

## Minutes

**Meeting:** Intellectual and Developmental Disability Advisory Committee

**Place:** William P Clements Building

**300 W 15<sup>th</sup> St Room 103**

**Austin, TX 78711**

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Lee Johnson at 10:00 AM.

**II. Roll Call of Committee Members**

Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Chairman

Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm

Haley Turner

Cullen Grissom

Emily Eisenman

Dr. Lizdelia Pinon

Sheriff Gerald Yezak

Sheriff Bo Stallman

Ellen Bauman

Lee Johnson

Bryan Camphire

Gene Terry

Committee members present at roll call were Mr. Lee Johnson, Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm, Haley Turner, Emily Eisenman, Ellen Bauman, and Dr. Lizdelia Pinon. Sheriff Stallman attended virtually. Mr. Bryan Camphire was absent, and Ken Winston attended in his place (virtually). Mr. Gene Terry was absent. Staff members in attendance were Executive Director Brandon Wood, Assistant Director Ricky Armstrong, Richard Morgan, and Stephanie Reneau (virtually).

**Others Present**

<b>Kelsey Bernstein, Texas Council Elle Cross, Hays County Susan Hart, Hays County Krish Gundu, Texas Jail Project</b>	<b>Cassandra Lampkin Sonya Burns Sam Benavides, Tarrant County</b>
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### **III. Reading and approval of minutes**

Minutes from the April 2024 meeting were approved with appropriate motion and second by Dr. Fegan-Bohm and Ms. Bauman. The motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Public Comment**

**Elle Cross** – Ms. Cross was in attendance to provide testimony for a mother whose son is incarcerated in the Hays County Jail. Ms. Cross discussed a lack of resources for individuals with mental health issues in Hays County and discussed this individual's particular legal case. She also discussed difficulties getting into a mental health treatment facility. Ms. Cross provided testimony regarding this case and reported issues with retaining housing and that the mother is afraid of her son being released due to a lack of resources. Finally, Ms. Cross asked what services exist for a situation as she described.

**Susan Hart** – Ms. Hart was in attendance to provide testimony regarding her daughter, Anya Hart, who is incarcerated in the Hays County Jail. Ms. Hart identifies that her daughter is on the autism spectrum and has several other mental health and developmental issues. Ms. Hart describes issues that Anya experienced at a group home in Manor, Texas, including difficulties getting medications on time. Ms. Hart discusses the circumstances regarding Anya's arrest and incarceration. Ms. Hart discussed difficulties finding housing for Anya due to her legal case.

**Sam Benavides** – Was in attendance to provide testimony on behalf of Chantelle Beiser, regarding her son Kairi Campbell, and their experiences with IDD and mental health. Ms. Benavides described Mr. Campbell's legal history, and issues while incarcerated in the Tarrant County Jail. Ms. Benavides expressed, from Ms. Beiser's notes, dissatisfaction with the placement of Mr. Campbell in a group home and requested that this board put forth a strong recommendation that requires police departments to dispatch mental health officers to group home calls, and a system to register contact information with law enforcement to help.

**Krish Gundu** – Ms. Gundu was in attendance to provide testimony regarding guardianship, an issue on the agenda, and discussed current statute that requires law enforcement to check for guardianship status, and the translation of this information to the jail setting. Ms. Gundu stated that it would be helpful to have a strong recommendation from this board regarding rules for jails during intake and medical care and discharge of people who have guardians. Additionally, Ms. Gundu discussed arrests made at group homes.

**Dr. Pinon spoke at this time regarding her experience regarding her son, guardianship, and group home arrests.**

**Sonia Burns** – was in attendance to provide testimony regarding gap populations that are served by IDD services, but do not meet the criteria for state supported living centers. She discussed specific cases of individuals who have experienced issues with the state supported living center process/system. Ms. Burns discussed individuals with IDD who are incarcerated, and eligibility for state supported living centers. She also discussed the possibility of a waiver that, through the legislature, could be used to help find appropriate settings and housing. She also stated that community placements need to be funded better, and requested this information be included in this board's report.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Adopt Rules, Policy and Procedures for the IDD Advisory Committee**

Previously discussed bylaws were adopted with a motion made by Haley Turner and a second by Dr. Fegan-Bohm and approved unanimously.

**B. Subject Matter Expert Participation**

An update was provided regarding current SME participation. No action needed or taken.

**C. Data Collection**

Haley Turner provided an update regarding data collection. She discussed the process taken by the data collection subcommittee and discussed the current three year lookback of the current IDD identification process, and discussed potential improvements. Ms. Turner provided the following recommendations:

The subcommittee will work with HHSC program and IT staff to conduct an analysis of the refinement of the data currently collected through the TLETS matching process, including service codes matched from a data warehouse.

Ms. Turner advised that after the intermediate data project is completed, additional refinement recommendations will be provided.

Lee Johnson and Dr. Pinon discussed the matching process.

No action taken or needed.

#### **D. Training**

Bryan camphire was absent from this meeting. Ken Winston, Integral Care IDD Services, presented in his place. Mr. Winston gave a presentation on the training that Mr. Camphire and the training subcommittee have prepared. Director Wood discussed the transition from IDD task force to the statutorily required advisory committee, and the requirement to create training specifically for jailers. Director Wood and Assistant Director Armstrong answered questions regarding TCOLE classes and training for committee members.

No action taken or needed.

#### **E. Intake Screening**

Mr. Johnson provided an update to the subcommittee on intake screening, including a meeting held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He advised that the subcommittee reviewed recommendations to make improvements to the intake screening form. Mr. Johnson discussed the input provided by consultants to this process. Mr. Johnson discussed the sequential intercept model and its application. Mr. Johnson specifically discussed the addition of plain language questions regarding IDD.

Dr. Pinon requested clarification on the sequential intercept model, and Director Wood advised that TCJS would attempt to have someone at the next meeting of this advisory committee who could provide additional information.

#### **F. Administrative Functions and Support**

Director Wood discussed the role the agency is playing in providing administrative support for this advisory committee. Director Wood also discussed committee membership.

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. Guardianship**

Committee members were provided an information packet that was provided by Krish Gundu, which she prepared for the Administrative Rules Advisory Committee agenda item on the same topic. Director Wood advised that TCJS receives complaints on the topic of guardianship and intake/release at county jails. Lee Johnson discussed the guardianship

registry, and the TLETS matching process. Lee Johnson requested a presentation at the next meeting by an expert on this system.

VI. Other Business

Director Wood and Lee Johnson discussed the agenda for the next meeting (October 2024) and that the report would be under new business.

VIII. Date for next meeting

The next meeting of the Intellectual or Developmental Disability Advisory Committee will tentatively be held on October 9th, 2024 at 10:00 AM. The location is to be determined.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Ms. Bauman, seconded by Dr. Fegan-Bohm, and approved unanimously.