



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
H. L. Whitman, Jr.

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting
Friday, August 9, 2019 9:00 am
701 West 51st Street, Austin, Texas 78714
John H. Winters Building, Public Hearing Room

MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

- Bonnie Hellums, Chair
- Dr. Dorothy Calhoun
- Omedi “Dee Dee” Cantu Arismendez
- Matt Kouri
- Liesa Hackett
- Greg Hamilton
- Janice Washington
- Aureka Simpson
- Dr. Connie Almeida

The meeting to order at 9:05 am by Judge Bonnie Hellums, Council Chair. Council members introduced themselves.

Chair Hellums introduced Acting Commissioner Trevor Woodruff who provided updates on the lawsuit and the following DFPS programs: Prevention and Early Intervention, the Human Trafficking Division, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services and Statewide Intake.

The Council approved the February 8, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kouri made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Dr. Calhoun seconded the motion. The vote was called and all members were in favor.

Council members gave brief reports on their agency related activities since the last meeting.

Kristene Blackstone, Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services, gave the update on the implementation of Community Based Care (CBC) and the regions that are transitioning to CBC.

Jose Martinez and Jessica Morales from the Office of Consumer Relations provided an overview of their program and how they respond to inquiries from parents, families and legislative offices.

David Kinsey, Chief Financial Officer, gave a legislative update on House Bill 1, the appropriations bill. Rand Harris, Chief of Staff, reported on bills that affect Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, and the Council.

Judge Hellums provided closing remarks and thanked the staff and guests.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

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