

**Aging and Disability Services Council
MINUTES**

September 17, 2015

The Aging and Disability Services Council convened at the John H. Winters Building, 701 West 51st Street, Austin, Texas. Council Members in attendance were Chair John Cuellar, Vice Chair Donna Stauber, Judy Foster, Sheri Harmonson, Dr. Edward Yosowitz and Barry L. Anderson. Commissioner Jon Weizenbaum and other DADS staff were present. Lawrence Hornsby served as Parliamentarian. Council member Glyn Crane was unable to attend.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order

Chair John Cuellar called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Approval of the minutes of June 11, 2015

The minutes from the Council meeting of June 11, 2015, were presented.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of the June 11, 2015, DADS Council meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Commissioner’s Quarterly Update

Commissioner Jon Weizenbaum informed the Council about personnel changes, Sunset activities and the HHS transition process.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Proposed Meeting Dates

The Council discussed the proposed 2016 Council meeting dates.

Dr. Edward Yosowitz made the motion to approve the proposed 2016 meeting dates. Barry Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment

No general public comment was presented.

Agenda Item No. 6a – Amendment to 40 TAC §97.501 and repeal of §97.502 relating to the authority to investigate an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child under the age of 18 who is receiving services from a Home and Community Support Services Agency (HCSSA) licensed under the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 142, transferring from DADS to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

Christy Parks, DADS, presented this agenda item. Discussion followed.

No public comment was presented.

Agenda Item 7a – Recommendation to propose amendments and new sections in 40 TAC Chapter 2, Subchapter L, Service Coordination for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability; 40 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter D, Home and Community-based Services (HCS) Program; 40 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter N, Texas Home Living (TxHmL) Program; 40 TAC Chapter 41, Consumer Directed Services Option; 40 TAC Chapter 42, Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) Program; 40 TAC Chapter 45, Community Living Assistance and Support Services; and 40 TAC Chapter 49, Contracting for Community Services, relating to Community First Choice (CFC) and other issues.

Elizabeth Jones, DADS, presented this agenda item. Discussion followed.

Public Comment was presented by:

Carole Smith - Private Providers Association of Texas – provided oral testimony.

Judy Foster made the motion that the Council recommends for proposal by the Health and Human Services Commission the amendment of rules and new rules governing Community First Choice, as presented by Agenda Item 7a. Barry Anderson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Adjourn

Chair John Cuellar adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.