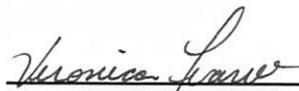


Program Committee Meeting
May 16, 2023
11:30 am

- I. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023
(EXHIBIT P-1)
- IV. **REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION**
 - A. Recommendation #433R-Eileen Lam as Self Advocate membership to IDD-PAC
(EXHIBIT P-2 Evanthe Collins)
 - B. Recommendation #434R-Dr. Williams Schnapp as Self Advocate membership to IDD-PAC
(EXHIBIT P-3 Evanthe Collins)
- V. **REVIEW AND COMMENT**
 - A. Behavioral Health Services Mid Year-Update
(EXHIBIT P-4 Keena Pace/Lance Britt)
 - B. Access Update
(EXHIBIT P-5 Keena Pace/Jennifer Battle)
- VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – As authorized by §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.**
- VII. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
- VIII. **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- IX. **INFORMATION ONLY**
 - A. Approved IDD-PAC Minutes on November 1, 2022
(EXHIBIT P-6)
 - B. Approved IDD-PAC Minutes on December 13, 2022
(EXHIBIT P-7)
 - C. Approved IDD-PAC Minutes on February 7, 2023
(EXHIBIT P-8)
- X. **ADJOURN**



Veronica Franco, Board Liaison
Bonnie Hellums, MED, LMFT, LCDC, AAC, JD Chairperson
Program Committee
The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD
Board of Trustees



EXHIBIT P-1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The HARRIS CENTER for
Mental Health *and* IDD
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
MINUTES

Dr. Robin Gearing, Board of Trustees Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in Room 109 of the 9401 Southwest Freeway location, noting a quorum of the Committee was present.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. Robin Gearing, Dr. Lois Moore,

Committee Member in Absence: Mrs. Bonnie Hellums

Other Board Members in Attendance: Dr. G. Santos, Mr. S. Zakaria

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Robin Gearing designated Dr. G. Santos as a voting member of the committee.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Dr. Gearing declared a quorum of the committee was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

4. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

MOTION BY: ZAKARIA

SECOND BY: SANTOS

With unanimous affirmative votes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 under Exhibit P-1, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

5. REVIEW AND COMMENT

A. IDD Services Division Update- Dr. Evanthe Collins presented to the Program Committee.

B. Behavioral Health Services Mid-Year-Update-The Program Committee decided to reschedule the Behavioral Health Services Mid-Year update to the May 2023 Program Committee meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session during the Program Committee Meeting.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: SANTOS SECOND: ZAKARIA

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.

**Veronica Franco, Board Liaison
Bonnie Hellums, Chairman
Program Committee
THE HARRIS CENTER *for* Mental Health *and* IDD
Board of Trustees**

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EXHIBIT P-2



Intellectual Disabilities Services Division
9401 Southwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77074
P.O. Box 25381
Phone: (713) 970-3466
Fax: (713) 970-3481

MEMORANDUM

To: Wayne Young, Chief Executive Officer

From: Dr. Evanthe Collins
Vice President of Intellectual Disabilities Services Division

Date: May 4, 2023

Subject: Recommendation #433R – Eileen Lam as an Advocate

The Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council (IDD-PAC) recommends to The Harris Center the application for Eileen Lam as an Advocate.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Attachment: Application for Organization Representative Membership

THE HARRIS CENTER
9401 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77074

INFORMATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL NOMINEES TO THE
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council [IDD-PAC]

Please Print:

Name: Eileen Lam

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr. Consumer Family Member of Consumer*

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

City: Houston State: Tx Zip Code: [Redacted]

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Fax No.: _____ E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Occupation: volunteer

Employed by: MHMRA

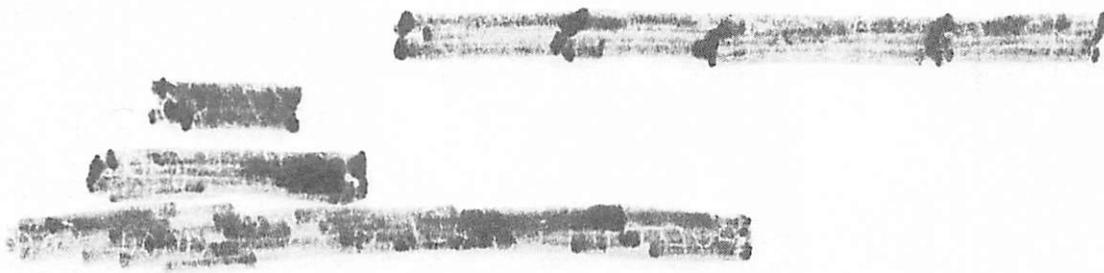
I am seeking appointment as a Consumer/Family Member defined as: Any individual living in Harris County and receiving or having previously received services from an agency appropriate to the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council [Autism or other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities]; a family member or guardian of such a person.

