



Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) Quarterly Meeting

July 29, 2021



Welcome and Introductions

Bobby Wilkinson, Chair



Webinar Housekeeping

Jeremy Stremmler, TDHCA

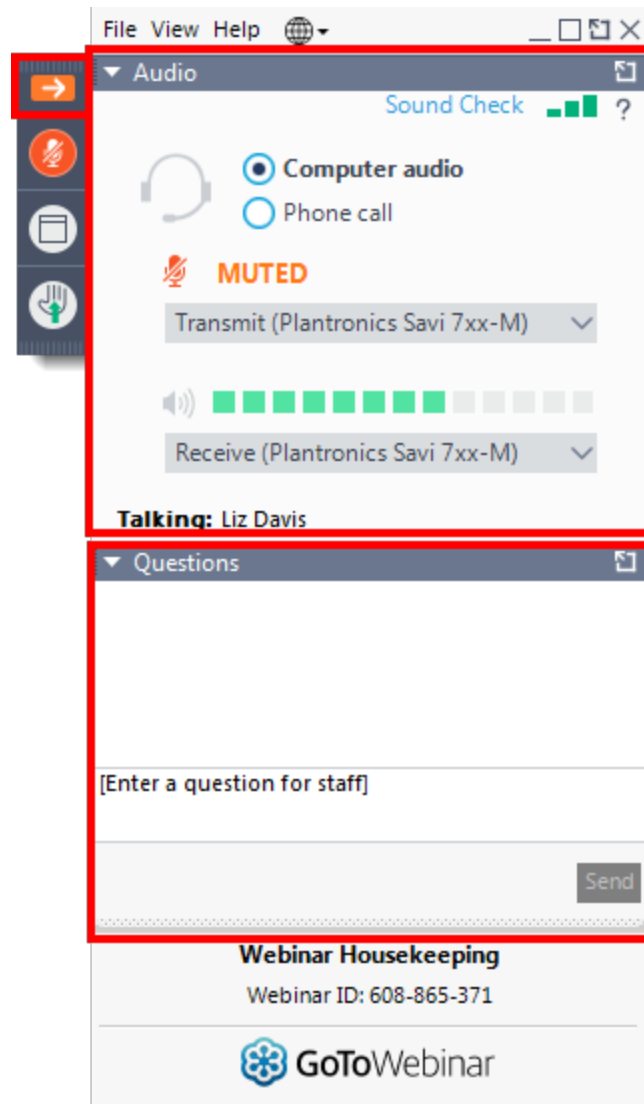
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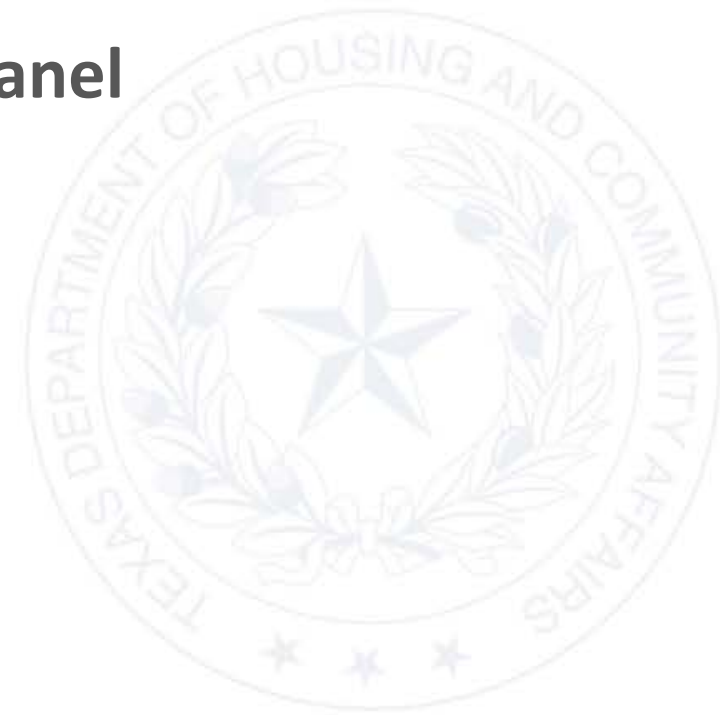
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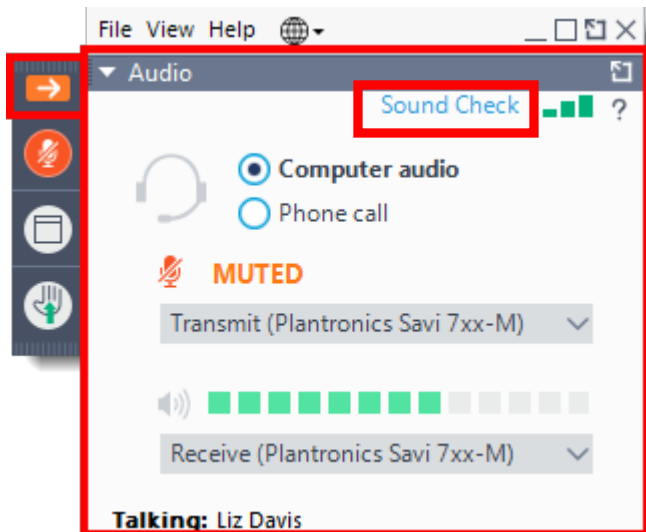
GoToWebinar Housekeeping: Control Panel



