



Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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Evidence-Based Interventions

- Offered by area agencies on aging (AAAs) and aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs)
- Reduce the negative impacts of chronic disease
- DADS oversees three programs:
 - Chronic disease self-management program
 - Diabetes self-management program
 - Care transitions intervention

Expanding Evidence-Based Interventions

- Opportunities for improved collaboration:
 - Partner with managed care organizations, Medicaid and Medicare providers
 - Educate hospitals, physicians and first responders
 - Statewide promotional campaign
- Promoting and expanding evidence-based interventions:
 - Pursue national, state and local grant funding
 - Training and certification
 - Brochures and outreach materials

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

- Comprehensive community-based program providing services to individuals:
 - Age 55+ who qualify for nursing facility admission and Medicaid;
 - Who live in a PACE service area; and
 - Who are able to safely live in the community at the time of enrollment.
- Receive services in a day activity and health services facility
- All needed medical services within a capitated monthly fee
 - Below the cost of comparable nursing facility care
 - Includes both Medicaid and Medicare services

PACE History

- 2001 – Senate Bill 908, 77th Legislature, Regular Session
 - Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) required to develop and implement PACE statewide
 - Required DADS to adopt rules to implement the program
- 2002 – Bienvivir All-Inclusive Senior Health (El Paso)
- 2004 – The Basics at Jan Werner (Amarillo)
- 2010 – Silver Star Health Network (Lubbock)
- 2015 – Senate Bill 3823, 84th Legislature, Regular Session
 - Requires HHSC to modify data collection methods related to PACE reimbursement rates
 - Evaluate and report on outcomes in PACE v. Medicaid managed care

PACE Expansion in Texas

- 2013-14 General Appropriations Act allowed for expansion of up to three additional PACE sites and provided funding for additional sites and participants.
- September 2014 – through Request for Proposal (RFP) process, DADS identified three potential awardees for PACE expansion sites.
- November 12, 2015 – Tentative awardees notified DADS that they would not submit PACE application

Behavioral Health and Aging Workgroup

- Joint initiative between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and DADS
- Established in 2012 to increase awareness of behavioral health issues and enhance collaboration between agencies
- Outcomes and planned activities:
 - **Increased Training**
 - Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training
 - SafeTALK Training
 - 2015 behavioral health training held at benefits counselors training
 - Planned 2016 training on behavioral health and aging
 - **Medication screening event for older individuals**
 - **National Suicide Prevention outreach materials**
 - **Behavioral health preparedness survey of service providers**

Age Well Live Well Campaign

- Launched in 2011
- Focuses on:
 - Improving physical and social health of older adults, people with disabilities, their families and the community
 - Providing opportunities to stay socially connected and volunteer
 - Creating awareness of aging issues and resources offered through Age Well Live Well partners
- Includes community partnerships and collaboration with other agencies

Age Well Live Well: Community Collaboration

- Encouraging local organizations to develop community partnerships focused on aging well
- Partners include local governments, corporations and academic, faith-based, nonprofit and medical groups
- Age Well Live Well partnerships:
 - Assess community needs
 - Highlight local resources and services
 - Share resources among partners
 - Develop programming

Age Well Live Well: Agency Collaboration

- DSHS Healthy Texas Communities:
 - Highlight communities with health-based interventions
 - Provide technical assistance to communities wanting to improve their environments
- DADS and DSHS working to unite Age Well Live Well partnerships with Healthy Texas Communities to:
 - Access broader audiences
 - Share limited resources
 - Amplify common messages
- Example: Abilene Healthy Texas Communities
 - Joined Age Well Live Well partnership to create a culture of health and wellness by:
 - Increasing awareness of the benefits of routine exercise
 - Increasing local media coverage of aging issues
 - Creating and supporting opportunities for active living
 - Promoting equitable access to resources that support active lifestyles

Age Well Live Well: Next Steps

- Interest in Age Well Live Well continues to grow
- DADS planning includes:
 - Raising further awareness of this initiative
 - Increasing the number of community partnerships
- Local partnerships share common needs:
 - Staff support for administrative functions
 - Marketing resources
 - Funding support through grant opportunities
 - Promotion from local leadership
- Cross-agency collaboration:
 - Continued coordination with DSHS
 - Exploring opportunities afforded by HHS Transformation