcome and opening remarks:** Dr. Michele Saunders, Chair

The **Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee** meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Ms. Olivia Burns, Aging Services Coordination, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Ms. Burns presided over the meeting through 9:30 am and Dr. Michele Saunders, Chair presided from 9:30 am through adjournment.

Mr. John Chacón, HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination, conducted roll call and announced that the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and noted that a quorum was present for the meeting. Table 1 notes committee members' attendance at the meeting.

2. **Review and approve November 7, 2018, meeting minutes:** Dr. Saunders, Chair

Ms. Burns called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Richard Flores moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting as presented. Tammy Mermelstein seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the minutes by voice vote and roll call for members on the phone, with seven ayes, no nays, and no abstentions.

3. **5a. Review and approve HHS Executive Council recommendations proposed by ATWAC Strategic Planning Sub-committee:** Dr. Saunders, Chair

Ms. Burns notified committee members and members of the public that Agenda item #5a was moved up to follow agenda item #2 to ensure a quorum was present.

Ms. Burns called for a motion to approve the Strategic Planning Sub-committee to submit the proposed draft recommendations on behalf of the Committee to HHS Executive Council.

Motion: Ms. Tammy Mermelstein moved to have the Committee approve that the ATWAC Strategic Planning Subcommittee propose recommendations on behalf of full Committee and have Committee continue to participate in process with additional recommendations. Ms. Carol Zernial seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved that the ATWAC Strategic Planning Subcommittee propose recommendations on behalf of full Committee and have Committee continue to participate in process with additional recommendations by voice vote and roll call for members on the phone, with seven ayes, no nays, and no abstentions.

4. Presentations on Special Topics:

- (a) Overview of Child Protective Services Kinship Care Program: Debbie Bouldin, Kinship Care Program Specialist and Anna McArtor

Ms. Bouldin and Ms. McArtor presented on Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Program. The presentation topics consisted of Kinship Defined; Fictive Kin Defined; Kinship Care; Kinship Program, Other Services for Caregivers; Relative and Other Designated Caregiver Program; Kinship Monthly Reimbursement; Post-Permanent Managing Conservatorship Reimbursement Payment; Post-Permanent Managing Conservatorship Annual Reimbursement Payment; and Permanency Care Assistance.

- (b) Question and Answer Session about Kincare: Felipa Lopez Wilmot, Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend, Caregiver Program Specialist

Ms. Wilmot discussed the Coastal Bend Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Kincare Program that she oversees. She highlighted their annual event, Annual Grandparents/Older Relatives Conference that provides resources and networking opportunities. There are 12 agencies that collaborate to support the annual event which promotes the need for advocacy to ensure needed services and resources are utilized via the AAAs and Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The 2019 conference is scheduled for September 20, 2019, but not confirmed.

5. Division Reports:

- (a) Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman, "Our Lives, Our Voices" Grant Project: Jeremy Dufner, Resident Advocacy Coordinator

Mr. Dufner provided an overview of the "Our Lives, Our Voices" project that seeks to encourage nursing facility residents to self-advocate. The program focuses on voter's registration, skills acquisition, and registration for metro access to further resident community involvement. To date, there are 25 participants.

- (b) Quality Monitoring Program, Regulatory Services: Ricky Rees, Manager

Mr. Rees provided updates on five area initiatives:

1. Annual Geriatric Symposium and conference, now the Provider Long Term Care Quality Conference - This free, two-day conference is scheduled for August 12-13, 2019 at the Sheraton Georgetown Conference Center. Conference sponsors include the UT School of Nursing and Texas HHS.
2. The Centers for Excellence in Long-term Care and Aging partnership with the UT School of Nursing continues, their work includes: Infection Control focus, antibiotic stewardship, and Facility Infection Prevention

3. APRN Initiative places AP RN/s via nomination process in facilities and is administered by the UT School of Nursing in the Austin area. The initiative includes five facilities and involves research, evaluation and process improvements.
4. Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) is a training initiative for this CMS facility requirement that will help facilities build on their current requirements and programs. There are eight two-day conferences scheduled for the Fall 2019.
5. Continued expansion and training for the Music and Memory Program

- (c) Policy and Program Development, Medicaid and CHIP Services Department: Mary Bishop, Person-Centered Practices Team Lead

Ms. Bishop gave an overview of person-centered training with the state. She is working with QMP within facilities on person-centered training. Currently, 1800 individuals are trained statewide (which includes facility staff and personnel from Medicaid waiver programs). Plans are in development to provide regional trainings on coaching ADRC and AAA staff. She also described the National Center for the Advancement of Person-centered Practices and Services application for technical assistance and indicated she was in the process of submitting an application on behalf of Texas HHS.

- (d) Aging Services Coordination (ASC): Olivia Burns, Aging Texas Well Coordinator

Ms. Burns provided the following updates for the ASC:

1. Texas Talks campaign- There were over 200 organizations that participated, including HHS, and ASC has plans to continue the campaign on different topics in 2019.
2. Innovators in Aging- Members of the ATWAC judged nominees based on certain criteria and their recommendations for the winners are being routed through to the HHS Executive Commissioner.
3. Aging Texas Well- The biennial ATW plan is currently in development and due for submission September 1, 2019.

6. Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee (ATWAC) Operations: Dr. Saunders, Chair

- (b) Gerontological Society of America 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting

Dr. Saunders discussed the call for abstracts for the GSA's Annual Scientific meeting, to be held November 11 to 13, 2019 in Austin.

7. Public comment:

Ms. Burns asked for public comments from attendees. No public comments were offered.

8. Wrap-up:

Dr. Saunders stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Saunders at 10:25 am.

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