I am being nominated by: Maggie Strobel
[Yourself or person who recommended you become a IDD-PAC member]

Why do you want to be a member of the IDD-PAC?
To gain more experience learn more

What special interests, talents, or experience do you feel you bring to the IDD-PAC?
my knowledge of autism

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INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION TO THE INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL [IDD-PAC]

PAGE 2 OF 2

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Yes No If no, please explain: _____

Please list your memberships in other professional and civic organizations and associations:

volunteer at SPCA

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Eileen Lam
(SIGNATURE)

1-10-23
(DATE)

Please mail the completed application form to: Cindy Hernandez, Recording Secretary, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council, The Harris Center, 9401 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77074. Or the completed application form may be emailed to alicia.hernandez@theharriscenter.org or faxed to 713-970-3481.

- Attachments: What is the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council?
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Eileen Lam

(Name)

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~~scribble~~ 1-10-23

(Date)

Eileen Lam

(Signature)

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FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Volunteer at Harris Center

I have no other conflict of interest which would make it undesirable for me to serve on this Advisory Council, nor does any member of my immediate family*.

EXCEPTION:

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council

Print Your Name: Eileen Lam

Signature: Eileen Lam

Date: 1-10-22

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THE HARRIS CENTER INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF
ADVISORY COUNCIL CERTIFICATION OF
COMPLIANCE
THE HARRIS CENTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

I, Eileen Lum hereby certify that I have read and will comply with the Code of Ethics as adopted by the Board of Trustees with the most recent revision having been adopted on November 1, 2006 by unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Trustees FOR The Harris Center.

Eileen Lum
(Signature)
1-10-23
(Date)

EXHIBIT P-3

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INFORMATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL NOMINEES TO THE

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Please Print:

Name: Bill Schnapp

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Consumer Family Member of Consumer*

Mailing Address: [Redacted]

City: Houston State: Tx Zip Code: [Redacted]

Telephone: Home NA Work NA Cell [Redacted]

Fax No.: NA E-mail Address: wbschnappo@gmail.com

Occupation: Consultant

Employed by: Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

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I am being nominated by: Myself
[Yourself or person who recommended you become an IDD-PAC member]

Why do you want to be a member of the IDD-PAC?
Advocacy

What special interests, talents, or experience do you feel you bring to the IDD-PAC?
Advocacy. I have over 50 years experience in program development, planning, governmental affairs and forensics. I have had 2 gubernatorial appointments and, 1 appointment by the Texas Supreme Cour. I have worked with the past 5 Harris County Judges. I have worked with the p

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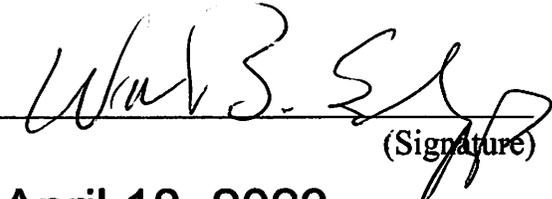
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(Signature)

April 18, 2023

(Date)

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Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Planning Advisory Council

Print Your Name: Bill Schnapp

Signature: 

Date: April 18, 2023

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Bill Schnapp

(Name)

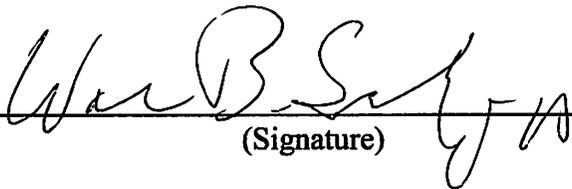
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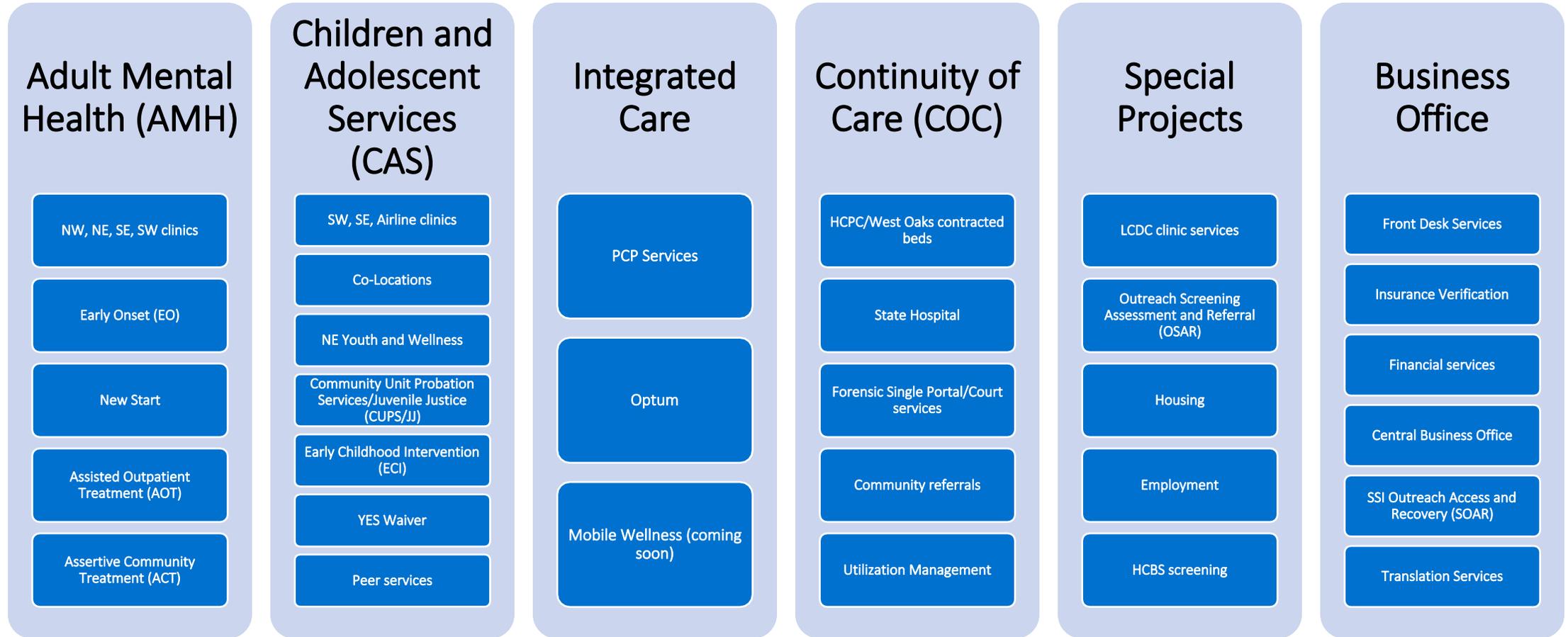
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Behavioral Health Services

