

**Women’s Health Advisory Committee
Meeting Report
September 23, 2015
10 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.**

**Brown Heatly
Public Hearing Room 1410, 1420, 1430
4900 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78705**

Table 1: Women’s Health Advisory Committee member attendance at the September 23, 2015 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Dr. Jennifer Almonte-Gonzales	X		Martha Zuniga	X	
Mrs. Carol Everett	X				
Dr. Moss Hampton	X				
Dr. Janet Realini (Vice Chair)	X				
Dr. Peggy Smith	X				
Dr. John Thoppil	X				
Mr. Eric Todd	X				
Mrs. Paula Turicchi (Chairwoman)	X				

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Paula Turicchi, Women’s Health Advisory Committee Chair, called the meeting the order and welcomed the Committee members and the public. She recognized that a quorum was present and provided information about the public accessing the agenda and public comments after the meeting online. The Women’s Health Advisory Committee convened at 10:03 a.m.at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) headquarters, Brown-Heatly Public Hearing Room, 4900 North Lamar, and Austin Texas.

Kristen Gonzales called the roll

Committee members present:

- Paula Turicchi
- Dr. Janet Realini
- Dr. Jennifer Almonte-Gonzalez
- Dr. Peggy Smith
- Carol Everett
- Martha Zuniga

Eric Todd
Dr. John Thoppil
Moss Hampton

There were nine members physically present. Also present was HHSC Executive Commissioner, Chris Traylor, Associate Commissioner, Lesley French, and other HHSC executive staff.

Agenda Item 2: Opening Remarks from Committee Members

Chair Turicchi introduced herself and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of Bylaws

Chair Turicchi introduced the Women's Health Advisory Committee Bylaws. She opened the floor to discussion, after hearing none she called for a motion to adopt the Women's Health Advisory Committee Bylaws. The Women's Health Advisory Committee Bylaws were adopted.

Decisions:

- Dr. Realini motioned for adoption of the Committee Bylaws, Martha Zuniga seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved the adoption of the Women's Health Advisory Committee Bylaws.

Agenda Item 4: Opening Remarks from Health and Human Services Commissioner

Chris Traylor, Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission welcomed the Committee and highlighted their role in the development of the new women's health programs.

Agenda Item 5: Presentation on Women's Health Programs from Women's Health Services Division

Chris Traylor, Executive Commissioner, and Lesley French, Associate Commissioner of the Women's Health Services Division, gave a joint presentation on the status of Texas women's health programs. Their presentation can be found on the Women's Health Advisory Committee webpage on the HHSC website under Women's Health Services Division Presentation bullet.

Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- Overview of women's health status in Texas
- Overview of each program (Family Planning, Expanded Primary Health Care, Texas Women's Health Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer, and Title V) including:

- Client services package
- Total number of clients served under each program
- Number of providers for each program
- Program funding structure
- Legislative update including:
 - Overview of ongoing initiatives related to women’s health
 - Senate Bill 200 changes- consolidation of women’s health programs, creation of new program, creation of the Women’s Health Advisory Committee
 - Increased funding to women’s health
- Healthy Texas Women update including:
 - Website launch
 - Outreach campaign
- Committee decision point timeline based on legislative and program requirements.
- Committee members asked clarification questions relating to the presentation in particular as it relates to current client services offered as well as funding structure.

Action Items:

- The Women’s Health Services Division will develop benefits package options for the Committee to consider.

Agenda Item 6: General Public Comment Period

Members of the public were allowed to share their opinion with the Committee. The following people commented in front of the Committee.

1. Delma Limones representing herself gave comments related to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and Planned Parenthood.
2. Lisa LeBlanc representing herself gave comments related to women’s health issues specifically as it relates to breast and cervical cancer.
3. Ana DeFrates representing the National Latina Institute for Reproductive health gave comments related to family planning consolidation and its funding structure. She also passed out Nuestro Texas’ analysis of the 84th Legislative Session.
4. Graciela Escobar representing Parkland gave a joint presentation with Nicole McKinely, also with Parkland, regarding the issues facing Parkland and other hospital systems as they relate to women’s health. They provided a copy of their written testimony.
5. Edward Sledge representing himself gave comments related to the status of women’s health issues in Texas.

We did not have any written testimony, other than what is noted below, submitted to the Committee.

Agenda Item 7: Adjourn

Chairwoman Turicchi adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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