



## State Health Services Council Work Session

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
Brown-Heatly Building, Public Hearing Room  
4900 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX  
August 28, 2013

### Minutes

#### Council Members Present

Ms. Glenda Kane, Chair, Corpus Christi  
Dr. Kirk Calhoun, Tyler  
Dr. Louis Foxhall, Houston  
Rev. William Lovell, Dallas  
Dr. Jeffrey Ross, Houston  
Ms. Maria Teran, El Paso  
Dr. David Woolweaver, Harlingen

#### Council Members Not Present

Dr. Jacinto Juarez, Laredo  
Mr. Nasruddin Rupani, Sugar Land

#### Visitors

Jade Chang Sheppard  
Noelle Dempsey  
Anne McCready Heinen  
Lisa LeBlanc  
Ellen Sweets  
Robbie Ausley  
Heather Busby  
Kristine Hopkins  
Joseph Potter  
Tamara Goheen  
Grace Chimene  
Amy Hagstrom Miller  
Karen Miller  
Ora Houston  
Hope Phillips  
Sarah Slamen  
Erin Walter  
Vivian Ballard  
Tessa Hunt

Nancy Cardenas  
Brian McAuliffe  
Fatimah Gifford  
Paula Chaney  
Pamela Oldham  
Tina Hester  
Erin Blauvelt  
Julie Klushnik  
Ramey Ko  
Aimee Arrambibe  
Brenda Collier  
Emily Martin  
Stacy Wilson  
Tom Valentine  
Gloria White  
Bill Kelly  
Del Negrón  
John Seago  
Veronica Zaragonia  
Juliana Kerher

Brittany Yelverton  
Molly Finneran  
Becca Aaronson  
Erica Simonich  
Samantha Richner  
Austin Holdek  
Sarah Wheat  
John Reynolds  
Linda Townsend  
Kyle Mauro  
Andrea Grimes  
Caroline Dickerson  
Jessica Boston  
Shannon Noble  
Gyl Switzer  
Melinda Kyhn  
Chuck Lindelt  
Nancy Bassett  
Mary Fero  
Liz Wolff-Francis

Jordan Smith  
Jessica Luther  
Chuck Adjavon  
Nkusi Daniel

Micah Rodriguez  
Ryan Lepp  
Everett Colbus  
Micah Eades

Zoey Lichtenheld  
Sandy Haverlah

Call to Order - Council Chair, Glenda Kane called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

1. Rules Scheduled for Action by Council on August 29, 2013.

- a. Amendment to a rule concerning the waiver of a fee for a certified record. Marc Connelly introduced the rule and provided the rule overview.

Council members had no questions or comments.

There was no public comment.

- b. Amendments to rules concerning the standards for allowable methods of euthanasia for animals in the custody of an animal shelter. Janna Zumbrun introduced the rule and Tom Sidwa provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

- Dr. Ross – What is the training process required to administer the euthanasia? Who will be monitoring? Do they have to take an updated course after a specific period of time? Is there a prescribed period of time before an animal can be euthanized?
- Dr. Foxhall – Has there been any problem with drug shortage?

There was no public comment.

- c. Amendments to rules concerning communicable diseases. Janna Zumbrun introduced the rule and Marilyn Felkner provided the rule overview.

Mrs. Kane asked if Dr. Lakey have anything to add or any comment. Dr. Lakey provided clarification on the need for the rule. Council member had no other questions or comments.

There was no public comment.

- d. New rules concerning a Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program. Mike Maples introduced the rule and Dena Stoner provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

- Dr. Foxhall – Is there intent after a certain period of time for analyzing the program and bringing staff back before the Council to update?
- Dr. Ross – Did you look at how much savings will be realized in going from institutional setting to outpatient setting?
- Mrs. Kane – It is important in setting program up that people are tracked and do not end up homeless.
- Dr Ross – Would like to look at metrics one year from now; look at implementation and how many have had to return to the inpatient setting.

There was no public comment.

- e. New rule concerning reimbursement methodology for the Department of State Health Services Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program. Pam McDonald introduced the rule and provided the rule overview.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

- Dr. Calhoun – How is it decided what payments and co-payments should be?

There was no public comment.

- f. Amendments to rules concerning abortion facility reporting and licensing. Kathy Perkins introduced the rule and provided the rule overview. Alison Hughes was present to answer questions as needed.

Council members had the following questions and comments:

Rev. Lovell – Thanked staff for sticking so closely to HB 2, and commitment to an open process and communication with stakeholders. Asked staff to explain the role of Texas Medical Board and the sections that they will be overseeing. Will their sections be effective 1/1/14 or earlier?

Public comment provided by:

- Jade Chang Shepherd – opposed
- Noelle Dempsey – opposed
- Anna McCready Heinen – support
- Lisa LeBlanc – opposed
- Ellen Sweets – opposed
- Robbie Ausley – opposed
- Heather Busby – opposed
- Kristine Hopkins – opposed
- Joseph Potter – opposed
- Tamara Goheen – opposed
- Grace Chimene (League of Women Voters) – opposed
- Amy Hagstrom Miller – opposed
- Karen Miller – opposed
- Ora Houston – opposed
- Hope Philips – opposed
- Sarah Slamen (National Organization for Women) – opposed
- Vivian Ballard – opposed
- Tessa Hunt – opposed
- Nancy Cardenas – opposed
- Brian McAuliffe – support
- Fatimah Gifford – opposed
- Paula Treach Chaney
- Pamela Oldham – opposed
- Julie Klushnik – opposed
- Tina Hester – opposed
- Erin Blauvelt (Texas Alliance for Life)

- Ramey Ko – opposed
- Aimee Arrambibe – opposed
- Brenda Collier – opposed
- Emily Martin – opposed
- John Seago (Texas Right to Life) – support
- Erica Simonich – opposed
- Nancy Bassett – opposed
- Kristin Cabellero – opposed
- Erin Walter – opposed

2. General Public Comment – there was no general public comment.

Adjourn – Council Chair, Glenda Kane adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m. The Council will reconvene on Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by Council members:

  
Jacinto Juarez, Ph.D., Council Chair

November 21, 2013

Date