

## **Minutes**

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

**Location:** The Arc of Texas

**8001 Centre Park Dr Suite 100**

**Austin, TX 78754**

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

**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Sheriff Rowe 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

Robin Seale-Gutierrez

Sheriff Gerald Yezak

Sheriff Bo Stallman

Ellen Bauman

Lee Johnson

Bryan Camphire

Gene Terry

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

**Others Present**

<b>Linda Logan, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities Sandy Batton Dalila Reynoso, Texas Jail Project Ebony Lundsford</b>	<b>Ron Lucey, Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Kate Stoops, The Arc of Texas Kevin Stuart, Brazos County Sheriff's Office</b>
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<b>Rebecca Japko</b> <b>Krish Gundu, Texas Jail Project</b> <b>Columba Wilson</b> <b>Sonja Burns</b>	<b>Kelsey Bernstein, Texas Council</b> <b>Kirk Noaker, UTH Houston</b> <b>Jeff Miller, Disability Rights Texas</b>
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### **III. Reading and approval of minutes**

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

### **IV. Public Comment**

**Columba Wilson** - Provided testimony regarding her grandson and their experiences with IDD and group homes.

Kirk Noaker – Provided testimony regarding work with UT Health Sciences center out of Houston and national task group on developmental disabilities and dementia, a law enforcement judicial grant trying to improve LE interactions with persons with developmental disabilities and dementia. Discussed his work on a project with the TCDD (Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities) to provide assistance through agencies such as HHSC, TCDD, and LMHAs, to group homes and possibly family members of persons with IDD, co-occurring with mental health disability, or dementia. He discussed the creation of infographic cards to help improve interactions between law enforcement and a person with developmental disabilities, and ways that this project could improve these interactions.

**Sonja Burns** - Commented on the report draft. Ms. Burns provided testimony regarding emergency detention, exclusionary criteria for IDD, autism, or non-verbal. She also discussed the CCQ process, and her experience at a recent Travis County Mental Health Law Plan workshop. She also discussed state supported living centers and problems with deferred adjudication.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Guardianship**

Director Wood discussed guardianship and avenues for which guardianship is provided. Richard Morgan, TCJS Staff, discussed a meeting with subject matter experts at the Travis County downtown Jail regarding the capability to determine guardianship as registered with the courts. It was shared that the Office of Court Administration (OCA) has developed and maintained a

database of registered guardians, and the Department of Public Safety (DPS), through TLETS, has developed a process and application to query this database. This query process has not worked for some time, and OCA and DPS are aware of the issue. The query currently returns guardianship information that is not actionable as it does not contain specific court information. At the time of this meeting, there was no known timeline for when the query would work properly.

Ellen Bauman requested information regarding when guardianship notifications must be made. Director Wood advised that agency staff provide the section of statute that governs this matter.

No action taken.

**B. Subject Matter Expert Participation**

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

**C. Data Collection**

An update was provided regarding the data collection subcommittee. No action needed or taken.

**D. Training**

Assistant Director Armstrong advised the committee members that TCJS' primary trainer has been collecting data from other SMEs regarding previous training programs and will return and report this information the committee in the future. Dr. Fegan-Bohm discussed HHS participation with the training subcommittee, including SME participation, on a draft of the training as provided by Brian Camphire and Cullen Grissom.

No action taken.

**E. Intake Screening**

Director Wood discussed the information provided to agency staff from HHSC staff regarding the IDD matching portion of the CCQ. Director Wood advised that it would be most appropriate for an SME from HHSC to provide

additional information on this matter. Committee members were provided with an initial analysis for the information TCJS has received on this matter, but further analysis will be put on hold until HHSC SME can present on the subject to the committee.

No action taken.

Sheriff Rowe called for recess for approximately 10 minutes to correct technical issues related to a power outage at the meeting location. The meeting was reconvened at 11:10 AM.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Report**

Dr. Fegan-Bohm discussed the committee's legislative report, and provided members with the opportunity to discuss any issues with the report. Grammatical and formatting changes were discussed. Recommended changes from Emily Eisenman were discussed and entered. Sheriff Rowe discussed adding the information from today's meeting regarding guardianship into the report. The committee members discussed how to address the guardianship matter in the report. Kirk Noaker provided testimony on the process CCQ match and identification process with regards to magistrate judges and reported that false positive matches are likely a higher percentage of matches than expected.

Sonja Burns provided testimony regarding false positive matches with the example of traumatic brain injury at 22 years old and discussed issues with the strict definition of IDD that is required for services. Ms. Burns advised that she does not want to be dismissive of false positives. The committee members discussed the training portion of the report, with specific testimony from Cullen Grissom regarding the process of reviewing and finalizing the training curriculum. Sheriff Rowe advised that the training would be added to the agenda of the next meeting for a vote to finalize.

Dr. Pinon discussed the common theme among testimony provided during public comment at previous meetings of the committee and

referencing it in the report. Haley Turner suggested recommending ongoing investments in the community-based continuum of care.

Jeff Miller of Disability Rights Texas provided testimony on two topics. First, he discussed a workforce issue that has impacted group homes and community-based services because “they can’t find workers”. Second, he discussed inadequate funding from the legislature for the systems already in place. He requested that the committee make a recommendation to continue studying the workforce issues and investing more in community services. Sonja Burns requested that a recommendation include discussion of exclusionary criteria in mental health facilities. Ms. Burns also provided testimony regarding exclusionary criteria as it related to a US Department of Justice study on the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Haley Turner discussed the committee’s acknowledgement that service connection is important for the committee to address, and the subcommittee on service connection chaired by Lee Johnson. She discussed not adding recommendations without the vetting of the subcommittee on service connection.

Columbia Wilson provided testimony regarding her grandson and his experiences with group homes and the police and advocated for more assisted living centers.

Sheriff Rowe advised the committee members that a supplemental meeting will be held to approve the final version of the report.

No action taken.

**VII. Other Business**

None.

**VIII. Date for next meeting**

The next meeting of the Intellectual or Developmental Disability Advisory Committee will tentatively be held on January 8th, 2025 at 10:00 AM at The Arc of Texas at 8001 Centre Park Drive, Suite 100, Austin TX 78754

**IX. Adjourn**

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