

Meeting Notes

Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee

November 7, 2018

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Meeting Site:

Health and Human Services Commission
John H. Winters Human Services Complex
Public Hearing Room 125
701 West 51st St.
Austin, TX 78751

Attendance:

Members	YES	NO	Other Attendees and Guests
Adams, Cindy	x		Linda Parrish, TSHL
Bordie, Patty	x		Holly Riley, HHS
Bower, Bruce	P		Claire Irwin, HHS
Crocker, Andy	P		Edli Colberg, HHS
Fredriksen, Amanda	P		Laura Marshall, HHS
Flores, Richard	x		Valerie Krueger, HHS
Gray, Anna	P		Wes Yeager, HHS
Mermelstein, Tammy	x		Keely Lee, HHS
Saunders, Michele	x		Nadia Bobb, HHS
Sheridan, Dirk	P		Kay Hart, HHS
Spong, Tim	x		Uilly Sedtal, AAACAP
Taylor, Lynda		x	Patty Ducayet, HHS-SLTCO
Wilson, Michael	P		Camden Frost, HHS
Zernial, Carol	P		Chelsea Couch, HHS
			Patti Durham, HHS
			Olivia Burns, HHS
			Sheri Mead, HHS

P: Indicates participated by phone

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks:** Dr. Michèle Saunders, Chair
Logistical announcements and meeting rules announced by Olivia Burns, committee liaison.
- 2. Review and approve August 1, 2018, meeting minutes:** Dr. Saunders, Chair
Minutes from August 1, 2018 meeting were approved as written by all members.
- 3. Presentations on Special Topics:**
 - Overview of Texas Demographics: Edli Colberg, Demographer, Center for Analytics and Decision Support, Health and Human Services Commission

No further questions / comments were asked of Edli Colberg.

- b. Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, Making a Difference for 32 Years: Linda Parrish, Legislative Action Committee Chair, Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

Presenter, Linda Parrish, inquired about the use of HHS vs. HHSC. Holly Riley clarified the use of HHS was correct. No further questions / comments were asked of Linda Parrish.

4. Division Reports:

- a. Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman: Patty Ducayet, Director

Patty stated the SLTCO office is meeting with legislators regarding the ALF Quality Review and services needed, delivered, and financed in Texas. She shared the needs for a more comprehensive quality study, explaining the biggest concern is when an ALF without Alzheimer's certification locks residents in their rooms. Her section is making recommendations on this issue. Member Dr. Saunders clarified if locked doors are done to keep residents from wandering into a yard, etc., and it's viewed as lifesaving issues. Patty explained priority issues are ALFs that aren't well staffed, don't have specially trained staff or continuity of staff, and don't offer additional training. Dr. Saunders commented not enough is done in this area. No further questions / comments were asked of Patty Ducayet.

- b. Community Access Section, Office of Area Agencies on Aging: Kay Hart, Director

Dr. Saunders requested that an organizational chart would help the members with the transformation of new staff/new roles. Member Tammy Mermelstein asked for information on a pilot program for home delivered meals. Tammy is concerned about not getting the information, and the differences in regulation between public and private organizations. Kay stated she will get the information to the committee and stated they are concerned with the same issues raised. No further questions / comments were asked of Kay Hart.

- c. Community Access Section, Office of Aging and Disability Resource Centers: Wes Yeager, Director

Wes mentioned the ADRCs were on schedule with federal funding targets. No questions / comments were asked of Wes Yeager.

- d. Veterans Services: Bettie Beckworth, Program Director

Bettie will send a state report that Veteran Services is developing with the Capitol AAA and ASC on ways to connect aging Texas veterans with community services. Bettie will send the report to Holly Riley to share with members. Veteran Services three primary goals in program development are to address isolation, establish veteran communities, and coordinate vets to access peer support with mentor/mentee programs available to young vets returning from combat. She will have more information on these programs available to share at the next meeting. Governor Abbott accepted the National Suicide Prevention Policy invitation for Texas

to participate. Bettie is going to D.C. to discuss this project and will have more information to share at the next meeting.

e. Quality Monitoring Program, Program Development and Innovation: Sheri Mead, Nurse: Nursing Facility Quality Review and Quality Monitoring Program Development

Sheri reviewed CMP funded projects and their status - CNA Academy, phase five of Music and Memory program, research study on the effectiveness on music and memory and quality of life, decreasing anti-psychotic medications, meaningful engagement trainings and PASSR conferences; There is a transition to practice curriculum to web-based trainings in nursing facilities for train the trainers and is currently online. Member Dr. Saunders requested Sheri sends a link to Olivia to share with the committee. QMP is looking into a hand feeding program too. There are two major initiatives: Advanced RNs in nursing facilities program to discover whether advanced practice nurses have an impact on the care in a facility 8 hours a day, 7 days a week, and regional conferences for San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Harlingen. Sheri requested anyone with questions send an email and she will answer as much as possible. No further questions / concerns were asked of Sheri Mead.

f. Behavioral Health Services Section, Adult Mental Health Services Programs: Valerie Krueger, Preadmission Screening and Resident Review Specialist

Valerie defined and explained the PASSR program. No further questions asked of Valerie Krueger.

g. Medicaid and CHIP Services Department, STAR+PLUS: Nadia Bobb, STAR+PLUS Specialist

Nadia Bobb was not present at report time.

h. Aging Services Coordination: Holly Riley, Manager

Holly Riley explained the Texas Talks initiative. The program will be administered during the holiday season. A follow up email will be sent to participants of the program in January. The results will be provided to the committee at the next meeting. No further questions / comments were made of Holly Riley.

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

a. Review ATW Plan 2018-2019 Progress Report

Dr. Saunders stated the report was well done. No further questions / comments were provided by the members on this topic.

b. Discuss activities during upcoming legislative session, based on member areas of expertise

Dr. Saunders will get updates from the members to share at a later date, since not a lot of interaction with the legislation has taken place yet. No further questions / concerns were asked of Dr. Saunders.

c. Discuss ATWAC priorities and projects for 2019

Dr. Saunders reviewed a list of priority topics the committee identified in 2017. Member Patty Bordie indicated the topics that need to be looked at are emergency response and preparedness, poverty, community readiness / coordination services. Member Tammy Mermelstein indicated the issues around grandparents raising grandchildren should be included as well. Further discussion about priorities and projects for 2019 took place, and Patty and Tammy agreed to work together on a subcommittee to develop the issue briefs on the various topics. Dr. Saunders raised a question about voting on projects via email; Committee liaison Olivia Burns reminded the committee that voting over email was not in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

6. Public comment

Olivia asked attendees for any public comments. No further questions / comments were given.

7. Wrap-up: Dr. Saunders, Chair

Next meeting is scheduled on February 6, 2019. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.