



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2014

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 13, January, 2014 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair, Tanya Winters, Chip Howe, Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Ron Lucey, and Adam Slosberg,

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Vice Chair, Tanya Winters to approve the December 09, 2013 minutes the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action – The Committee reviewed the notes from the work session held in December. Commissioner Norman Kieke announced that he was appointed to the City Clerk's Taskforce; currently the group is accepting comments and suggestions.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For Discussion and possible action

Presentation: Maya Vega, Director of Intellectual Disabilities and Albert VanKleeck, Associate Director IDD Crisis-Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC)- An overview of services and supports that are currently available for persons with IDD, Autism and/or co-occurring IDD/MH diagnoses, demographics of those currently served and services that are in the development stage as part of 1115 Medicaid Waiver Expansion.

➤ **Summary**

- In the Austin Travis County Area, there are 11,000 residents that are diagnosed with IDD, which is about 1% of total population.
- In FY 2013, ATCIC served 22,000 individuals and families, of which 2,500 were unduplicated individuals with IDD or Autism
- With the new Medicaid Waiver Expansion, ATCIC expects to serve an additional 7,000 people in 2014.
- Information on current programs and the GAP analysis are available upon request from ATCIC. Maya will send any proposed changes to the Committee.

➤ **Introducing the START (Systemic Therapeutic, Assessment Resources and Treatment) Program from the University of New Hampshire**

- The START model is the least restrictive model of care and support to individuals with IDD/Autism. It combines clinical assessment and support, with care in an integrated setting. This environment is created by training and empowering families and caregivers of people with IDD/Autism, and having service providers make house calls.
- Through the optimal utilization of resources by linking various professional and therapeutic service providers, START hopes to improve expertise and knowledge across the board in participating disciplines.

- A current pilot is now partnered with the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to transition individuals at the State Living Center back to an integrated setting. The program is scheduled for full implementation in the summer of 2014. Data collected from this program will be forwarded to the University of New Hampshire where START program data is collected.
 - Once the program is in place, ATCIC would like to create an advisory committee with local agencies and service providers, to sustain START.
 - ATCIC would like to partner and share the program with other groups as linkage and knowledge is a major component of START.
 - START Training is available to anyone that is interested please contact Albert at email: albert.vankleeck@atcic.org for additional information.
- Discussion
- Commissioner Chip Howe inquired if the program would be extended to people transitioning from incarceration, and if staff was being trained. Albert replied that the program works with incarcerated individuals and emphasizes a lot of staff training.
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters asked about the mechanism for sustaining START. Albert replied that collaboration with other local agencies and service providers was an emphasis for the program; Maya added that the program is centered on changing the thinking and training of service providers for people with IDD.
 - Commissioner Kathy Keller asked if the program would serve the homeless population. Albert answered by saying, yes the program would work with the homeless and anyone that needed care in various settings from jails, group homes etc.
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey asked whether or not vocational services such as skill building, socialization, and job search were supported by SMART. Albert replied that these services would be integrated when an individual is moving from an institution into a home living or group home condition.
 - Commissioner Adam Slosberg had the following questions with responses from speakers:
 - When did the split occur within mental health and IDD within HHSC? Reply: Due to the re-arrangement of the various entities under HHS. IDD fell under DADS as DADS was already funding IDD; and all other mental health issues fell under DSHS (DSHS MHSA).
 - What disorders fall into IDD? Reply: Autism.
 - What is the co-occurrence between IDD and Mental Health? Reply: Everyone (In other words 100% of persons with IDD had mental health issues).
 - Does the LMHA follow NIMH and One Mind research? Reply: None. This question was not responded to by either presenter.
 - Do they think that MH and IDD will return into one unit at some point in time? Reply: We cannot foretell what will happen, yet it could be possible.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters

- Chair Lardizabal said that he has reviewed a mock-up of the Barton Pool Southside entry being planned for construction.
- Committee Chair Tanya Winters announced a partnership with the Travis Constable Precinct 5 and the state that provides \$40,000 for an extensive accessible parking awareness campaign which may include PSAs, brochures, and videos.

- Commissioner Keller reported on ideas for this year's DMD program, including a contest for artwork for the 2014 DMD Poster.

Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey

- Employment and Awards
 - Committee, Chair Ron Lucey, announced the first Business of Work Planning meeting will be forthcoming. It will coincide with the City's Career Fair taking place April 15, 2014.

5. **ACTION ITEMS:** No action items were recorded during the January 13, 2014 meeting.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the January 13, 2014 meeting.

7. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Citizen communication were recorded for the January 13, 2014 are below:

- Celia Hughes VSA Texas Executive Director
 - She was discussing the Rosemary Kennedy Internship Program. It is a one week advertising and marketing internship program for students with IDD age 16-21 years of age.
 - The program will have opportunities for students to explore careers in the animation, and the recording industry. Celia provided a program brochure to the committee.
- Avery Craig Ability Connections Texas Fundraising and Events Coordinator
 - The organization is planning **Ability Walk** in partnership with the Texas School for the Deaf.
 - April 5th, 2014 9am-12:30 pm
 - Participant registration is \$15, can sign up as teams to fundraise
 - Exhibitors include: Austin Aztex, Special Olympics of Texas, River Kids Therapy, Austin Therapy Dogs, and Cool Haus sandwiches.

8. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There were no expenses during the month of December, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00.
- The ADA Implementation Report, is currently being finalized by the ADA Office, the report is the culmination of all ADA improvements and access activities by City departments. The final report will be ready by mid-February; there will be a link on the ADA web page.
- The ADA Access and Sidewalk Taskforce will meet on January 29, 2014 at 10:30am at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Rd. in the 13th floor conference room. The agenda includes a presentation by TxDOT screening their new accessibility video, "Pedestrian Access Route Design." The new video gives guidance for designing, building, and maintaining accessible pedestrian facilities in the public right of way.
- Dolores, per the Committee request during their worksession, has lined up the following presentations: Parks and Recreation Inclusion Unit for the February Meeting, City Homeland and Emergency Management for the March meeting, and Neighborhood and Community Development for the April meeting.
- Did anyone get chance to see the email from Commissioner Adam Slosberg about the Commission for Immigrant Affairs and how they send their email out in html format? Commissioner Kathy Keller said she could create a Committee email in html for the accomplishments with links.

CALENDAR

- Jan 24-25 Bodies in Public Spaces in South Congress starting at Allen's Boots.
- Jan 29 ADA Access and Sidewalk Task Force 505 Barton Springs 13th floor
- Jan 14 Who Moved my Cheese Program Mary Lee Community Center 7:30pm
- Feb 22 Easter Seals Annual Gala at the Austin Club
- Sep 14 Disability Voting Project Disability Issues Forum

9. **Future Agenda Items:** Future agenda item discussed during January 13, 2014 meeting included: a presentation by PW Neighborhood Connectivity Division.

10. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the January 13, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Ron Lucey; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved.