

# HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes Summary July 13, 2022

On Wednesday, the thirteenth day of July 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the quarterly meeting of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council (HHSCC) was held at the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs building at 221 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin TX 78701, Room 116.

The following members were present in person:

1. Bobby Wilkinson, Texas Dept of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Chair
2. Doni Green, Promoting Independence Advisory Committee representative, Vice Chair
3. Diana Delaunay, Financial institutions representative
4. Blake Harris, PhD, Texas Veterans Commission
5. Mike Goodwin, Multifamily housing developer representative
6. Michael Wilt for David Danenfelzer, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)
7. Kenneth Darden, Advocate for Minority Issues
8. Joycesarah McCabe, Health Services Entities Representative

**Council member telephone participation does not count towards establishing quorum.**

The following members were present via telephone:

1. Donna Klaeger, Rural Communities Representative
2. Suzanne Barnard, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
3. Barret Reynolds, Consumer Representative
4. Claire Irwin, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Bobby Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. After all attendees introduced themselves, it was determined that quorum was not present.

### **1. Approval of April 20, 2022 HHSCC Meeting Minutes**

Bobby Wilkinson announced that approval of the meeting minutes from the April 20, 2022 HHSCC meeting would be postponed because Council did not have quorum.

### **2. Update on Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program**

Spencer Duran, TDHCA Section 811 Program Director, presented an update on the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) program. The program's preference that was approved by the Board in 2020 became effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. 92% of all 811 program participants were from the behavioral health target population but the program is intended to serve people with disabilities in nursing homes and youth exiting foster care, so the preference will help the program serve these other populations. With most waiting lists closed the program is only able to functionally implement the preference but some waiting lists are open and accepting preference referrals. The program has trained 22 new DFPS referral agents. The last new construction property that was in the 811 pipeline has been placed in service and ready to

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lease to section 811 participants. There are currently 436 families housed with a waiting list of 2,094 families. The average tenant portion of rent is \$161. The list of counties whose waiting lists have been recently reopened include, Brazoria, Caldwell, Cameron, Denton, Galveston, Hidalgo, Harris, Johnson, Montgomery, and Tarrant County. For more indepth and detailed information on the Section 811 program see the July 13, 2022 HHSCC meeting transcript pages 5-14.

### **3. Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)**

Spencer Duran, TDHCA Section 811 Program Director, presented an update on the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. TDHCA received almost 800 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers from HUD. Most of the Urban areas of the state received their own emergency housing voucher award. There are 200 Texas counties TDHCA is striving to serve. TDHCA has partnered with the Texas Homeless Network (THN) and Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. The Department has committed almost 400 of these vouchers to THN and 50 to Heart of Texas. The program has housed 12 out of the 800 vouchers and received 223 applications from THN. There are currently 92 families that have a voucher and are house hunting, none of the EHV vouchers have yet to be returned due to inability to find housing. TDHCA has hired a new staff to be the EHV Administrator and work for Andre Adams, Section 8 Manger to assist in getting the new program moving forward. These vouchers unlike TDHCA's regular Section 8 program can be used anywhere in the state. For more information on the (EHV program see the July 13, 2022 HHSCC meeting transcript pages 14-23.

### **4. HOME – American Rescue Plan (ARP)**

Tiara Hardaway, TDHCA Manager of HOME-ARP Program presented an overview of this new program. She noted that the HOME-ARP allocation plan had been approved by HUD and that it can be viewed on the website. A majority of the program funds will be expended on non-congregate shelter development, rental housing development and nonprofit capacity building funds. A NOFA will be release very soon for a set-aside for NHTF applications that haven't been fully completed which need gap funding for 2020 and 2021. A non-congregate shelter NOFA will be released next year and the capacity building NOFA will be released this summer. Additional description of HOME-ARP populations and program activities can be found in the HHSCC meeting transcript on pages 28-31.

### **5. Review of 10 TAC §1.11 Definition of Service-Enriched Housing**

Council discussed the changes that were proposed at the April HHSCC meeting to the Service-Enriched Housing definition and several new proposals were made for updates to the rule. These updates include adding additional populations that use SEH, including youth aging out of foster care and transitional age youth with an attempt to make the rule as all-encompassing as possible. Additional conversation about the SEH rule can be found in the July 13<sup>th</sup> HHSCC meeting transcripts on pages 31-39.

### **6. Approval of HHSCC Biennial Plan and Report**

Jeremy Stremler, TDHCA HRC Manager, provided an update that the 2022-2023 HHSCC Biennial Plan and Report was completed and noted that members made necessary edits since the last meeting in April. The Council was in agreement that the final versions looked

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good and that the Report of Findings would be delivered to the LBB and Office of the Governor by August 1<sup>st</sup> and that the Plan along with the Report of Findings would be placed on the HHSCC page of the TDHCA website.

### **7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **8. General Updates/Next Steps/Staff Assignment(s)**

### **ADJOURN**

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.