# Intellectual Developmental and Disabilities Director's Consortium Meeting Minutes

*April 25 – 26, 2013*

**Officers:**
- **Chair:** Carey Amthor – Heart of Texas
- **Vice Chair:** Ray Helmcamp – Central Counties
- **Secretary:** Janet Brunette – Bluebonnet Trails
- **Treasurer:** Greg Rowe – Concho Valley

**Executive Director's Consortium Liaisons:** Jenny Goode & Barbara Tate

**TX Council of Community Centers Representative:** Susanne Elrod

**Location:** Embassy Suites Central, 5901 N. IH 35, Austin, Texas 78759

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| Welcome  
First Timer Introductions  
Agenda Review & more  
Carey Amthor/Ray Helmcamp | Carey and Ray convened the meeting with welcoming attendees. Carey noted the following information for the members:  
A topic requested for future discussion was the authorization process/approval for Home Modifications (HCS, TxHmL) as it relates to medical necessity and approvals over the cap. |
| Texas Council/E.D. Update  
Susanne Elrod  
Jenny Goode | **Jenny Goode provided the following update:**  
- **HCS PDP Redesign Training:**  
  Jenny reviewed information as it relates to the statewide training to be completed from April-June 2013: What is the right material? The PowerPoint handout of new forms, instructions, handbook updates and examples were sent to each Local Authority. A printed booklet (manual) will be sent to the LA for each participant prior to the training date by DADS staff. DADS will notify you who is registered, provider representatives, etc. DADS staff will be at each training location to take questions back to DADS for FAQs on their website.  
  **Who attended Train the Trainer sessions?**  
  There was limited participation from provider staff who participated in Stage 1 and Stage 2. Objective of the redesign is for enhanced communication between Authority and Provider staff to better serve the individual. Additional time is needed to consider electronic format of PDP format. (Integrate services & information) |
|  | **Susanne Elrod provided the following overview of the critical issues for the Authority and Provider in the center system:**  
- **Review of Appropriations Status:** |
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<td>1. Exceptional Items:</td>
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<td>PASRR – Funds requested to cover activities necessary to complete the PASRR evaluation (PE) for admission to nursing facility by LAs.</td>
<td>Discussion over last 3 years due to non-compliance with federal requirement are non-negotiable. The independent role from nursing center is now required. Pilot on-going to evaluate time spent to determine rate of payment.</td>
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<td>Reference E6A on hand-out – Community Expansion includes funds for persons off various interest lists. To be decided in committee and is unknown outcome.</td>
<td>Reference E6B – Provides attendant/habilitation services through Community First Choice Option.</td>
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<td>Reference E18 – Improving support for SSLC as resident’s census reduction is occurring but dollars are included to support SSLC. Question whether to fund at same level with reduction of beds.</td>
<td><strong>In Base Budget full GR restoration of funds is not reflected, however, there is a strategy for it to continue through center allocations.</strong></td>
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<td>2. Balancing Incentive Programs (BIP) – Review of projects with Senate including funds to support projects ($300 million) with expectation to show outcomes by 2015.</td>
<td>Proposal to standardize ADRC model with no wrong door. Statewide model 1-800 number is also being proposed.</td>
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<td>3. SB7 – Redesign of IDD services and supports update.</td>
<td><strong>Adopted SB7 floor amendments:</strong></td>
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<td>Allows individuals with IDD to choose whether to stay in their waiver program or voluntarily transition into managed care.</td>
<td>Goals include promotion of independent service coordination and ombudsman services to prevent inappropriate institutionalization.</td>
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<td>Both licensed Home and Community Support Agencies (HCCSA) and HCS &amp; Texas Home Living waiver providers can provide new basic attendant and habilitation services through STAR+PLUS.</td>
<td>Clarifies comprehensive functional assessment tool will include the ICF program. An evidence-based nationally recognized comprehensive assessment instrument may be used.</td>
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<td>Directs DADS to contract with Local Intellectual and</td>
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<td>Developmental Disability Authorities for the independent service coordination function in the new program designed to provide basic attendant and habilitation services.</td>
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**SB7 Timeframe:**

**Stage one – Pilot Programs**

Pilot programs must be implemented no later than September 1, 2016, operate for not less than 24 months (unless provider terminates contract) and conclude by September 1, 2018.

