

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL
POLICY & BARRIERS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**

**Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2010 2:00pm**

Call to Order, Roll Call

Council Coordinator Ashley Schweickart called meeting to order at 2:05pm and asked each person present to introduce himself/herself.

Committee Members Present:

Paige McGilloway, Member
Jim Hanophy, Member
Michael Goodwin, Member

Committee Members Absent:

Jonas Schwartz, Chair
Felix Briones, Member
Paula Margeson, Member
Jean Langendorf, Member
Marc Gold, Member

TDHCA Staff Present:

Elizabeth Yevich
Ashley Schweickart
Marshall Mitchell

Approval of June 10th Meeting Minutes

As quorum was not reached, approval of the June 10th meeting minutes will be tabled until the next June 24th meeting.

Discussion of Service Policy Recommendations

On June 15th, Jonas Schwartz, Nick Dauster, and Marc Gold held a meeting on the possible health and human service policy recommendations for Chapter 9. A draft of these recommendations was provided to the Committee for feedback. Staff went through each service recommendation and provided a brief summary of each.

Committee discussed the Money Follows the Person program administered by DADS.

Committee recommended that Chapter 9 be structured by identifying which recommendations require funding and which are simply policy changes. Committee also suggested that for each recommendation, identifying which state agency or agencies it applies to.

Committee discussed the similarities and differences between Personal Attendant Services (PAS) and Community Attendant Services (CAS), specifically concerning what services are entitled and which are based on state appropriations.

Committee discussed the funding sources for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs).

Committee discussed the peer support movement happening across the country for persons with mental health issues. Committee made a new recommendation, stating that the state's Local Mental Health Authorities (administered by DSHS) should hire peer support specialists.

Committee agreed that increased funding for direct service and supports workers is necessary to retain a quality community based workforce and prevent a high turnover rate.

Discussion of Next Steps

The conference call series is now coming to a close. Staff will be compiling all chapters and submitting the draft Biennial Plan to all Council members by July 7th.

The next Council meeting will occur on Friday, July 9th at 10:00am. Staff urged the Council members to bring any additional edits to the Biennial Plan with them to this meeting. For the July 9th meeting proceedings, staff will summarize the structure of the Plan and coordinate further discussion on the recommendations chapters.

Final meeting of the Council before the submission of the Biennial Plan will occur on August 9th.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.