The screenshot displays the GoToWebinar control panel interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'File', 'View', and 'Help' options. Below this, the 'Audio' section is highlighted with a red border. It includes a 'Sound Check' indicator with a green signal strength icon and a question mark. The audio settings are set to 'Computer audio' (selected with a blue radio button) and 'Phone call' (unselected). A prominent 'MUTED' status is shown in orange text next to a microphone icon. Below this, there are dropdown menus for 'Transmit (Plantronics Savi 7xx-M)' and 'Receive (Plantronics Savi 7xx-M)'. A volume bar with green segments is visible. The 'Talking: Liz Davis' indicator is also present. Below the audio section, the 'Questions' section is also highlighted with a red border. It features a text input field with the placeholder '[Enter a question for staff]' and a 'Send' button. At the bottom of the control panel, the webinar title 'Webinar Housekeeping' and ID 'Webinar ID: 608-865-371' are displayed, along with the GoToWebinar logo.



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Your Participation

Open and close your control panel

Join audio:

- Choose **Computer audio** to use your computer or phone's audio
- Choose **Phone call** and dial using the information provided

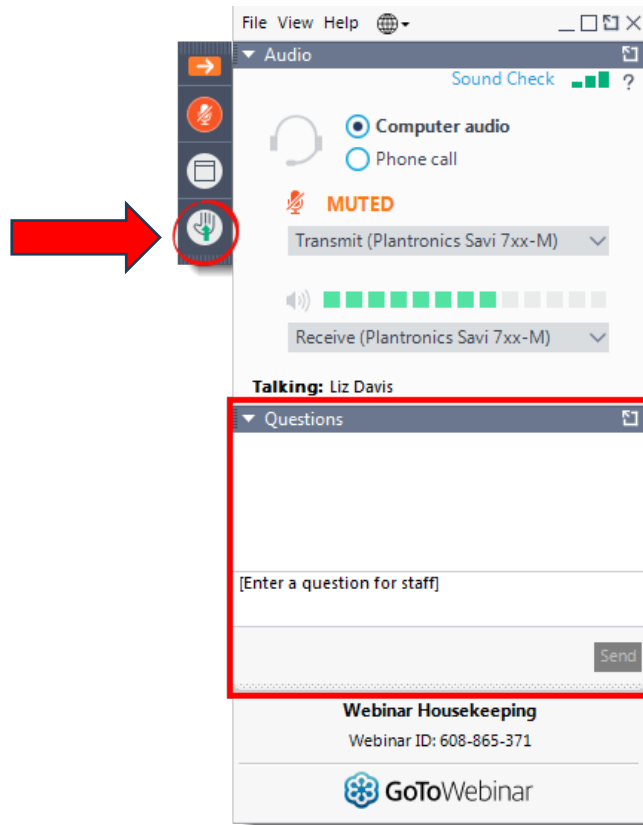
If you have trouble calling in:

- Wait for a few minutes and try again
- Use the audio on your computer or phone

Use the "Sound Check" button to test your microphone before

GoToWebinar Housekeeping: Time for Questions

(Use hands for unmuting!)



Your Participation

- Please feel free to submit questions or comments using the Questions panel if you do not wish to speak, just remember to put your name and who you represent before you speak.
- Please raise your hand to be unmuted if you wish to speak to the group.



Note: Today's presentation is being recorded and a Transcript will be provided with other meeting materials on the TDHCA website in the coming weeks.



Approval of April 14 Meeting Minutes

Council



Texas Rent Relief, CARES Act, and American Rescue Plan Update

Brooke Boston, TDHCA



TDHCA Legislative Update

Michael Lyttle, TDHCA

87th Regular Session Report

- Total bills filed: 6,927
- Total bills passed: 1,073
- Percentage passed: 15.5%
- Third highest total of filed bills in last 10 regular sessions



87th Regular Session Report – passed legislation

- **House Bill 1558** (Button) - directs TDHCA to add a scoring incentive for housing tax credit applications proposed to be located within two miles of a veterans medical facility who will have a leasing preference for low income veterans. The bill was bracketed to Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, and Travis counties.

87th Regular Session Report – passed legislation

- **Senate Bill 403** (Johnson) - expands list of entities eligible to which a developer can sell a development supported with low income housing tax credits within the first 60 days of the 180-day right of first refusal period to include public housing authorities and public facility corporations (if created by a public housing authority).

87th Regular Session Report – filed legislation that did not pass

- **House Bill 249** (Cortez) – bill would have removed 90-mile proximity requirement for nonprofit board members for NPOs participating in low income housing tax credit ownership structures. Some of these NPOs who would have been impacted are qualified regional and national nonprofits with proven affordable housing capacity and experience developing service-enriched affordable housing in Texas.
(companion bill was SB 1144).

