

**ALA
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 18, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irma Canfield, Chair
Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Vice Chair
John Evans, Parliamentarian
Pam Stephens, Community Member
Becky Tarwater, Community Member
Martha Moyer, Family Member
Cara Magrane, Community Member
Sandra Irachetz-Cruz, Community Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heidi Helstrom, Family Member
Debby Valdez, Family Member

STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Jalomo, Sr. Director of Disability Services
Virginia Charles, Services Manager – GR
Lona Carter, Services Manager – HCS
Sara Sobieski, Services Manager – HCS
Jacob Ulczynski, Enrollment and Eligibility Manager
Teresa S. Kolenda, Administrative Assistant

1. Ms. Canfield called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.
2. Roll call by Ms. Kolenda.
3. Citizens to be heard – No citizens to be heard.
4. Consider and act upon the December 10, 2013 minutes.
 - It is noted that Ms. Stephens and Ms. Tarr arrived at 1:09
 - A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the December 10, 2013 minutes, seconded by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis. The motioned carried unanimously.
5. Consider and act upon recommendation of new provider for General Revenue Community Safety Net Provider- Ms. Jennifer Garrett, BCBA.
 - Ms. Sobieski gave a brief outline regarding the qualifications and history of Ms. Garrett's background. The following were discussed:
 - > Business
 - > Experience
 - > Services
 - A motion was made by Ms. Stephens for acceptance of new provider and recommendation to AACOG Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Evans, the motion carried unanimously.
 - It is noted that Ms. Magrane arrived at 1:34 p.m.
6. Consider and act upon PNAC member's participation, as per Bylaws, section 4.04 (e).
 - Ms. Kolenda updated members by reviewing attendance of all members that included all correspondences. PNAC member, Ms. Helstrom, was reported to have missed 5 consecutive meetings including today.

- A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to terminate Ms. Helstrom's member status due to her unresponsive and absenteeism from the committee, seconded by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis. The motion carried unanimously.
 - A letter of notification will be sent to Ms. Helstrom of her status and appreciation for her time spent in the committee.
7. Consider and act upon first reading of PNAC updates to ALA Local Plan.
- Ms. Charles and Ms. Sobieski reviewed the ALA Local Plan and presented staff updates.
 - Discussion ensued on all related items that included process on applications submitted, website, background checks, and requirements.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept the ALA Local Plan; seconded by Ms. Stephens, The motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion and update regarding IDD statewide initiatives.
- Mr. Jalomo gave an update on the Statewide IDD Initiatives and as well as priority issues in the upcoming 84th Legislative Session to begin on January 2015:
 - >Briefly discussed the Interim changes (Charge 1) and 83rd Legislative Senate changes (Charge 5)
 - >Senate Bill 7, 83rd Session - DADS proposal to develop and implement a training program for persons providing direct services and supports to individuals with IDD and to establish at least one behavioral health intervention team.
9. Discussion and update regarding ALA 1115 Waiver Project
- Mr. Ulczynski presented an overview of the 1115 Waiver Project with the following:
 - > Two (2) 6 bed crisis stabilization homes
 - >Needs will be met for individuals with IDD
 - >Participated in learning collaborative
 - >Navigating ambiguity a moving target
 - >HHSC changes include preliminary feedback due in March, CMS approval in May/June, first/only report in October, and revise outcomes.
10. Discussion and update on ALA General Revenue (GR) Program
- Ms. Charles gave an overview that includes a census in GR program – 390 active and 319 closed..
 - FY 2014 GR Obligations – \$766,411.78
 - Census in TxHml – 603 active and 206 closed
 - Census in PASRR – 229 active and 401 closed
 - Continuity of Services (COS) –HCS enrollments in process – 31
 - SSLC Community Referrals in process – 24
 - Mr. Ulczynski gave an overview of Intake & Eligibility Program
 - >Intake & DID totals – 422 unduplicated individuals served
 - >Consumer Benefits – 278
 - >Intermediate Care Facilities – 178
 - >Community Outreach – 26
 - >HCS Interest List – 4506
11. Discussion and update on ALA 1915 (c) Waiver Programs
- Ms. Carter presented an overview of the traditional Medicaid/HCS Services and Manage Care:
 - >Waiver changes and Risks

- >Expansion of Medicaid Acute Care Services
- >Unveiling 2014 Services Changes
- >HCS new added service - Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy
- >CRT Process and Procedure: Assessments
- >HCS Program Expansion beginning in April 2010 with HCS 1516 Enrolled and 32 SC positions to Present HCS 1840 enrolled and 44.5 positions

12. Announcement of PNAC Training scheduled immediately following adjournment of 3/18/14 regular meeting.
13. Ms. Canfield announced the next meeting scheduled for June 10, at 1:00 pm.
 - A motion to accept the scheduled date made by Mr. Evans; seconded by Ms. Iracheta-Cruz. The motion carried unanimously.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 and it is noted that Ms. Stephens and Ms. Tarr left the meeting.