On or before December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017 HHSC and DADS, in consultation with the advisory committee, must review and evaluate the progress and outcomes of each pilot program and submit a report to the legislature, including recommendations for improvement and continued implementation.

**Stage two – Transition of Long-Term Care Medicaid Waivers to Integrated Managed Care System**

Transition recipients of Texas Home Living waiver program to a managed care program no later than September 1, 2017.

Transition ICF/IID recipients and certain other Medicaid waiver program recipients to a managed care program, no later than September 1, 2020.

**Question:** Can centers contract with an agency (MCO) to provide day hab?

- Local safety net includes funds to support individuals not eligible for Medicaid.
- Habilitation benefit may be able to support supported employment services.

**Suzanne referred to the hand-out describing Community First Choice (CFC) Option and related SB7 provisions:**

**Improved Definitions for:**

- Basic Attendant Services
- Habilitation Services
- Local intellectual and development disability authority

**Goals are to:**

- Provide Medicaid services to more individuals in a cost-efficient manner
- Improve the assessment of individuals’ needs and available supports
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<td>• Promote independent service coordination and independent ombudsmen services</td>
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<td><strong>Implementation Requirements Include:</strong></td>
<td>• Implement the most cost-effective option</td>
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<td>• Each managed care organization includes in the organization’s provider network those who are experienced in the provision of those services.</td>
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| HCS Nursing  
Paula Paddock  
Mary Beth Magovsky, RN  
Hill Country                  | **Mary Beth provided an overview of nursing billing activities in the HCS and TxHmL programs that help support the goal to cover the costs of nursing services.**  |
|                                                                      | Comprehensive and innovative tools were provided to help capture earned nursing billable units to include nursing service plan.                                                                                           |
|                                                                      | Suggestion to review the Implementation Plan during the quarterly review to insure the nursing role is a service to the individual.                                                                               |
|                                                                      | Focus on education and training of staff to insure health and safety needs are addressed.                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                      | (Contact Paula Paddock for copies of the hand-outs provided during the meeting)                                                                                                                                |
| “A Real Look at the Issues Facing Transitioning ASD Teens”  
Jennifer Kaut, BCBA  
DARS                                                                 | **Jennifer Kaut provided information to the group that focused on the following:**                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                      | • Strengths teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) bring to the table                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                      | • Proactive preparation for those inevitable struggles                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                      | • Setting up for success; environments that support rather than fix ASD                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                      | • Future employment trends and what the State of Texas is doing                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                      | • Explanation of Resources through DARS                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bridging the gaps: Supporting the child with ASD in transition from a clinical to neurotypical environment  
Alison Stercken, MS            | **Alison provided information on the following:**                                                                                                                                                             |
<p>|                                                                      | • Comparison of children with ASD, with &amp; without ABA in ISD systems.                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                      | • Outreach and clinical preparation for transition to a neuro-typical educational environment                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                      | • Supports necessary for classroom success.                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                      | • Post transition: Follow up and tune ups.                                                                                                                                                                    |</p>
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<td><strong>DADS Update</strong></td>
<td>Marcia Schultz gave the following update:</td>
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| Mark Blockus and other Community Services Section staff | • More HCS Diversion slots are available  
• May 15 – Extensions due for end of 3rd quarter deadlines.  
• May 6 – Release of TxHmL slots (hand-out provided) |
| Pat Loftin presented the following information: | |
| | • GR crisis funding to be included in next FY funding  
