



Minutes
State Health Services Council Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739
1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas

Wednesday, October 10, 2007
1:33 p.m.

Chair's Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Ms. Kane called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Members Present:

Ms. Glenda Kane, Chair – Corpus Christi
Ms. Beverly Barron – Odessa
Dr. Lewis Foxhall – Houston
Dr. Jeffrey Ross – Houston

Dr. Rudy Arredondo – Lubbock
Ms. Graciela Cigarroa – San Antonio
Dr. Jacinto Juarez – Laredo

Members Absent: Dr. Jaime Davidson – Dallas and Mr. James Springfield – Harlingen

Registered Guests: Jessica Olson, Robin Plan, Jonathan Royston, and Stephanie Stephens

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dr. Arredondo to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2007 meeting, seconded by Dr. Juarez Motion carried. See <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/minutes/080607.pdf> for meeting minutes.

Agenda Item #2 – Commissioner's Report: Dr. Lakey introduced Lisa Hernandez, General Counsel and Casey Blass, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Prevention and Preparedness. He also provided an overview of DSHS activities, a comprehensive report can be found at:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/commissioner/reports/CROct07.pdf> .

Agenda Item #3 – Recognition of Dr. Suzanna Garza Preventive Medicine Resident: Dr. Sandra Guerra-Cantu, DSHS Regional Medical Director and Director of the DSHS Physician Residency Program provided an overview of the Physician Residency Program. The program was established 48 years ago to provide post-graduate training to physicians wishing to pursue a specialty in public health/preventive medicine. Drs. Lakey and Guerra-Cantu presented the most recent graduate Dr. Susanna Garza with a completion diploma and acknowledged her accomplishments while in the program. Dr. Garza was instrumental in leading public health investigations in communicable diseases and temporarily serves as the Deputy Regional Director for Region 8. Dr. Guerra-Cantu noted that DSHS was fortunate to have had an experienced and committed public health physician as Dr. Garza.

Agenda Item #4 – Recommend to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) proposal of the following rule actions for public comment* (Public comments will be taken with each rule discussion)

- a. Repeal of rules and a new rule concerning community relations. Kirk Cole introduced the rule and Charlmaine Ferguson provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Juarez to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(a), seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.

- b. Repeal of rules concerning miscellaneous rules from legacy agencies of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Lisa Hernandez introduced the rules and Linda Wiegman provided rules overview. Motion by Ms. Barron to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(b), seconded by Dr. Juarez. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- c. Amendments to rules concerning the County Indigent Health Care Program. Evelyn Delgado introduced the rule and David Hagerla provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Foxhall to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(c), seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- d. Repeal of rules and new rules concerning the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program, known in Texas as the Texas Health Steps Program. Evelyn Delgado introduced the rule and Jann Melton-Kissel provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Juarez to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(d), seconded by Dr. Arredondo Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- e. Repeal of rules concerning the In-Home and Family Support Program. Mike Maples introduced the rule and provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Foxhall to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(e), seconded by Ms. Barron. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- f. Repeal of rules concerning the Jail Diversion Pilot Program. Mike Maples introduced the rule and provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Juarez to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(f), seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- g. Amendments to rules concerning school-based health centers. Casey Blass introduced the rule and Anita Wheeler provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Ross to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(g), seconded by Dr. Juarez. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- h. Repeal of rules and a new rule concerning the Worksite Wellness Advisory Board. Casey Blass introduced the rule and Jennifer Smith provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Ross to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(h), seconded by Ms. Barron. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- i. Amendments to rules concerning regional poison control centers. Casey Blass introduced the rule and Dr. John Villanacci provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Ross to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(i), seconded Dr. Juarez Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- j. Amendments to rules concerning the regulation of bedding products. Rule was postponed until the next DSHS Council meeting.
- k. Amendments to rules concerning radiation safety requirements for analytical and other industrial radiation machines; exemptions, general licenses, and general license acknowledgements; licensing of radioactive material; and licensing and radiation safety requirements for irradiators. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Cindy Cardwell provided rule overview. Motion by Ms. Barron to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(k), seconded by Dr. Foxhall. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.
- l. Amendments to rules and a new rule concerning food managers and food management programs. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Deborah Marlow provided rule overview. Motion by Dr. Juarez to recommend HHSC approval for publication of the rules contained in item 4(l), seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Motion carried. No public comment was provided.

