

**ALA
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 13, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irma Canfield, Chair
Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Vice Chair
John Evans, Parliamentarian
Sandra Iracheta-Cruz, Community Member
Jennifer Tarr, Community Member
Cara Magrane, Community Member
Virginia Burns, Community Member
Martha Moyer, Family Member
William Robinson, Community Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Meadours, Family Member
Pam Stephens, Community Member
Ronald E. Moore, Family Member
Debby Valdez, Family Member

STAFF PRESENT

Susan Lodge, Senior Director of ALA and Agency Coordination
Virginia Charles, Non Waiver Services Manager
Jacob Ulczynski, Operations Manager & Privacy Officer
Corina Arauza, Team Leader - Intake
Teresa S. Kolenda, Administrative Assistant

GUEST

Tiffany Harris, PR Coordinator

1. Ms. Canfield called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.
2. Roll call by Ms. Kolenda. .
3. Public Comments
Ms. Canfield read the statement allowing time for anyone to comment to the Advisory Committee on issues and items of concern. There will be no deliberation or action on these comments. Time allowed is at the discretion of the Chairman, with three (3) minutes being customary.
 - There were no citizens to be heard.
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
 - Ms. Canfield read the following statement – If anyone has Conflict of Interest on any of the action items, they should abstain from voting.
5. Consider and act upon approval of the June 14, 2016 minutes.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Magrane to accept the minutes; seconded by Ms. Burns, the motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion and appropriate action on the application for Planning and Network Advisory Committee membership from: Krista Garcia
 - Mr. Ulczynski discussed the current application submitted by Ms. Krista A. Garcia. Ms. Garcia is employed as Director of Special Education in Northside Independent School District (NISD) and has experience in working with the population we serve. Discussion followed with members carefully reviewing and considering all aspects in selecting the candidate for membership.

- A motion was made by Mr. Robinson to accept Ms. Garcia's application for PNAC membership; seconded by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis, the motion carried unanimously..

7. Discussion and update on ALA Programs.

- Mr. Ulczynski reports on the new updated website for ALA with information on all programs and services available for individuals. DADS performed an oversight in October with few findings.
- For members perusal, an overview of Intake & Eligibility Program
 - >Intake & DID totals – 1035 unduplicated individuals served
 - >Eligibility Determinations - 180
 - >Consumer Benefits – 343
 - >Intake activities– 562
 - >Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/IID) – 116
 - >Community Outreach – 6
 - >HCS Interest List – 5038
 - >GR Interest List - 3022
- Ms. Charles gave an overview FY 2016 Service Authorizations
Current census in GR program – 818 active
 - >Overview of FY 2016 GR Obligations \$790,056.95 and Utilization of \$987,748.84 (Aug. is not closed).
 - >Census in PASRR – 763 active
 - >Community First Choice (CFC)
 - 435 Active, 35 - CFC SC, 11- Intake SC, Intake/CFC SC, 389 – assigned to SC
- Ms. Lodge reports on LIDDA highlights that include:
 - August 20, an Informational Fair was held for individuals seeking services
 - Announcement of Lona's departure and Norma Perez assigned as Interim Waiver Services Manager until position is filled.
 - South Texas Institute is currently in development with Serenity House in providing emergency services to at risk consumers.
 - Funds for Crisis Respite Services FY17 – Safe training on community for Law Enforcement. Currently in contract with vendor to provide 4 hrs. with 1st responders.
 - Stakeholder's meeting for Law Enforcement tentative date, October 17 at 1:00pm -3:00 pm at AACOG. Presented by Emily Iland.
 - Texas Health and Human Services Commission is going through re-organization and are currently seeking individuals interested in applying for the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) System Redesign Advisory Committee.

8. Presentation on the AACOG 2016 Regional Awards

- Ms. Harris discussed the 2016 Regional Awards nominations currently being accepted.
 - >Deadline for submission is October 3 at 4:00 pm
 - >Eligibility/Ineligible criteria reviewed and 13 county regions
 - >Recipients will be honored on December 7, 2016 at the AACOG's Semi-Annual Board Meeting.

9. Items to be placed on next meeting's agenda.- Update on HHS from DADs, Star Kids, Input of FY17 and rate cuts update.
10. Next meeting scheduled for December 13, 2016 at 1:00 pm.
11. Adjournment
 - A motion to adjourn at 3:15 pm was made by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis, seconded by Ms. Moyer, the motion carried unanimously.