

**ALA
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 8, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irma Canfield, Chair
John Evans, Parliamentarian
Cara Magrane, Community Member
Jackie Cooper, Family Member
Debbie Valdez, Family Member
Larry Rodriguez, Community Member
Sandra Irachetz-Cruz, Community Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Vice Chair
Nana Knowles, Family Member
Commissioner Paul Elizondo
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Pam Stephens, Community Member
Martha Moyer, Family Member
Becky Tarwater, Community Member

STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Jalomo, ALA Director
Virginia Charles, Services Manager - GR
Brian Lopez, Client Rights Officer
Teresa S. Kolenda, Administrative Assistant

1. Ms. Canfield called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.
2. Roll Call by Ms. Kolenda.
3. No citizens to be heard.
4. Consider and Approval of the minutes from August 2 2011. Mr. Evans, motioned to accept the minutes; Ms. Cooper seconded; all in favor, motion carried.
5. Due to schedule conflicts, Mr. Dean Danos was unable to attend. Presentation:
 - The AACOG Board of Directors unanimously selected Mr. Danos as the Executive Director of AACOG at the Board meeting held on October 26, 2011
 - His experience includes a distinguished military career with 30 -years of service
 - Mr. Danos last assignment as Support Commander of Randolph Air Force Base; followed by managing a global Learjet program with Raytheon Corporation
 - More than 13 years of service to AACOG as the Deputy Director of the Government Services division
6. An updated roster provided to members on their term limits and review of the current family vacancy. Ms. Stephens and Ms. Jennifer Tarr met with Mr. Jalomo to discuss services for individuals transitioning into the community from the North East Independent School District in November. Ms. Tarr was provided an application for consideration on the vacancy. The vacancy will also be advertised in our website and if members know of anyone interested please refer them to the

ALA website.

7. Presentation of Overview General Revenue Programs by Ms. Charles:
 - Total individuals served: 132 Children
202 Adult
 - Medicaid assignment 75%
 - 9100 & 9100G 8
 - 9101G 40
 - 9105 G 62
 - Grand Total: 444
 - Personal Budget: Child - \$2000
Adult - \$4000
 - Monthly target: 276 (decreased by DADS 27%) continue to serve as many individuals
 - Service array (14) total dollars obligated: \$1,301,281.30
 - Number of clients per service: 711

Texas Home Living Refinance Slot Type 40:

- DADS release 217 slots to ALA
- Active: 32 Children
189 Adult
221
- Closed: 37 (7 Children, 30 Adult)
258 Grand Totals
- Refinanced of General Revenue Funds

HCS

Enrollment Activities - the approved HCS offers in the last legislative session only approved HCS offers includes: 52 Child Protective Services (CPS-aging out), Large/Medium ICF, 11 Current enrollments pending - State Supported Living Center (SSLC) Community Referrals, and 73 Offers - Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) individuals.

Presentation of Overview HCS Program by Ms. Carter included an update on the progress since it's inception in April 2010; HCS Legislative and Rule changes; program incentives that includes Electronic Clinical Software (TAS) in completion of PDPs and moving towards electronic Direct Service Notes.

8. Presentation of Getting Real II/Emergency Management Conference attended by Ms. Carter and Ms. Canfield in September 2011. The conference included information for all and mandate integration and equal opportunity for people with disabilities in emergency program, services and activities. Discussion followed with Key Non-discrimination concepts, functional needs vs. disability labels; be ready-be safe-disaster planning. One of the ACOG Disaster Team Objective is working on disaster preparedness to include evaluate and review how agencies within ACOG are addressing the FEMA mandate for inclusion planning for individuals with disabilities. The first nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) Test is scheduled for November 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern.
9. The CEO of Texas Council announced ALA will be one of the local MRA's to be visited by the Legislative Budget Board on November 18, 2011. The following are areas to be viewed:
 - Financial Issues
 - DADS monitoring and oversight function
 - Administrative functions and the Direct Service Provision

- All the service arrays
 - Review the HCS case management transition as of June 1, 2010
10. Newly revised ALA video presented to members to view. Discussion followed on the promotion of AACOG and the different programs. ALA will be developing webinars that includes Intake and Eligibility, HCS, and other programs. ALA is working with Northeast ISD and North Side ISD for future development of the webinars.
11. Community Events discussed:
- The ARC of SA - Free Parent Information Workshop - November 19, 2011 @9:00 am to 11:00 am
 - November 18 - Annual Luncheon, Respite Care of San Antonio
 - Families RISE - New program (Respite Care of SA, Any Baby Can, Brighton Center and UT Health Science Center: a 5 year research grant for a collaborative study designed for children with developmental disabilities and their families providing (parenting education, person centered & family center planning, advocacy education and case management).
 - Autism & Beyond Art Exhibit, November 11, 2011 @6:00-8:00 pm, UT of SA-UC Hidalgo Room 2.214, 1st UTSA Circle
12. Ms. Canfield announced the next meeting on 7 February, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Cooper; seconded by Ms. Magrane; all in favor, motion carried.