Agenda Item #5 – Mental Health Transformation (MHT) Update: Sam Shore provided an update on the latest Texas MHT activities. Year 3 strategies were submitted to the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, these can be found at:

http://www.mhtransformation.org/documents/reports/MHT_CMHP_Update_100507.pdf

These strategies are intended to build a solid foundation for delivering evidence-based mental health and related services, foster recovery, improve quality of life, and meet the multiple needs of mental health consumers across the life span. Sam provided information regarding a symposium focusing on community collaboratives, peer-to-peer learning, peer support certification, and the consumer role in Texas mental health transformation at the state and local levels. Additional information regarding the symposium can be found at:

<http://www.texashealthinstitute.org/news/index.htm>

Agenda Item #6 – Introduction to the Health and Human Services (HHS) Strategic Plan: Luanne Southern provided overview of the department's HHS strategic plan and the DSHS section of the plan. The full handout can be found at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/6_Strategic-Pan_2007-11-DSHS.pdf

- a. DSHS Leadership Direction: Dr. Lakey presented on the scope and complexity of DSHS, initial impressions and priorities, post-session activities, leadership direction of the current DSHS team, and next steps. Dr. Lakey's full presentation can be found at:
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/6a_Leadership_Direction.ppt
- b. Texas Health Indicators – Dr. Vincent Fonseca provided overview of Texas Health Indicators pertaining of lifestyle, mental health, injury and violence, environmental quality, immunization, and access to health care. The full presentation can be found at:
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/6b_TX_Health_Indicators.ppt

Ms. Kane recessed at 6:40 p.m. and announced that meeting would reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on October 11, 2007

Ms. Kane called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on October 11, 2007.

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Registered Guests: Ayanna Clark

Agenda Item #7 – DSHS Presentations and Council Discussions: Implications for HHSC strategic planning

- a. **Office of Border Health:** Dr. R.J. Dutton provided an overview of the Office of Border Health activities. A full presentation can be found at:
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/7a_Border_Health.ppt
- b. **Prevention of Chronic and Infectious Diseases:** Casey Blass provided an overview of DSHS's chronic and infectious disease activities. A full presentation can be found at:
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/7b_Prevention.ppt
- c. **DSHS Laboratory Services:** Dr. Susan Neill provided an overview of DSHS Laboratory Services. A full presentation can be found at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/7c_Lab.ppt

- d. **Substance Abuse Services:** Joe Vesowate provided an overview regarding the substance abuse service component of the DSHS Mental Health Substance Abuse Division. A full presentation can be found at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/7d_Substance_Abuse.ppt

A brief recess was taken at 12:30 p.m. for Ms. Glenda Kane, Chair to leave. In her absence, Dr. Ross, Vice Chair took over as Council Chair.

Agenda Item #8 – Next Steps in the Strategic Planning Process, Timelines, Public Hearings: Dr. Rick Danko reviewed the HHS strategic planning process and timelines. DSHS plans to have draft of its section of the strategic plan available by March 1, 2008. HHSC expects to hold public hearings beginning in April 2008 at eight proposed locations around the state. Draft schedule and location handouts can be found at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/101007/8_HHS_Strategic_Plan_Draft.pdf

Council members made the following recommendations regarding the HHS strategic plan public hearings:

- DSHS Council Members should attend at least one public hearing
- Ask local newspapers to provide announcements and information to the public regarding hearings
- Ask radio stations to provide public service announcements
- Include state of the state health reports at these public hearings
- In larger urban areas provide more than one public hearing meeting location
- Consider evening meetings

Agenda Item #9 – General Public Comment: No general public comment was provided.

Dr. Ross announced that next Council meeting: January 30-31, 2008.

Adjournment: Dr. Juarez moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion seconded by Dr. Arredondo. Dr. Ross adjourned the Council meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Glenda Kane, Chair

Date Approved by Council