

**ALA
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 16, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irma Canfield, Chair
John Evans, Parliamentarian
Martha Moyer, Family Member
Cara Magrane, Community Member
Pam Stephens, Community Member
Virginia Burns, Community Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Vice Chair
Debby Valdez, Family Member
Jennifer Tarr, Community Member
Sandra Iracheta-Cruz, Community

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 1:11 pm.
2. Roll call by Ms. Kolenda. – It is noted that Ms. Magrane arrived at 1:15 pm
3. Consider and act upon the June 10, 2014 minutes.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Magrane. The motioned carried unanimously.
4. Discussion and Update on ALA Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.
 - Mr. Jalomo reviewed the ALA Budget and touched on the following:
 - > Expansion of personnel
 - > State, Federal and Local funds
5. Discussion and Update on Community First Choice Program
 - Mr. Jalomo discussed the Senate Bill 7, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, requiring HHSC to “implement the most cost effective option for the delivery of basic attendant and habilitation services for individuals with disabilities under the Star+Plus. Medicaid managed care program.
 - Items discussed include Community First Choice definition and the program rules - eligibility, services, settings, assessments, service planning, and provider qualifications.
 - >Timelines
 - >State Plan Amendment
 - >On-line information
6. Discussion and update on State Initiatives related to IDD Services.
 - Mr. Jalomo touched on Goals of Senate Bill 7, SB 7 – IDD System redesign Advisory Committee, Medicaid Managed Care Acute Care Expansion, CFC estimated date to begin March 1, 2015, IDD pilots to improve service delivery. Other items include:
 - >Comprehensive assessment and resource allocation process

- >IDD Waiver & ICF Transition to Managed Care
- >Other IDD Medicaid Services
- >Star Kids
- >Behavioral Intervention Teams (BITS)
- >Texas Sunset Commission

7. Discussion and update on ALA General Revenue (GR) Program.

- Ms. Charles gave an overview FY 2015 Service Authorizations- \$854,100.00; current census in GR program – 537 active and 2 closed.
- Overview of FY 2014 GR Obligations \$1,135,721.73 and Utilization of \$722,102.29 serving 1140 individuals.
- Census in PASRR – 276 active
- Continuity of Services (COS) – Permanency Plans completed 224
- SSLC Community Referrals in process – 3
- Mr. Ulczynski reports an overview of Intake & Eligibility Program
 - >Intake & DID totals – 716 unduplicated individuals served
 - >Eligibility Determinations - 170
 - >Consumer Benefits – 384
 - >Intake – 468
 - >Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/IID) - 106
 - >Community Outreach – 50
 - >HCS Interest List – 4506

8. Discussion and update on ALA 1915 (c) Waiver Programs

- Ms. Sobieski presented an overview of HCS program current staffing- 3 HCS Team Leaders, 5 HCS Mentors and 38 HCS Service Coordinators. Census in HCS – 1861 Individuals, enrollments 7 offers in June and 32 offers in July
- Ms. Sobieski presented and overview of TxHmL with current census – 458 active, enrollments – 58 offers in June and 240 in July

9. Ms. Canfield announced the next meeting scheduled for December 9, at 1:00 pm.

- A motion to accept the scheduled date made by Ms. Stephens; seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion carried unanimously.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.