

Legislative Committee on Aging: Collaborative Aging Services

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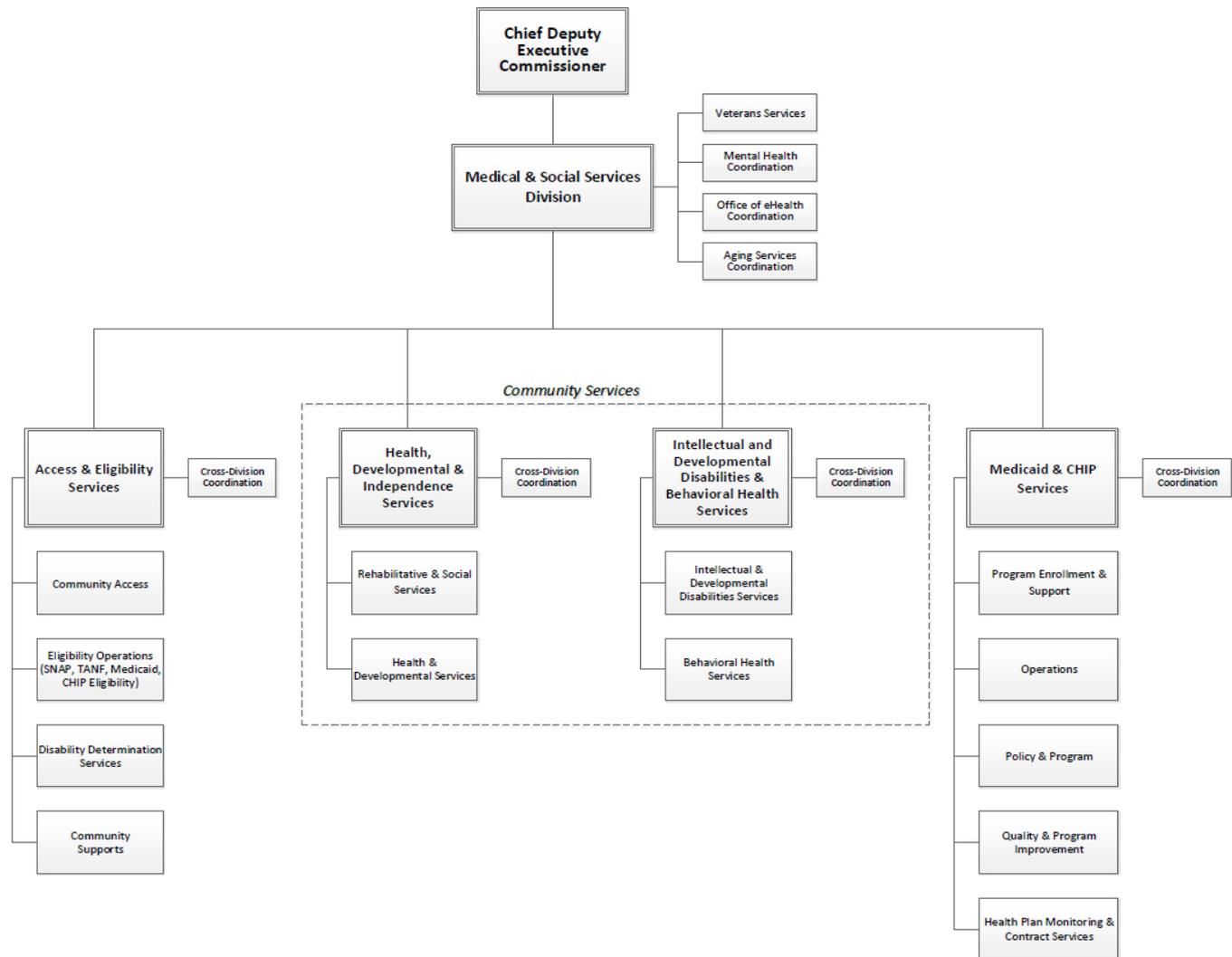
State of Aging

- **By 2026, the number of people age 60+ will increase by 44 percent.**
 - ◆ In the next ten years, growth will be concentrated in the “young elderly,” people in their 60s and 70s.
 - ◆ Beyond 2026, the number of people over 85 will grow more rapidly.
- **“Aging well” means individuals live happy, healthy, and vibrant lives until death.**
 - ◆ Individuals should be knowledgeable, not fearful, about aging.
 - ◆ State must commit to serving older individuals across all populations.
- **Older individuals should be able to:**
 - ◆ Age in place.
 - ◆ Be employable.
 - ◆ Engage with their communities.

HHS Transformation: Aging Impact

- **Goals:**
 - ◆ Reduce silos.
 - ◆ Improve continuum of care.
 - ◆ Connect State Unit on Aging with other health and human services to promote better access to services.
- **Method:**
 - ◆ Aging Services Coordination unit ensures aging focus.
 - ◆ Most aging-related services are under one division.
 - ◆ Cross-division coordination strengthens collaborative efforts.

The “Aging Network”: HHS



HHS Aging Initiatives

- **1115 Waiver – Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Projects**
- **Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan**
- **Behavioral Health and Aging Workgroup**
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Projects**
- **Community Partner Program**
- **National Core Indicators – Aging and Disabilities**

HHS Aging Initiatives, cont.

- **Quality Monitoring Program (QMP):**
 - ◆ QMP Visits
 - ◆ Reducing Antipsychotics
 - ◆ Dementia Care
 - ◆ Youth and Workforce Training
- **Long-term Care Facility Volunteer Tool-kit**
- **Caregiver Profile and Assessment**
- **Aging Texas Well Plan**
- **Texercise**

Continued Community Coordination

- **Before they need them, people know what services are available for:**
 - ◆ Older adults, and
 - ◆ Their families and informal caregivers.
- **People know where to turn for help:**
 - ◆ Aging and Disability Resource Centers
 - ◆ 2-1-1
 - ◆ Area Agencies on Aging
 - ◆ Community Care Services
- **Service providers know about and learn from each other:**
 - ◆ Age Well, Live Well collaboratives
 - ◆ Community Resource Coordination Groups
 - ◆ Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee
 - ◆ State Unit on Aging