• PASRR line item included in GR allocation  
• Upcoming SASS webinar to review guidelines on implementation  
• LA Information Letter to be sent to address how to pay for OBRA that is not included in PASRR  
• No longer needing to report CAM data for IDD in report 3 next year  
• 4th Quarter Hold Harmless to continue for GR targets. In FY 14 & 15 recoupment will be implemented.  
• ATCIC pilot to transition individuals from state supported living centers will expand statewide at a later date when recommended.  
• Finalizing rates for PASRR billing  
• Helen Stevenson is retiring at the end of April 2013. Robert Rosales or Mark Blockus will be available for questions in the interim.  
Helen was presented a plaque from the IDD Consortium in appreciation of her commitment and dedication to persons we serve. Her efforts are greatly appreciated as well as her abilities to make a difference in the service delivery system. Her willingness to always be available to answer questions was also recognized! |
| **Business Meeting** | Business Meeting – Day 2  
Greg reported the following: |
| | • Reviewed financial account with a 1 year cost analysis presented.  
• Meeting on September 12 – 13, 2013 to be held at Embassy Suites Central, Austin  
• Discussion on agenda topics & presenters for future meetings to insure topics presented addressed both authority & provider services issues. Question if focus of the meeting should be on “Business only-best practice” rather than outside presenters? Much is changing in delivery of services that it was recommended the next meeting cover a focus on relevant topics that affect center services. **IF SOMEONE HAS ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CAREY.**  
• June meeting in Dallas will primarily cover results of SB7. The meeting is scheduled for 6/26 Wednesday, AM (8:30 – 11:30). |
<p>| Business Meeting | Jermaine East (Brazos Valley) reminded staff to attend AAIDD Conference at Westin Galleria in Houston on July 26 – 28 2013. Registration is now open. |</p>
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| **HCS PDP Redesign: The Training Curriculum**  
Debbie Reece, DADS, FMSA  
Ashley Perry, Tarrant County  
Debbie Richardson, Lakes  
Lacey Freeman, Tarrant County  
Jennifer Cochran, DADS | Debbie Reece & other DADS staff presented:  
**HCS PDP Redesign**  
- Reviewed changes in process & format of plan. (Training Booklets given to each director).  
- Feedback shared from “train the trainer” sessions.  
- Reviewed significant curriculum & changes such as: one page profile sheet; Action Plan; Discovery process should be meaningful; on-going new guide tool to complete information & document (update) referenced as appendix III & IV and not required to be in record.  
- Authority & Provider staff should support each other in the training; Encourage development of IP at same time as PDP  
- DADS is developing a webpage devoted to HCS PDP changes; FAQ’s will be a resource if unavailable to attend the training. |
| **The Arc of Texas**  
Amy Mizcles, Executive Director, The ARC | Amy gave an overview of major focus for Arc of Texas:  
- Systems Advocacy  
- Train parents, teachers for Inclusion & Education Policy  
- Supports Texas Advocates  
- PATH Training promoted.  
- Master Pooled Trust  
- Supports Texas Council efforts to work with IDD population. LAR budget to increase HCS, CLASS, & MDCP slots  
- SB7 – Offered webinars to educate families. Expansion of Managed Care to IDD population. Agency offered guidance to add right language & protection of service delivery system for individuals.  
- Recommended much of the language in substitute bill for SB7. |
| **1115 Crisis Behavior Support Projects**  
Greg Rowe, Concho Valley | Greg asked if you are interested to participate in Learning Collaborative to add name to conference call – please email him. The work group will have monthly conference calls. He provided a copy of the different centers involved with 1115 Waiver projects statewide.  
- Tarrant County is a location that will offer training in START in June 2013. If interested contact Molly Hurst. |
| **PASRR Update**  
Geri Williams, DADS | Geri Williams provided the following update and reminded centers of the May 24 implementation date for the new process:  
- Change in Rule (Total 7 days completion of evaluation from initial alert to data entry);  
- Talked about results of the pilot. Looking at rate & adjustment of cost if needed;  
- New CAP of 6 hours for total completion of evaluation;  
- Suggestion to ask for letter from DADS Commissioner to educate Nursing Facility of our involvement and need to enter nursing facility;  
- 6 months post implementation data will be reviewed to determine if rate needs to be adjusted;  
- Reminder of March 12 Broadcast Message- instructions on billing |
### Reminders:
- Attend joint trainings for DSHS and DADS in your area;
- Need a designated fax number;
- FAQs in DADS website will be available regarding PASRR;
- 2 service authorizations given: one for IDD and one for MI;
- Submit to Carey questions regarding PASRR process.

### Suggested topics for next meeting:
- Survey Results – Learn from each other (Authority & Provider).
- Introduction of new manager of Survey & Certification. Invite new managers of DADS.
- Findings from Medicaid Billing Audit Results.
- SC follow-up & monitoring of risks – how is this done? Training focus?
- Authority/Provider DADS staff to discuss topic of Risk Management and how it relates to health & safety.
- How to get minutes out to members? (Carey)

### Meeting Evaluation:
**Pros:**
- Provider focus on nursing - good
- Good agenda!
- Autism presentation good
- Good job!
- Liked hotel, food, conference room, parking, room rates

**Cons:**
- No negatives for hotel or agenda!
- Visuals for presentation were difficult to see from all areas in room.

Submitted By: Janet Brunette  
Secretary, IDD Director's Consortium