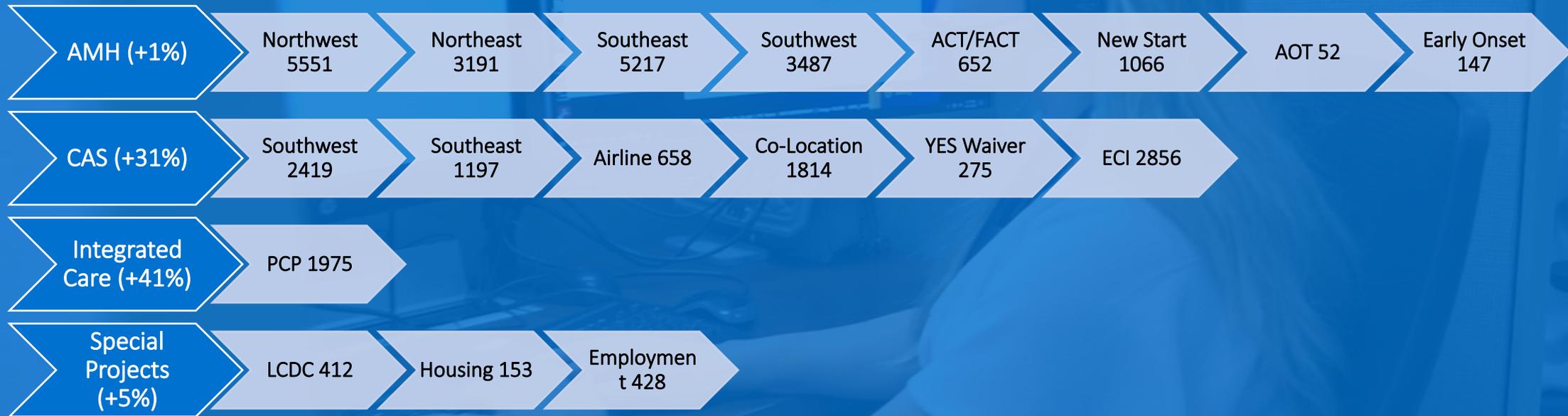
Program Committee Mid-Year Update

Presented By: Lance Britt, MHA, LPC, FACHE, Vice President – Behavioral Health Services

Behavioral Health Services



Behavioral Health Services



Note: percentages are comparing 2022 to 2023

Accomplishments

AMH

- Initiated planning meetings for new NE building design
- Launched Engaged in Excellence recognition program
- Initiated multiple new access points including Memorial Hermann, Ibn Sina, Precinct 1, and the Smartpod in Precinct 2
- AOT was spotlighted and presented at October National Conference
- Helped to launch Risk Assessment tool
- MyChart push initiated

CAS

- Peers awarded new Youth led wellness grant
- New provider hired for Airline
- Five community outreach events
- Initiated no show survey to increase show rate
- Intake LPHA redesign to improve access

Accomplishments

COC

- Expanded coordination at HCPC Dunn Center with 4 restoration competency and 2 civil/private units
- TANF ended successfully with all funds distributed
- Pilot project to increase access for clients at CRU

Business Office

- CBO SOAR certified
- BO retrained in customer service
- Implemented process for identifying Charity Care cases

