

**ALA  
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 9, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Pam Stephens, Community Member  
Jennifer Tarr, Community Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Anthony Jalomo, Sr. Director of Disability Services  
Virginia Charles, Services Manager – GR  
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 1:00 pm.
2. Roll call by Ms. Kolenda. – It is noted that Ms. Magrane arrived at 1:32 pm
3. Citizens to be heard. – It is noted there are no citizens to be heard
4. Consider and act upon the September 16, 2014 minutes.
  - A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Valdez . The motioned carried unanimously.
5. Consider and act upon nominations for 2015 PNAC Chair and Vice-Chair from among current PNAC members:
  - Discussion on Chair and Vice-Chair. A recommendation made by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis to keep current Chair, seconded by Ms. Moyer, The motion carried unanimously.
  - A motion was made by Mr. Evans to accept and make recommendations for current Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Valdez. The motion carried unanimously.
  - The recommendations for Chair and Vice-Chair will be forwarded to the AACOG Board of Directors.
6. Consider and act upon the Expiring membership and Vacancies (3):
  - Mr. Jalomo discussed the process needed in completing the reappointment of members:
    - All members will need to complete background check forms before sending to board of directors.
    - Three individuals interested in membership. All applications will be available for review.
    - Discussion on setting a date for a Special Called meeting to review applications and upon completion of receipt of background check forms to make recommendations.

- A motion was made by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis to have a Special Called meeting upon completion of background check forms and review the applications; seconded by Ms. Moyer. The motion carried unanimously.
- An email will be sent to all members upon determination of pending date for the Special Called meeting.

7. Discussion and update on Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Service Coordination.

- Mr. Ulczynski and Mr. Jalomo touched on Star+Plus services that went into effect on September 1, 2014 and includes:
  - > Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD)
  - > Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with IDD or Related Conditions
  - > Community Living Assistance Support Services (CLASS)
  - > Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
  - > Home and Community based Services (HCS) or
  - > Texas Home Living (TxHmL)

Persons involved in service delivery can identify the assigned MCO SC as indicated below:

Amerigroup – [www.amerigroup.com](http://www.amerigroup.com) or 1-800-600-4441

Molina – [www.molinahealthcare.com](http://www.molinahealthcare.com) or 1-877-725-2688

Superior – [www.superiorhealthplan.com](http://www.superiorhealthplan.com) or call SC Department 1-877-277-9772

8. Discussion and update on Community First Choice Program.

- Mr. Jalomo discussed the upcoming Community First Choice (CFC) with a start date of March 1, 2015.
- Preparation in personnel to ALA that includes 1 FT Psychologist and 2 part-time Psychological Associates;
- ALA will determine eligibility for CFC

9. Discussion and update on 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Appropriations Request.

- Mr. Jalomo touched on some of the issues including:
  - Caseload/Maintenance, Cost Trends, Reducing Community Programs Interest lists, Promoting Independence, Enhancing Community IDD Services, Complying with Federal PASRR requirements, Protecting Vulnerable Texans, Maintaining/Improving SSLC Operations and ADRC Structural Enhancements

10. Discussion and update on ALA Programs.

- Ms. Charles gave an overview FY 2015 Service Authorizations: Current census in GR program – 561 active and 78 closed.
- Overview of FY 2015 GR Obligations \$1,124,715.26 and Utilization of \$940,860.91 serving 639 individuals.
- Census in PASRR – 349 active
- Mr. Ulczynski reports an overview of Intake & Eligibility Program
  - > Intake & DID totals – 770 unduplicated individuals served
  - > Eligibility Determinations - 436
  - > Consumer Benefits – 358
  - > Intake – 437
  - > Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/IID) - 114
  - > Community Outreach – 5
  - > HCS Interest List – 4402

9. Discussion and update on ALA 1915 ( c ) Waiver Programs
  - Ms. Sobieski presented an overview of TxHmL with current census – 470 active; Enrollments – 483 offers in Sep – Nov 2014; HCS 189, TxHmL 294
10. Ms. Canfield announced the next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2015 at 1:00 pm.
  - A motion to accept the scheduled date made by Ms. Magrane; seconded by Ms. Valdez. The motion carried unanimously.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.