

**ALA
PLANNING & NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 10, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irma Canfield, Chair
Mary Hanlon-Hillis, Vice Chair
Pam Stephens, Community Member
Sandra Irachetz-Cruz, Community Member
Cara Magrane, Community Member
Martha Moyer, Family Member
Debby Valdez, Family Member
Jennifer Tarr, Family Member

STAFF PRESENT

Virginia Charles, Services Manager – GR
Lona Carter, Services Manager – HCS
Sara Sobieski, Services Manager – HCS
Teresa S. Kolenda, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Evans, Parliamentarian
Jackqueline Cooper, Family Member
Heidi Helstrom, Family Member
Becky Tarwater, Community Member

GUESTS PRESENT

Tiffany Harris, ACOG Public Relations

STAFF ABSENT

Anthony Jalomo, Sr. Director of Disability Services

1. Ms. Canfield called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm.
2. Roll call by Ms. Kolenda. Ms. Canfield announced the resignation of Mr. Larry Rodriguez effective July 26, 2013.
3. Citizens to be heard – Ms. Harris, ACOG Public Relations announced the 2013 ACOG Regional Awards. ACOG is currently accepting nominations for the following categories: Regional Citizen of the Year, Corporate Steward of the Year, Community/Non-profit Project of the year and Governmental Project of the Year.
 - Discussion followed with members elaborating on consideration in the category Governmental Project: Disability Rights of Texas; Citizen of the Year: Sean Kennedy. Members will form a sub-committee to further discuss and consider other options before nominations are submitted.
4. Consider and act upon the June 11, 2013 minutes.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Valdez, seconded by Ms. Moyer to approve the June 11, 2013 minutes; the motioned carried unanimously.
5. Discussion and appropriate action regarding recommendations for memorial acknowledgement for the late Diane “Patty” Garcia.
 - Ms. Canfield discussed some of the options members would like to consider in remembrance of Ms. Garcia’s contribution and dedication to ALA and in serving the community.
 - The following were discussed: A plaque to be placed in the reception area on the 8th Floor, money donations in her name to an agency or school she served, a scholarship in her name.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to place a plaque in the reception area on the 8th floor, seconded by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion of FY 2014 Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Performance Contract:
- Ms. Charles presented an overview of DADS Performance Contract for FY14 with most notable change, the addition of Attachment G. The following items of interest were discussed:
 - Local Authorities responsibilities related to individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) living in a nursing facility and individuals with IDD who have transitioned or been diverted from a nursing facility.
 - Eligibility for Preadmission on Screening and Resident Review (PASRR), rules and expectation.
 - Contract Performance ALA GR Target: 276 quarterly.
 - To date, ALA GR have met and exceeded the performance contract numbers.

No action taken.

7. Discussion of Alamo Local Authority (ALA) Program Update.
- Ms. Sobieski presented an overview of DADS follow up to annual audit in April 2013 of HCS and TxHmL. The DADS Auditors conducted the follow up audit in July 9-10, 2013 with the deficiencies corrected and ALA has a "clean slate". The next year audit will include General Revenue (GR) along with HCS and TxHmL.
 - The contracts for the 24 General Revenue Providers were extended through August 31, 2014.
 - Announcement of the Crisis Respite contract was awarded to The Wood Group.
8. Discussion and appropriate action reviewing and approving proposed ALA FY 2014 budget in an estimated amount of \$9,578,612.
- Ms. Charles discussed the proposed ALA budget for member's consideration.
 - A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to accept the proposed ALA FY2014 budget, seconded by Ms. Valdez. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Discussion on Senate Bill 7 mandated changes.
- Ms. Charles and Ms. Carter reviewed the goals of SB 7, IDD System Redesign Advisory Committee, Medicaid Managed Care Acute Care Expansion, Community First Choice (CFC), IDD Pilots to improve service delivery, Comprehensive Assessment and Resource Allocation Process, IDD Waivers & ICF Transition to Managed Care, Other IDD Medicaid Services, Star Kids, Behavioral Intervention Teams (BITs) and Additional Initiatives in SB7.
10. Discussion and overview of Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Refinance Initiative.
- Ms. Charles reviewed this initiative beginning in July 2013 with 152 Slots with a total service potential of \$2,584,000.
 - Recommendations have been made to add 4 more staff. One staff started yesterday and is in training.
 - This opportunity made way to reduce the number from the total unduplicated count of 935.
 - Ms. Stephens and Ms. Tarr left at 3:00 pm to attend another meeting.

No action item.

11. Discussion of Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR).
 - Ms. Charles discussed the PASRR program currently in place. It was implemented on May 24, 2013 and to date have served 56 individuals.
 - Treatment team includes
 - i. Local Designated Contact: Virginia Charles
 - ii. Designated Coordinator: Satira Hollis
 - iii. Medical Specialist: Rose Cervantes
 - iv. Complete PASRR Activities (Level I & II)
 - v. Policies and Procedures have been developed
 - Ms. Magrane left at 3:17 pm to attend another meeting.

No action item.
12. Discussion on Community Crisis Respite Safety Net Services Contract.
 - Ms. Charles reiterated as previously announced by Ms. Sobieski the contract was awarded to The Wood Group. Request for Proposal (RFP) received were reviewed by a sub-committee on August 15, 2013. A recommendation was made to AACOG Board of Directors and was approved at the Board meeting scheduled on August 28, 2013.
13. Community Events, News and Town Hall meetings.
 - AccessAbility Fest, Sunday, October 27th, 2013 at El Mercado, 514 W. Commerce, SAT, 78207. The festival is free and open to the public to attend.
 - No town hall meetings scheduled.
 - Committee for Guardianship is being set up.
14. Ms. Canfield announced the meeting on December 10, 2013 at 12:30 pm.
 - Item to be added to the agenda is review of PNAC membership absenteeism.
 - A motion to accept the scheduled date by Ms. Valdez, seconded by Ms. Iracheta-Cruz, the motion carried unanimously.
15. Adjournment
 - A motion to adjourn made by Ms. Valdez; seconded by Ms. Hanlon-Hillis; the motion carried unanimously.
 - Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.