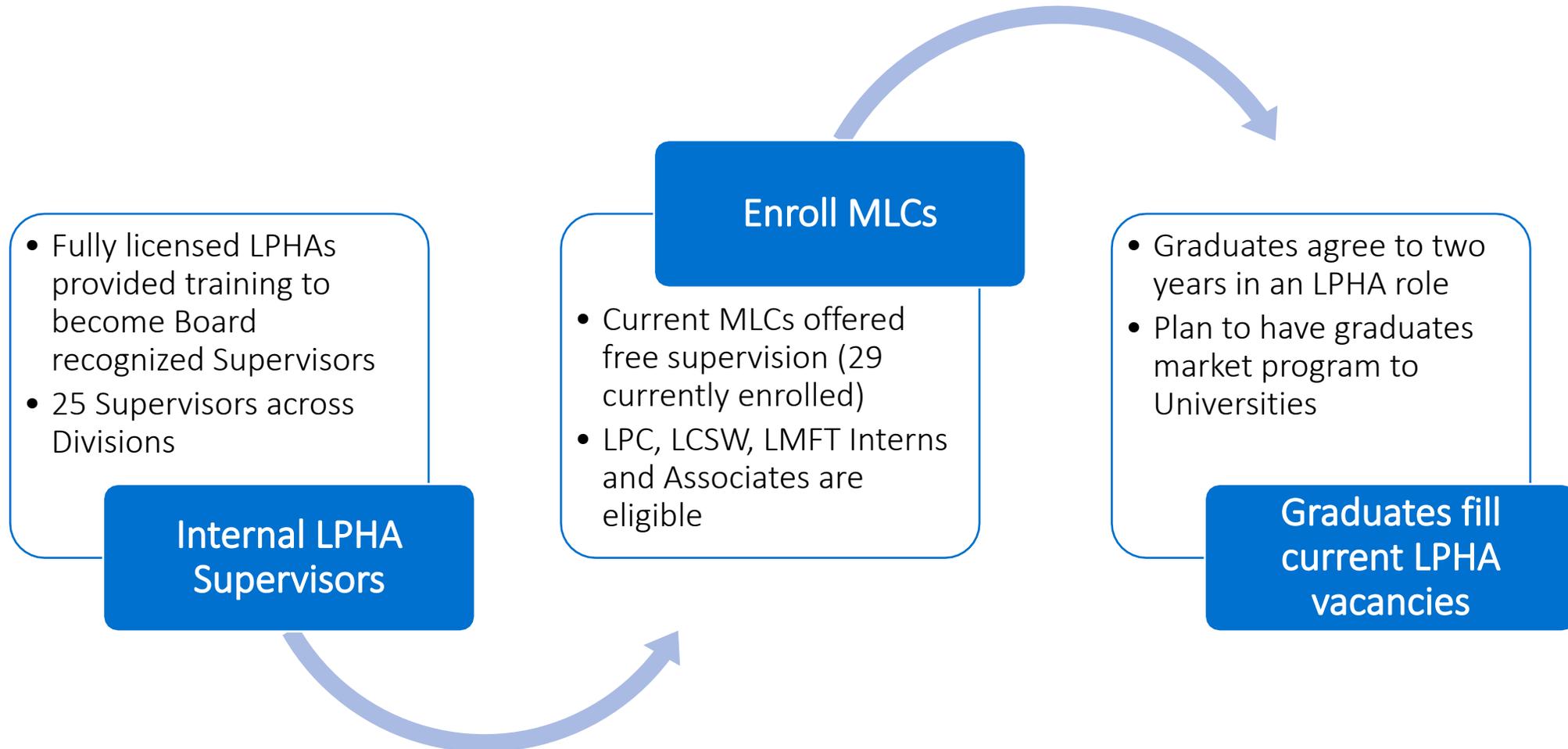
Integrated Care

- Development of mobile van concept with community partners
- Completed client vaccine project

Special Projects

- New multipurpose room on SW 3rd floor
- Provided housing assistance to 138 clients
- SUD Care Pathway collaboration

Program Spotlight: Clinician Advancement Program



Thank you.

EXHIBIT P-5

Access Division Overview

FY2023 YTD Highlights

Presented By: Jennifer Battle, VP Community Access and Engagement



- This team of **119** served **200,777** people in the first 5 months of FY23 and engaged with **25,408** people through outreach activities for a total of **226,185** lives impacted by the Access Division Programming!

