



**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF CENTRAL TEXAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
January 8, 2018**

Members Present:

Irene Andrews
Richard Cortese
Melissa DeLaGarza
Isaac Gusukuma
H. Richard McGhee, Vice Chair
Myron Meier
Don Murphy, Chair
L.C. Richards
Alan Stevens

CTAAA Staff Present:

Kerry Phillip, Director
Sue Farrell, Asst. Director
Jenny Boucher
Susan Burchfield
Raquel Canava
Sandra Jones
Margaret Matthews
Pam Patterson

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

The following items were discussed:

- Alan Stevens made the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Richard McGhee second the motion and it was carried by the members.
- Kerry provided a bar chart and excel spreadsheet regarding HHSC goals for FY2018 and where the AAA stands at the end of the first quarter in relation to their numbers.
- 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.
- Kerry shared with the group that she and Jim Reed have already discussed these same concerns and that he is willing to be a voice at the state level.
- It was agreed that Kerry would keep the committee abreast of our progress regarding the benchmarks so that they could advise how we might proceed for the rest of the year.
- Kerry stressed that the team is working very hard. Discussed outreach events during the first quarter, Evidence Based classes and Medicare Open Enrollment numbers.

- Kerry gave an update on the grant applications. We did not receive the BEC grant, the Veteran's Mental Health Grant has not been announced and there are 2 grants with ACL in the EBI program that we will be applying for in the near future.
- Kerry also gave an update on the Veteran's Direct program. We are working with a new financial company that cost more per vet and with the budget reduction the team has stepped up to serve more veterans to close the gap.

Don Murphy gave the motion to adjourn.

Richard Cortese second the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Patterson, AACT Contract Compliance Manager