



Citizens' Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) Minutes

DATE: October 12, 2006
TIME: 12pm.
PLACE: Training Room 1
1700 South Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78704

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Boas, Kelley Chou, Cecile DeWitt, Liz Shelby, Ludy Zambrano
STAFF PRESENT: Abraham Minjarez, Marietta Noel, Sally Spill, Mildred Vuris
GUESTS PRESENT: None

1. Meeting Call to Order:

- A. Introductions:** Liz Shelby called the meeting to order.
- B. Opening Remarks:** Ms. Shelby stated Henry McMahon was out of town and she would Chair the meeting.
- C. Citizens' Comments:** Cecile DeWitt provided brief information on a new philanthropy program at Paine Webber. Kathy Boas report Bob Englert was currently out of town and that Bob Pedersen's wife was progressing nicely in her recovery from a recent illness.

2. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2006:

Minutes were approved with a change in the member's name in the Opening Remarks section. Name should have read George Pederson, not George Englert.

3. Presentation on Criminal Justice Overview:

Abraham Minjarez provided information on Project Recovery. He provided a handout and explained who the target population entailed, the treatment program and explained a flow chart showing the steps which would take place after a person was arrested for public intoxication. Treatment will begin with 16 hours per week treatment for the first month and will decrease by 4 hours per week for the next two months. Treatment and housing will be provided at 3000 Oak Springs Drive in Austin. A question and answer period followed.

4. Reports:

- A. Staff – Sally Spill, Director of Programs:** Ms. Spill remarked on what a good job Abraham Minjarez was doing on the jail diversion program. The Child & Family Services division is continuing to work with local schools. The advisory committee to the city school nurses will be presenting annual outcome data to the School Board. The Child & Youth Mental Health Planning Partnership has become re-invigorated in the

aftermath of Katrina. The grant funding Community Voice Mail expires in August 2007 and a guidance committee has been formed to look for continuing funding sources. Currently 336 people have received voice mail boxes.

Mildred Vuris, Director of Governmental & Community Relations: Ms. Vuris reported she recently participated in a coalition of agencies and stakeholders who want to support the Legislature providing \$111 million over two years to implement the crisis redesign, as proposed by the state. Local crisis redesign Ideal Plan was an idea to co-locate psychiatric emergency services at Seton Shoal Creek, however further research showed it would not be cost effective. Therefore, services will remain at 56 East Avenue. Ms. Vuris also reviewed information on the Provider of Last Resort on Negotiated Rulemaking and reviewed the proposed agenda for the two day meeting on Negotiated Rulemaking on Implementation Plan for Provider of Last Resort Provisions.

Marietta Noel, Senior Planner: Ms. Noel stated information on the 2007 Central Texas African American Family Support Conference has recently been posted to the Center's website.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Introduction of Revised Draft Bylaws: Liz Shelby stated CPAC and NAC officers had met several times to discuss a merger of the two committees. Due to the legislative session and the Provider of Last Resort, the merger is currently placed on hold. Bylaws are continuing to be revised.

6. New Business

A. Call for Nominating Committee: After the meeting formally ended, the members continued on with a session to nominate new officers. Nominations for 2nd Vice Chair is Angie Wagner, 1st Vice Chair Kelley Chou, and Liz Shelby for Chair.

7. Board Recommendation: There were no Board Recommendations at the meeting.

8. Adjournment:

A. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9 at 12pm.

Henry McMahon, Chair

Lisa M. Quinn, Recording Secretary