Behavioral Health and IDD Access Hub

- Available 24/7/365
- Answers approx. 26,000 calls a month
- 62 full time degreed Crisis Line Counselors
- 18 full time Access Line Specialists
- Serves as the 988 responder for 46 Texas counties and Crisis Line for 39



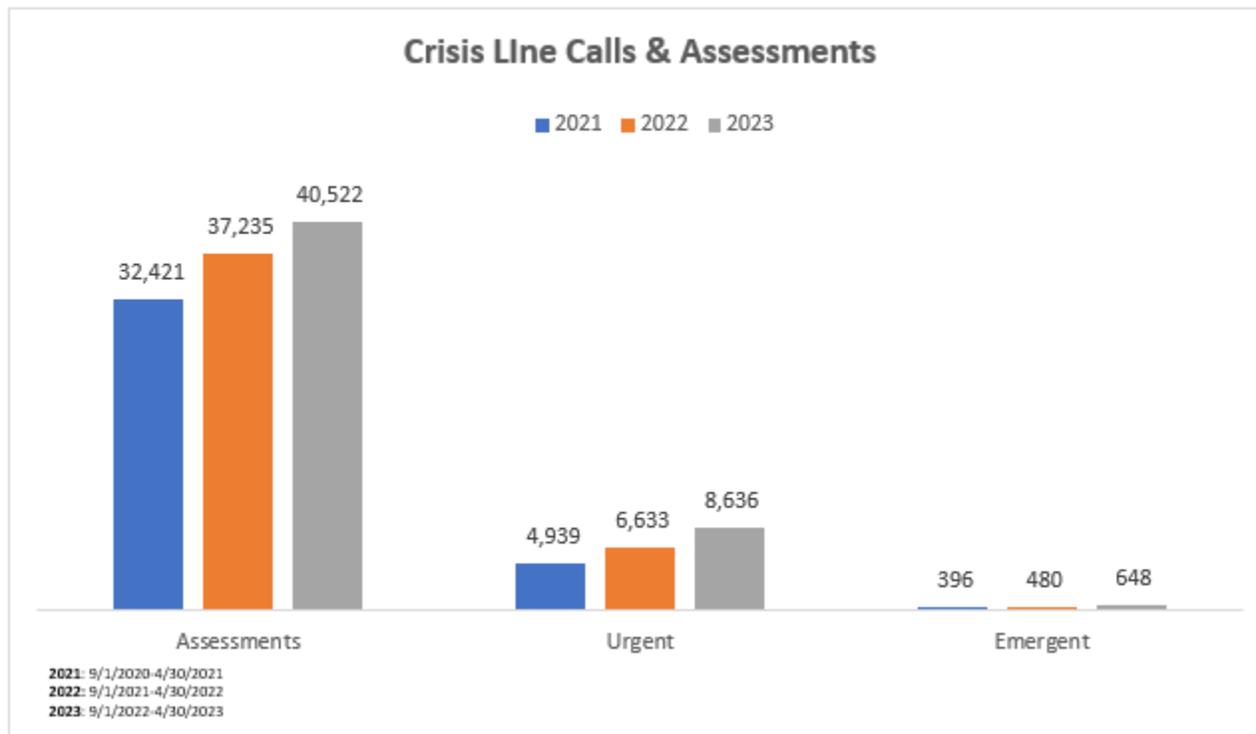


Crisis Line

Note: Data presented includes contracted services and 988

- **Total YTD Crisis Line Calls Answered: 83,728**

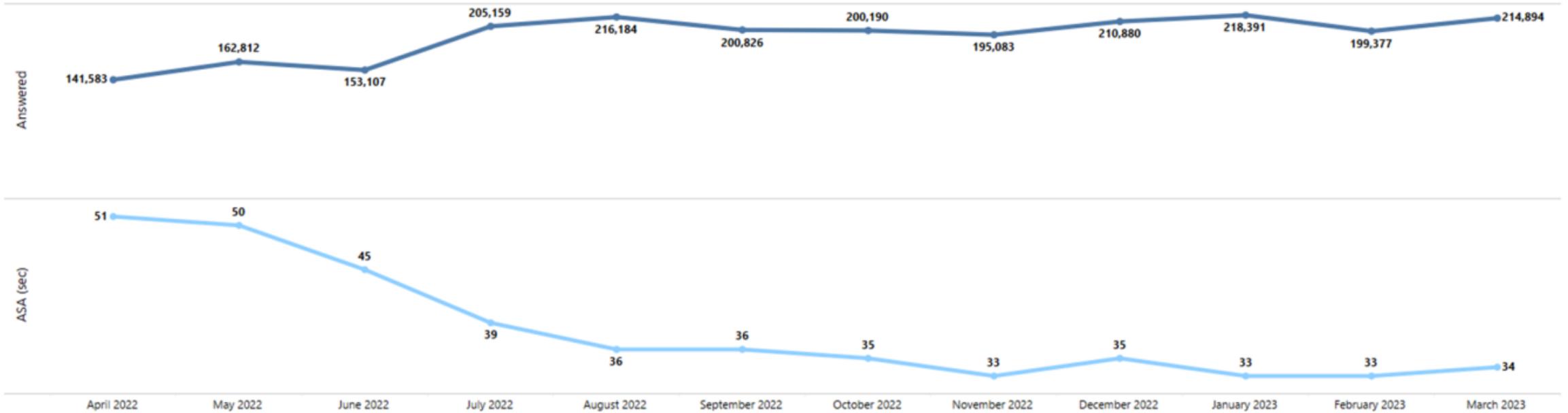
- 25% increase in calls needing full assessment
- 75% increase in calls assessed as Urgent
- 64% increase in calls assessed as Emergent



