



State Health Services Council Work Session Minutes

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Robert E. Moreton Building, M-739
1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas
June 22, 2011

Council Members Present

Ms. Glenda Kane, Chair – Corpus Christi
Ms. Graciela Cigarroa – San Antonio
Dr. Jacinto Juarez – Laredo
Dr. Jeffrey Ross – Houston
Mr. Nasruddin Rupani – Sugar Land

Council Members Not Present

Dr. Kirk Calhoun – Tyler
Dr. Lewis Foxhall – Houston
Ms. Beverly Barron – Odessa
Dr. David Woolweaver – Harlingen

Visitors

Kim Olson – Grace After Fire
Joe Lovelace – Texas Council of Community Centers
Cynthia Humphrey – Association of Substance Abuse Programs (ASAP)
Andria Franco – Office of the Governor
Andrea Ingram – HillCo
Nancy Fisher – Texas Strategy Group
Gyl Switzer – Mental Health America of Texas

Chair, Glenda Kane called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

Due to scheduling conflict – Item 2b. was taken at this time.

2.b. Amendments to rules concerning fees for laboratory testing. Adolfo Valadez introduced the rule and Sherry Clay provided the rule overview.

Discussion: Staff responded to Council members on the following questions:

- Dr. Ross asked about the anticipated impact of Medicaid reimbursement rates and health care reform; also whether we anticipate a change in testing volume as a result of changes to fees.

- Dr. Juarez asked how the fees compare to other states.
 - Graciela Cigarroa asked what percentage of newborn screenings the DSHS lab processes.
- Dr. Valadez explained that the DSHS lab fees are set to recoup costs. Analysis is underway to see what those costs are and what fees must be to cover the costs.

Agenda order resumed with Item 1.

1. Briefing on Mental Health Initiatives for Veterans and Families. Sam Shore, Director, Mental Health Transformation and Behavioral Health Operations, presented on this topic. Invited testimony was provided by Col. Kim Olson, Grace After Fire, and Joe Loveless, Texas Council of Community Centers.
2. Rules Scheduled for Action at a Future Council Meeting
 - a. Repeal of rules and new rules concerning DSHS-funded substance abuse services. Mike Maples introduced the rule and Ross Robinson provided the rule overview.
Discussion: Staff responded to Council members on the following questions:
 - Ms. Kane asked how many more clients can be served with the proposed changes and how will the current client population be impacted. She said the goal should be to provide quality services in a timely manner to serve those with the most need.
 - Ms. Kane asked what percentage of persons receiving substance abuse services are veterans.
 - Ms. Kane asked about the status of the block grant application.

Cynthia Humphrey provided public comment.

3. Rules Scheduled for Action by Council on June 23
 - a. Amendments to rules concerning radiation safety requirements for accelerators, therapeutic radiation machines, simulators, and electronic brachytherapy devices and the regulation of general provisions and standards for protection against machine-produced radiation and radiation safety requirements. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Barbara Taylor provided the rule overview.
Discussion: There were no questions and no public comment.
 - b. New rule concerning a memorandum of understanding between DSHS and the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding radiation control functions. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Barbara Taylor provided the rule overview.
Discussion: There were no questions and no public comment.
 - c. Repeal of rules concerning noncommercial pesticide applicators involved in health-related pest control programs. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and Paula Anderson provided the rule overview.
Discussion: There were no questions and no public comment.
 - d. Repeal of rules and new rules concerning the privacy of health information. Mirsa Douglas introduced the rule and provided the rule overview.
Discussion: Staff responded to Council members on the following questions:
 - Ms. Cigarroa asked for additional information about complaints received.

- Dr. Ross asked if we are taking safeguards now that we are transferring to electronic medical records. Luanne Southern, Deputy Commissioner, suggested that we may want to have an update from the HHSC Office of e-Health Coordination at a future meeting.

e. Repeal of rules concerning protected health information for persons receiving mental health services. Ross Robinson introduced the rule and provided the rule overview.

Discussion: There were no questions and no public comment.

4. General Public Comment – Ms. Kane asked for any general public comment. There was not any public comment.

Ms. Kane adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Council will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23.



Glenda Kane, Chair
State Health Services Council

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Date Approved by Council