



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
H. L. Whitman, Jr.

Family and Protective Services Council Meeting
Friday, November 9, 2018, 9:00 am
4900 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78714
Brown-Heatly Building, Public Hearing Room 1410

MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

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

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:02 am by Mr. Kouri, Council Chairman.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the August 17, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Item 3 was to report on current Council activities and opening remarks by Chairman Kouri.

Agenda Item 4 was a report from the Department of Family and Protective Services’ Commissioner. Commissioner Whitman provided updates on the following programs: Prevention and Early Intervention, the Human Trafficking Division, Child Protective Investigations, Child Protective Services, and Adult Protective Services.

Agenda Item 5 was a presentation on the Department’s advisory committees. Cheryl Gomez, Council Liaison, gave updates on the Committee on Advancing Residential Practices, Advisory Committee on Promoting Adoption of Minority Children, Public Private Partnership, Prevention Task Force, Youth Leadership Council, and Parent Collaboration Group.

Agenda Item 6 was a presentation and update on Community Based Care. Kristene Blackstone, Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services gave an overview of community based care and an update on the current regions where community based care has been implemented.

Agenda Item 7 was a presentation on Adult Protective Services' (APS) audit and initiatives. Kezeli Wold, Associate Commissioner for Adult Protective Services, covered the State Auditor's Office audit for APS and the improvements the department has already made to improve APS.

Agenda Item 8 was a presentation on the status of Statewide Intake (SWI) and their fiscal year 2018 review. Ric Zimmerman, Associate Commissioner for Statewide Intake presented on the duties of SWI, call volume and changes made to streamline the intake calls.

Agenda Item 9 was a presentation on the Legislative Appropriations Request and Exceptional Items. David Kinsey, Chief Financial Officer, presented on the critical budget issues, key budget drivers, and a summary of the requests for FY 2020-21.

Agenda Item 10 was public comment. One stakeholder testified in front of the Council. Dr. Shannon Lane testified on behalf of herself concerning a child who was in her care.

Agenda Item 11 was closing remarks. Mr. Kouri closed the meeting thanking staff and attendees.

Agenda Item 12 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

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