- 90% answered within 30 seconds

National 988 Data

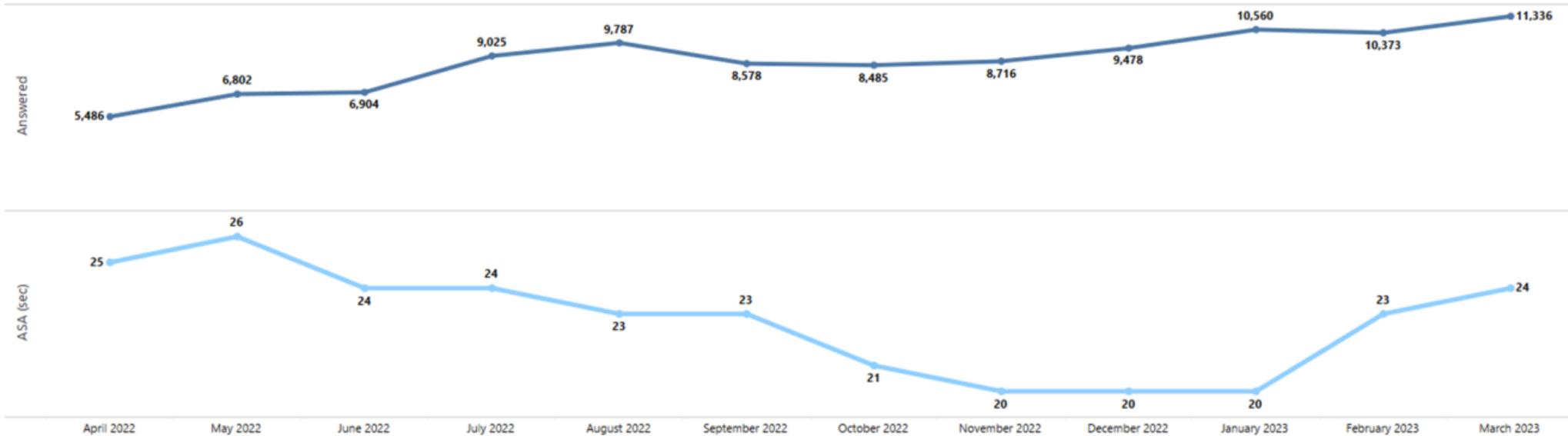
988 National



**52% increase
since last year
this time.**

The State of Texas 988 Data

988 State

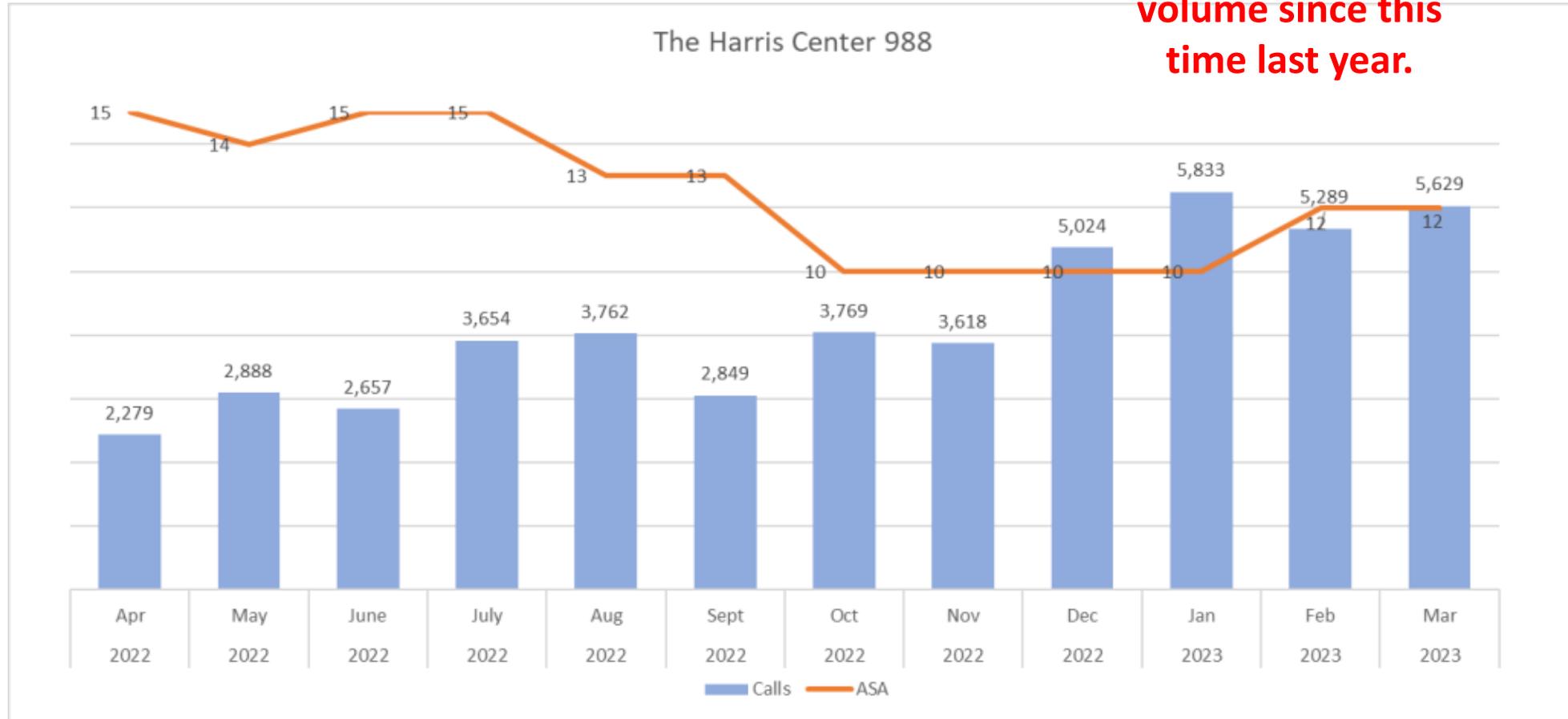


107% increase in volume since this time last year.

50% of this volume is answered at The Harris Center

The Harris Center 988 Data

147% increase in volume since this time last year.





Access Line and Website Chat Service

Access Line

- **Total calls answered – 109,847**
- 97% within 30 seconds
- 40% current client needs
- 20% eligibility,
