

# Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee

August 7, 2019

## **Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee**

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, August 7, 2019 meeting.

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

### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome and opening remarks**

The **Aging Texas Well Safety Advisory Committee** meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Michéle Saunders, Chair.

Mr. John Chacón, Advisory Committee Coordination Office, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), 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.

### **Agenda Item 2: Review and Approve May 1, 2019 meeting minutes**

Dr. Michéle Saunders, Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting.

#### **Motion:**

Dr. Bruce Bower moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting as presented. Dr. Michael Wilson seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the minutes by voice vote and roll call for members on the phone, with seven yays, no nays, and no abstentions.

### **Agenda Item 3: Review and adopt bylaws amendments**

- Ms. Olivia Burns reviewed and explained amendments and proposed changes of the draft Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee Bylaws and referenced "Draft Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee Bylaws" handout.
- Mr. John Chacon, HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office explained to committee members that in fact the committee could adopt the bylaws as presented pending approval from HHSC legal on those amendments and proposed changes.

Dr. Michéle Saunders, Chair, called for a motion to approve the Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee (ATWAC) Bylaws.

**Motion:**

Dr. Bruce Bower moved to approve the Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee Bylaws pending approval from HHSC legal on amendments and proposed changes. Ms. Tammy Mermelstein seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the ATWAC Bylaws by voice vote and roll call for members on the phone, with eight yays, no nays, and no abstentions.

**Agenda Item 4: Special Topic**

- Ms. Rachel Tessmer, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin presented on the "Texas Aging and Longevity Center" and referenced a PowerPoint entitled "Aging Is The Future. Texas Is The Future Of Aging."

**Agenda Item 5: Division Reports**

- a. Medicaid and CHIP Services, Person Centered Practices Specialist: Anntionete Morgan, Planning Specialist  
Ms. Morgan provided updates on the following from her area:
  - i. Medicaid and CHIP Services were awarded a technical assistance grant for to improve HHSC's person-centered practices
  - ii. Social Work internship positions are being solicited
  - iii. Conducting three new person-centered trainings in Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, and Sherman
- b. Medicaid and CHIP Services, Long-term Services and Supports: Lauren Chenoweth, Senior Policy Adviser  
Ms. Chenoweth provided updates on the following from her area:
  - i. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Money Follows the Person extension through 9/30/2020
  - ii. Currently selecting participants for the HB4533 pilot program on IDD and managed care through STAR+PLUS and reviewing next steps with leadership and CMS
- c. Behavioral Health Services: Kasey Strey, Project Director and Opioid Prevention Lead, Texas Targeted Opioid Response  
Ms. Strey provided updates on the following from her area:
  - i. The Texas Targeted Opioid Response project with Area Agencies on Aging: purpose is to improve the lives of older adults and to provide access to chronic pain management programs and medication review services. The program will also help AAAs coordinate services and build capacity.
- d. Quality Monitoring Program: Dr. Michael Gayle, Interim Director of Quality Monitoring Program and Director of Qulaity Service Review  
Dr. Gayle provided updates on the following from his area:
  - i. Three new grants provided funds for: Nursing Facility Academy training, Music and Memory expansion, and creation of a person-centered monitoring tool
  - ii. New training in development for nursing facilities on antipsychotics, quality improvement, special modules for CNAs, and a directors' academy
- e. Aging Services Coordination: Holly Riley, Manager.  
Ms. Riley provided updates on the following from her area:
  - i. ASC will implement the TTOR project with AAAs. A grants coordinator has been hired to work with the AAAs on implementation
  - ii. The Age Well Live Well – Be Healthy VISTA program is in year two with a new leader and new recruitment for members
  - iii. The Texas Talks program will be rolling out in November
  - iv. Innovators in Aging applications will remain open until end of October

## **Agenda Item 6: Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee Operations**

- ATWAC Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Updates-  
Mr. Richard Flores, Subcommittee Chair provided the following updates on subcommittee activities:
  - i. The subcommittee has been working on recommendations for the HHSC Executive Council. The members developed recommendations on increasing volunteerism in older adults and expanding home delivered meals services.
  - ii. Recommendations were submitted to Executive Council liaison on August 1. Holly Riley, Olivia Burns, and Dr. Saunders will attend the official meeting on August 22, 2019 to answer any questions on the recommendations.
- ATW 20-21 Strategic Plan Comments Review - Ms. Burns presented on comments received from ATWAC members on draft of ATW strategic plan and asked for additional comments. Ms. Burns stated that final draft will be submitted by September 1, 2019.
- Member updates- Dr. Saunders asked ATWAC members to share any updates they have from their respective organizations. The following members provided updates:
  - i. Amanda Fredrickson: Recommendations reviewed by HHSC Executive Council will also include rules related to supporting care givers when loved ones are released from hospitals.
  - ii. Patty Bordie: Conducting online surveys and face-to-face meetings with providers to improve Capital AAA services and identify clients not currently reached by services.
  - iii. Andy Crocker: State agency and county extension services will have a new focus on disaster preparedness and response.
  - iv. Tim Spong: Upcoming Independent Services for Older Individuals who are Bind meeting held in Austin.
  - v. Richard Flores: Due to being partially funded, some ADRCs are remapping their districts. Will have more updates on this at next meeting.
  - vi. Dirk Sheridan: Legislature approved increase in pay for frontline APS caseworkers and supervisors; October is Abuse Neglect and Exploitation Awareness Month; APS Conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin on 11/19/19.
  - vii. Bruce Bower: Train-the-trainer Medicare Advantage Program training is scheduled on 8/20/2019 in Arlington and 9/9/2019 in Amarillo; Open enrollment begins Oct. 15, 2019.
  - viii. Dr. Saunders stated the Gerontology conference will be held in Austin.

## **Agenda Item 7: Public Comment:**

Written Public comment was submitted by Ms. Debra King and was distributed to ATWAC members electronically. No additional public comment was offered.

## **Agenda Item 8: Action and agenda items for next meeting and wrap-up**

Dr. Saunders announced that the next ATWAC meeting is on November 6, 2019. With no further business, Dr. Saunders adjourned the meeting at 11:26 am.

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