



## Network Advisory Committee (NAC) Minutes

**DATE:** Friday, November 30, 2006  
**TIME:** 12:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Small Training Room  
1700 South Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78704

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** JoAn Baird, Lillie Cogswell, Joanna Cordry, Cathy Ehigie, Linda Garnett, Pat Herndon, Wray Hooper, Simone Schrott, Mark Vowell  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Marietta Noel, Lisa Quinn, Sally Spill, Mildred Vuris  
**GUESTS PRESENT:** Barbara Lewallen

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- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:07pm.
  - 2. Review of Minutes from November 10, 2006 Meeting:** Minutes were approved as submitted.
  - 3. Staff Liaison Report:** Mildred Vuris reminded members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on December 6. All were encouraged to attend.
  - 4. New Business:**
    - Member Applicants:** Marietta Noel stated the new members weren't able to be voted on during the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting due to lack of a quorum. Applications for Linda Garnett, Kim Littlejohn and Alecia Little were reviewed and approved for membership. Applications will move on to the Board for final approval.
    - Appointment of Nominating Committee:** A sub-committee consisting of JoAn Baird, Wray Hooper, Mark Vowell and Simone Schrott was formed to nominate officers. Sub-committee representative will contact potential officers to determine interest in position.
    - Strategic Plan Update:** A calendar will be emailed to committee outlining steps to be taken. Information is still in a very broad format. Suggestion was to add a goal to provide services for unforeseen events, i.e. situations like Katrina or military veterans.

**Local Plan Update:** Mildred Vuris reported there were not guidelines yet for the new role. The document will need community input. The Network Plan was discontinued several years ago but may return in the future.

**Work Plan:** A draft spreadsheet of the NAC Fiscal Year Workplan was reviewed. Members were asked to provide feedback on what training is needed or desired. Suggestions included ongoing Provider of Last Resort training; demography of community served and if providers are appropriate for the Center's client base (both topics would be part of the Local Plan); credentialing and new Utilization Management guidelines for providers (including how non-priority population clients are referred to other agencies, how the waiting list is supported, and how clients get processed to receive services).

**5. Old Business:**

**Draft Bylaws:** Draft bylaws were reviewed and red-lined text was discussed. A recommendation was passed to accept the bylaws with red-lined text accepted.

**Provider of Last Resort:** It was stated that staff member Eric Blumberg was attending the sessions on the Provider of Last Resort and taking training on Star Plus.

**6. Recommendations/Future agenda items:**

Training on how clients enter into system  
Training on providing testimony and public input  
Training on talking to the media  
Officer elections

**7. Board Communications:**

Recommendation for new Member Approval.

Committee approved request to send letter to Housing Authority of City of Austin supporting the use of Section 8 vouchers (consistent with HUD regulations) for mortgage payments for a selected segment of Austin citizens with disabilities.

**8. Adjourned:**

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Joanna Cordry, Chair

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Lisa M. Quinn, Recording Secretary