- 15% medication specific
- 15% business/program/admin
- 10% emotional support

Website Chat

Total chats answered – 3,764

- 30% internal program info/referrals
- 25% MH eligibility
- 15% job/HR related questions,
- 10% IDD services/eligibility
- 5% crisis related,
- 5% no response/testing

**hours for website chat expanded in Jan 23 to 7a – 11p*



COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line/ Uvalde Emotional Support Line



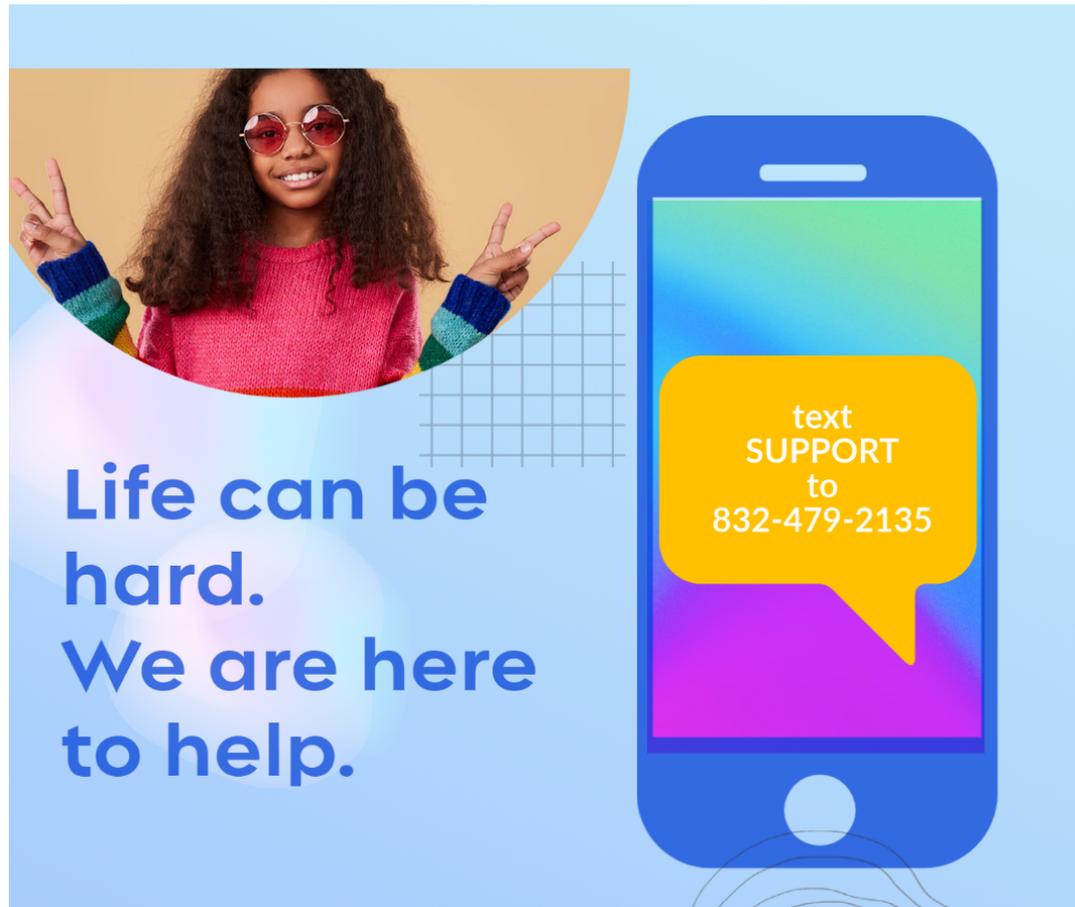
53%
of adults reported that the stress of Coronavirus
has negatively impacted their mental health.

