



**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF CENTRAL TEXAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
April 9, 2018**

Members Present:

Irene Andrews
Richard Cortese
Melissa DeLaGarza (via phone)
Don Murphy, Chair
L.C. Richards

CTAAA Staff Present:

Kerry Phillip, Director
Sue Farrell, Asst. Director
Susan Burchfield
Grace Deorsam
Pam Patterson

Don Murphy, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following items were discussed:

- L.C. Richards made the motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting, Irene Andrews second the motion and it was carried by the members.
- Kerry provided revised AAA first quarter metrics charts to the members, explaining that after visiting with other AAA's about how they report their numbers we adjusted ours to more accurately reflect the work we are doing and people we are serving.
- Richard Cortese had questions about where the benchmarks came from and why they are applied to the whole state. He and other members raised concern that HHSC is not being realistic in their expectations and perhaps we should hold face to face discussions with the authoritative figures in their office if not adjusted in a year or two.
- Kerry shared with the group that she is comfortable with our numbers at this time and that HHSC is still working through taking over from DADS.
- Kerry told the group that while visiting the San Antonio ADRC and AAA she was very impressed with their Texas Serves program. They have out-performed both the New York City and North Carolina programs in just 6 months. She further commented that she will be attending their meetings to advocate for bringing the program to the Central Texas

ADVRC. We have a large military population because of our proximity to Ft. Hood and she feels strongly that bringing the call center here would greatly benefit our community.

- The group was very interested in this program and offered assistance in bringing it to the CTADVRC/AAA. It was agreed that Kerry would keep the committee abreast of her progress regarding the meetings with the Texas Serves directors.
- Kerry gave an update on grant applications. Dr. Alan Stevens has applied for the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging Care Consultation grant. This is a care coaching program for patients with dementia and/or other chronic illnesses and for their family or friend caregivers.
- She has also written a letter of support for Dr. Stevens regarding a grant entitled “GamePlan4Care: Web-based Delivery System for REACH II”. This will be an online resource for family caregivers in the 7 Central Texas counties area we serve.
- Richard Cortese emphasized that respite care is currently very necessary in our 7 county area and will continue to be a growing concern. Susan Burchfield commented that the new Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes are full for the rest of the fiscal year.
- Irene Andrews expressed the great need for training of caregivers and there is/will be a big income growth market for these types of services.

Don Murphy gave the motion to adjourn.

Richard Cortese second the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Patterson, AACT Contract Compliance Manager