Housing and Health Services Coordination Council

Public Forum Series
Authorization

- Created by the 81st Texas Legislature

- Sponsored by Senator Jane Nelson in the Senate (SB1878) and Representative Norma Chavez in the House (HB3219)

- Created based on the recommendations of the Legislative Budget Board’s 2009 Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report
Purpose

- Increase state efforts to offer service-enriched housing for seniors and persons with disabilities through increased coordination of housing and health services.

- Improve interagency understanding of housing and services and increase the number of staff in state housing and state health services agencies that are conversant in both housing and health care policies.

- Offer a continuum of home and community-based services that are affordable to the state and the target population.
The Council includes 16 members:

- Executive Director of Texas Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs serves as Council Chair
- 8 members appointed by the Governor (staggered six-year terms)
- 7 members appointed by State Agencies

Meets quarterly

- Upcoming meetings for 2010: February 8th, May 10th, August 9th

TDHCA provides clerical and advisory support

Biennial report due September 1, 2010
Council Members: Agency Representatives

- Michael Gerber, Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA)
- Mark Wyatt, Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA)
- Paige McGilloway, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)
- Jonas Schwartz, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Jim Hanophy, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services (DARS)
- Marc Gold, Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
- Nick Dauster, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Sherri Gothart-Barron, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
Council Members: Governor Appointees

- Doni Van Ryswyk, HHSC Promoting Independence Advisory Committee representative
- Jimmy Carmichael, Financial institutions representative
- Michael Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer
- Amy Granberry, Health services entities representative
- Paula Margeson, Nonprofit organization that advocates for affordable housing and consumer-directed long-term services and support
- Felix Briones, Consumer of service-enriched housing
- Kenneth Darden, Advocate for minority issues
- Jean Langendorf, Rural communities representative
Council Duties

- Develop and implement policies to coordinate and increase state efforts to offer service-enriched housing,

- Identify barriers preventing or slowing service-enriched housing efforts,

- Develop a system to cross-educate state housing and health services agency staff to coordinate relevant staff activities of those agencies,
Council Duties (continued)

- Identify opportunities for state housing and health services agencies to provide technical assistance and training to local housing and health services entities,

- Develop performance measures to track progress, and

- Develop a biennial plan to implement these goals.
Council Staff

- Legislation allocated three full time employees from the TDHCA to provide advisory support to the Council:
  - Council Coordinator- Ashley Schweickart
  - Program Specialist- Marshall Mitchell
  - Data Specialist- David Johnson
Council Committees

Policies and Barriers Committee

- Address the following statutory duties of the Council:
  - Develop and implement policies to coordinate and increase state efforts to offer service-enriched housing;
  - Identify barriers preventing or slowing service-enriched housing efforts

- Upcoming meetings for 2010: March 2nd, June 1st, September 7th
Council Committees

Cross-Agency Education & Training Committee

- Address the following statutory duties of the council:
  - Develop a system to cross-educate state housing and health services agency staff, and
  - Identify opportunities for state housing and health service agencies to provide technical assistance and training to local housing and health services entities

- Upcoming meetings for 2010: April 6th, July 6th, October 5th
Council Committees

Coordinating Committee

- Set agendas and the general direction of the council

- Composed of the Council Chair, Vice Chair and chairs of all other committees
Public Forums

- Four public forums:
  - Houston - January 27th, 2010
  - Austin - February 8th, 2010
  - Dallas - February 10th, 2010
  - El Paso - February 24th, 2010

- **Purpose:** to gather information about current efforts to provide service-enriched housing within the state, as well as provide an opportunity for public participation and discussion of the purpose and duties of the Council.
Defining Service-Enriched Housing

Draft definition proposed by the Policy & Barriers Committee:

“Integrated, affordable, and accessible housing models that offer the opportunity to link residents with on-site or off-site services and supports that fosters independence for individuals with disabilities and persons who are elderly.”
Additional Information

- HHSCC Website: [http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/hhscc/index.htm](http://www.tdhca.state.tx/us/hhscc/index.htm)
- Written comment may also be provided via:
  - **MAIL:** Housing & Health Services Coordination Council, Housing Resource Center, TDHCA, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941 or
  - **FAX:** (512) 475-1672 or
  - **EMAIL:** ashley.schweickart@tdhca.state.tx.us
- Written comments should be received no later than Friday, February 26th, 2010