

# **Welcome to the DSHS HIV Care Services Parts A and B Meeting**

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# Discussion: Improving Ryan White Care Systems in Texas

- Background:
  - DSHS made changes to the HIV care systems in 2000, reducing the number of Administrative Agencies (AAs) and Planning Councils.
  - Discussions began in 2014 at DSHS regarding assessing the current RW structure.
  - Four focus groups were held.
  - Need input from the AAs and planning councils.

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- Fixed Variables in creating recommendations:
  - Any recommendations to RW system will need coordination and collaboration with our partners in Part A and B.
  - We must leverage the current service delivery structure and not duplicate the system in place.
  - State funds will always be dependent on Part A.
  - DSHS has the responsibility to monitor and ensure quality clinical care service takes place.
  - Providing adequate care and treatment in the rural areas is always a challenge and we need to utilize new technology.

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Three questions:

- What are the positive aspects of the current system in place?
- What issues or problems do you see with the current system for distributing Ryan White funds and providing HIV care services?
- What needs to be in place to address these issues or problems?

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- Next Steps:
  - Other opportunities for input
    - E-mail: [larry.cuellar@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:larry.cuellar@dshs.state.tx.us)
    - Send out questions for anonymous response through Survey Monkey
  - Looking for a private consultant to take this project over.
  - Looking at very long time lines but we will continue this work.

Thank You!!!!!!