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To People Interested in Board for Evaluation of Interpreters Advisory Board Issues:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the board. The board was created by the Human Resources Code, Chapter 81 as enacted by Senate Bill 1157, Chapter 690 during the 66<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, 1979, which gives HHSC the authority to establish a board of seven persons, residing in Texas, to assist in administering the statewide interpreter certification program.

The HHS executive commissioner will appoint members to the board to serve a term of three year(s). The board will include key stakeholders as determined by the executive commissioner. The board must include representatives of each of the following:

- An applicant who is deaf, a frequent consumer of interpreting services and demonstrates knowledge of the field of interpreting and linguistics as well as has a unique understanding for the demographics and dynamics of Texas' Deaf Community.
- An applicant who is deaf and holds a valid BEI Intermediary - Level III certificate, an Intermediary - Level V certificate or a BEI Certified Deaf Interpreter Certificate.
- An applicant who is hearing and holds a valid BEI Advanced or Master certificate or who has actively engaged in the profession of interpreting for at least three of the immediate past five years.

A board member must regularly participate in board meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Board meetings will be held in Austin at least three times at the call of the presiding officer. Board members won't receive compensation or a stipend for participation. Reimbursement of travel expenses for board members is allowed as funding is appropriated, in accordance with the HHSC travel reimbursement policy.

If you would like to serve on the board, please complete and return the attached application and required video no later than **March 1, 2018**. You may submit the application by email, mail or fax.

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HHSC will notify applicants by May 8, 2018, if they have been selected to serve as a member of the board.

In selecting members to serve on the board, HHSC considers the applicants' qualifications, background and interest in serving on the board. HHSC also tries to choose board members who, as a whole, represent the diversity of all Texas citizens. For that reason, HHSC considers applicants' ethnicity, gender, and geographic location.

For more information, contact Lori Breslow at [lori.breslow@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:lori.breslow@hhsc.state.tx.us).