87th Regular Session Report – filed legislation that did not pass

- **House Bill 1225** (Campos) – bill would have required the Health and Services Coordination Council by August 1 of each year to complete and submit to TDHCA an extensive evaluation of the 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN) to help inform an expansion of service-enriched housing throughout Texas.
 - As part of HHSCC’s biennial plan, the council would have had to include ideas for improving the delivery of community resource information and referrals by considering the results of the 2-1-1 services evaluation.

87th Regular Session Report – filed legislation that did not pass

• **Housing Tax Credit bills**

- Several on Right of First Refusal process
- Several on prohibiting rent increase during lease
- Prioritizing scoring incentives for developments located in gentrifying areas
- Two-year Qualified Allocation Plan
- Allowing TDHCA to determine how categories are ranked in scoring criterion
- Slightly increasing notification requirements to NOs bordering proposed development site
- Creation of a state housing tax credit



87th “Special” Sessions

- First called session ends August 6, 2021
- Others? Autumn 2021
- Governor Abbott has said he will call a special session in the fall on redistricting and federal pandemic response funds.
- Could have impact on how TDHCA expends those funds





Update on HHSCC Projects

Jeremy Stremmer, TDHCA



Update on Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program

Spencer Duran, TDHCA

Housing and Health Services Coordination Council

Section 811 Program Update

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Program Impact in Texas

Average PRA Going Out Each Month	\$361,228
% of PRA spent and committed for FY12 and FY13	FY12 – 56% spent FY13 – 28% spent
Currently Active Properties	115
Properties Committed to the Program No Assisted Tenants at this time, but 30 year commitment remains	145
Currently Assisted Tenants	442
Lifetime Assisted Tenants First move-in occurred September 22, 2016	580
Households Waiting Completed applications in waiting status for at least one property	2,412
Active Referral Agents	165




Emergency Housing Vouchers issued to TDHCA

Spencer Duran, TDHCA



**Area Agencies on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Centers
(member Presentation)**

Doni Green, Vice Chair



Services through Area Agencies on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Doni Green

North Central Texas Council of Governments



Area Agency on Aging (AAA): Target Populations

Funded by Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to serve:

- People age 60+
- Caregivers of people age 60+
- Caregivers age 55+ caring for people with severe disabilities
- Grandparents age 55+ with custody of grandchildren under age 18



AAAs and Client Eligibility

- Programs are age-based rather than means tested
- Enabling legislation requires that programs target older persons/caregivers who are “at risk” associated with economic need, social isolation, frailty, minority status, cognitive impairment



AAAs and Service Cost

- Services provided at no cost to eligible individuals, although voluntary contributions are encouraged



AAA Required Services

- Information and Referral
- Nutrition
- Care Coordination
- In-Home Services
- Caregiver Support
- Benefits Counseling
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Evidence-based Programs



Nutrition Services

- Home-delivered Meals
- Congregate Meals



Care Coordination

- Provides temporary services that support independent living
 - Minor home modifications
 - In-home services (e.g., attendant)
 - Health-related goods and supplies (e.g., medical equipment)
 - Financial assistance with basic needs



Care Coordination Target Populations

Older people who are unable to access services through other programs, either public or private

- Targeting of high risk (e.g., those with low incomes, frailty, risk of premature nursing home placement)



In-Home Services

- Homemaker
- Personal Assistance
- Respite



Caregiver Support

AAA has option of offering:

- Caregiver support coordination
- Respite
- Caregiver information
- Caregiver education and training
- Counseling



Caregiver Support Target Population

- Informal (i.e., unpaid) caregivers who are at risk of burnout



Benefits Counseling

- Provides information on public and private benefits
 - Primary expertise is Medicare (supplements, drug plans, advantage plans, Medicare Savings Programs)
 - Trained on Medicaid, long-term care insurance



Long-Term Care Ombudsman

- Helps identify facilities best equipped to meet care needs
- Resolves residents' concerns regarding quality of care or quality of life



Evidence-Based Programs

AAA has option of offering:

- Fall prevention workshops
- Chronic disease self-management workshops
- Medication review
- Counseling for depression



Aging and Disability Resource Center Eligible Populations

- People of all ages with all types of disabilities
- Caregivers of persons with disabilities
- People who want to plan in advance of need



ADRC Primary Target Population

- People in need of long-term services and supports



ADRC Core Services

- Specialized information, referral and assistance
- Lifespan Respite
- Housing navigation
- Nursing home options counseling



Lifespan Respite

- Provides temporary break to informal caregivers who don't qualify for like services and can't afford to pay privately



Housing Navigation

- Compiles affordable housing inventory
- Advocates for expansion of affordable, accessible, integrated, and service-enriched housing



Nursing Home Options Counseling

- Counsels nursing home residents without Medicaid benefits regarding community-based services



COVID's Impact on AAAs/ADRCs

- Significant funding increases
- Dedicated funding for vaccination assistance
- Flexible funding for special projects
 - Emergency groceries
 - Tablets/data plans for those without internet access



Contact Information

Texas Area Agencies on Aging:

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Questions?

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Public Comment



General Updates, Next Steps, & Staff Assignments



Thank You!

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<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/hhsc/council-meetings.htm>.