

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2010, 10:00 am**

**Meeting began: 10:05am**

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

**Paula Margeson, Vice Chairperson**

The Council Meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council of August 6, 2010 was called to order by Vice Chair Paula Margeson at 10:05am. It was held by conference call, with TDHCA staff convening at the agency office, at 221 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701.

**Members Present:**

Paula Margeson, Vice Chair  
Sherry Gothart-Barron, Member  
Mark Wyatt, Member  
Marc Gold, Member  
Doni Van Ryswyk, Member  
Jean Langendorf, Member  
Amy Granberry, Member  
Kenneth Darden, Member  
Mike Goodwin, Member  
Nick Dauster, Member

**TDHCA Staff Present:**

Brooke Boston, Deputy Executive Director  
Elizabeth Yevich, Director of Housing Resource Center  
Ashley Schweickart, Coordinator of HHSCC  
Marshall Mitchell, Research Specialist of HHSCC

**AGENDA**

**Further Edits to Final Draft of Biennial Plan  
Council**

Councilmember Marc Gold made changes to information pertaining to Medicaid functional eligibility requirements in Chapter 4 of the Biennial Plan.

Councilmember Marc Gold made changes to information pertaining to DADS program eligibility in Chapter 5 of the Biennial Plan, clarifying which programs receive Medicaid funding and which use other funding sources, such as Title III and state general revenue. Changes were also made to the language regarding the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program.

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Council members decided to place the STAR PLUS program under the HHSC subheading, rather than the CMS subheading in Chapter 5 of the Biennial Plan, as it is not a demonstration program anymore.

Council members decided to remove the Real Systems Change Grant from the CMS subheading Chapter 5 of the Biennial Plan, as the program is no longer receiving funding.

Council members agreed to accept the lengthened Executive Summary at the beginning of the Biennial Plan.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 9th, 2010**

**Paula Margeson, Chairman**

There were no changes made to the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously, with one abstention.

**Approval of 2010-2011 Biennial Plan**

**Council**

Given the changes discussed earlier in the meeting, the Council unanimously approved the 2010-2011 Biennial Plan. The Plan will now be submitted to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board.

**Next Steps for Biennial Plan and HHSC**

**Council**

Council members discussed agency representatives presenting the Biennial Plan to their governing boards/commissions.

Councilmember Marc Gold announced that DADS received funding from CMS for four Housing Navigators, which will be utilized through four ADRCs. As the implementation of Housing Navigators was a Biennial Plan recommendation, the Council could discuss ways in which these Housing Navigators can be utilized to locate affordable housing that meets the needs of persons who are elderly and persons with disabilities. Council discussed that Navigators could work with developers and PHAs.

Council discussed learning more about what accessible or affordable housing options are available in Texas, perhaps creating a web based resource. Council stated that HUD has a clearinghouse website of units funded through them, but perhaps working with appraisal districts to find other affordable housing sources.

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Council also discussed building a relationship with the state's public housing authorities, perhaps through the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

Council agreed that making inroads on the Biennial Plan's funding recommendations may be difficult in this coming Legislative Session, but the Council could do research on possible funding mechanisms that would be feasible for Texas and how a program could be structured around that funding.

The Council also discussed taking more in-state trips to other best practices, such as San Antonio.

Finally, Council discussed having future Committee meetings take place on the same day as Council meetings, so to save time and money for those traveling from outside Austin. Committee meetings can be held in the morning, while the full Council meeting will be held in the afternoon.

**Meeting Schedule for FY2011  
Council**

Council decided on the following meeting schedule for FY2011: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010; February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011; June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.