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To people interested in Texas HIV Medication issues:

The Health and Human Services Commission is accepting applications for membership on the Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee. The committee was created by Health and Safety Code, Section 85.271 to advise in the development of procedures and guidelines for the Texas HIV Medication Program. It also reviews the program’s goals and aims, evaluates ongoing efforts, and recommends short-range and long-range goals and objectives for the Texas HIV Medication Program.

The HHSC Executive Commissioner will appoint members to the committee to complete terms expiring Dec. 31, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2022. Currently, HHSC is seeking a representative of each of the following categories:

- Three physicians who are actively engaged in the treatment of individuals who are living with HIV.
- Two consumers who are living with HIV.
- One pharmacist from a pharmacy that participates in the Texas HIV Medication Program.

The committee also includes the following members:

- A pediatrician who is actively engaged in the treatment of infants and children who are living with HIV.
- A social worker who works with individuals who are living with HIV.
- An administrator for a public, non-profit hospital that provides services to individuals who are living with HIV.
- Two additional consumers who are living with HIV.

A committee member must regularly participate in committee meetings. Members may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Committee meetings will be held about once every three months in Austin or at the call of the presiding officer. A committee member who is a consumer member may be repaid for travel expenses if money is available and in accordance with the HHS Travel Policy. Other committee members aren’t paid to attend or travel to and from committee meetings.
If you would like to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application and two letters of recommendation no later than March 13. You may submit the application and letters of recommendation by email, mail or fax. Here are the addresses:

**Email:**

HHS_Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us  
Attn: Cassandra Marx

**Mail:**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code 0223  
Austin, TX 78711  
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512-206-3984  
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HHSC will notify applicants by May 31 if they have been selected to serve on the committee.

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

For more information about the committee, contact Betsy Cohn at betsy.cohn@dshs.texas.gov or visit https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/meds/advise.shtm.

For more information about the committee application process, contact Cassandra Marx at HHS_Appointments@hhsc.state.tx.us or 512-438-2895.