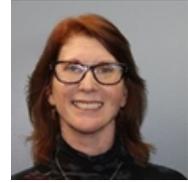
**Call 1-833-986-1919
or text COVID to 832-479-2135**

- **COVID Line closed on March 15th after almost 3 years of service:**
 - 28,407 callers and texters
 - 213 Texas counties
- **People served on Uvalde Line FY23 YTD: 263**
- **Since inception May 2022:**
 - 764 callers

Emotional Support Text Line

- Served 361 texters





Community Training

- **Types of classes offered:** Mental Health First Aid, ASK about Suicide to Save a Life, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Stress and Resiliency 101, Mental Health 101, Talk Saves Lives
- **Total number of people trained FY23 YTD: 3,077**

Of the 1,675 people trained at Conoco Phillips in January, 81% responded to a survey stating they planned to use the skills and 85% wanted more resources and training.

The HISD Alternative Certification Program and The Harris Center have been working together to ensure that our teachers are knowledgeable on Youth Mental Health for several years. The Training Team (Carroll Prasad, Raleesia Elmore, and Amy Tompkins) have been exceptional. They are organized, patient, and engaged in the work. Our teachers are provided valuable information that will help them to become better at identifying and working with youth mental health. I look forward to this continued partnership as we continue to certify teachers in the Houston Independent School District.

Antanita Harvey
ACP Compliance Manager

Healthy Minds, Healthy Communities Status (5/2022-3/2023)

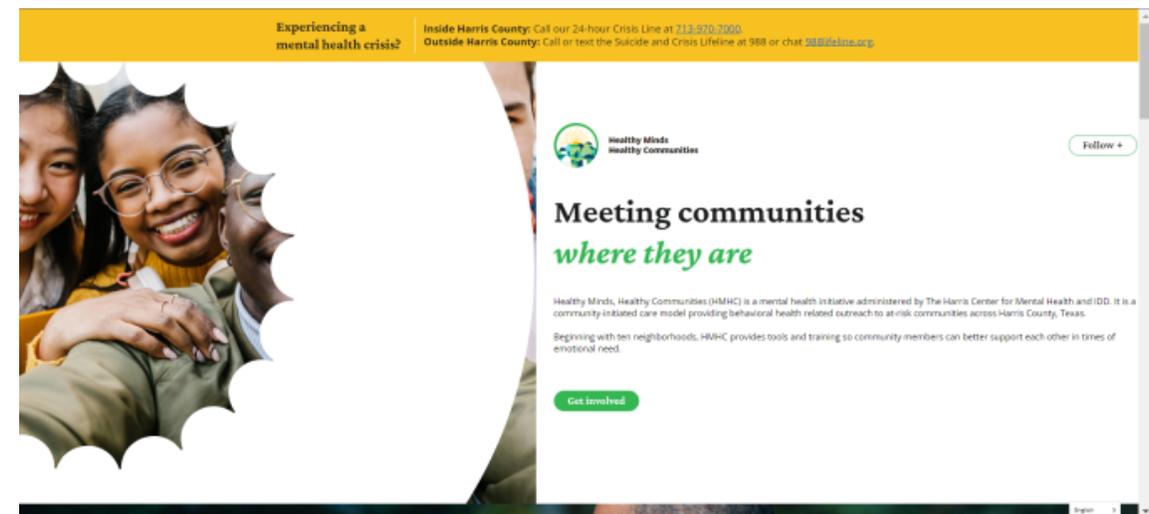
- **8,114 participants** across 10 zip codes as of April 10 across **145 events**
 - *94 trainings in Adult & Youth Mental Health First Aid, AS+K Ask about Suicide to Save a Life, and Mental Health 101*
 - *35 community events such as food drives, pet food drives, health fairs, and school engagements across the county*
 - *16 Community Learning Circles and Grief/Loss Support Groups*
- **17,294 unique digital engagements** as of April 10 across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok
- **External Evaluation team Qualtrics-driven survey** focused on current knowledge, opinions, and stigma around mental health went live on February 26th. **MILESTONE**
- **Landing page** (available in Spanish and English) went live the first week in March (<https://www.harriscountymhc.org/>) **MILESTONE**
- External Evaluation team has delivered **HMHC Year One Evaluation** for review and continuous quality improvement **MILESTONE**



HMHC Status Update Continued

Program Celebrations

- March 10: Landing Page went Live
- March 31: Celebrated the One Year Anniversary of HMHC Virtual Launch
- Monthly Collaborations with Houston Food Bank, Urban Harvest, Houston Humane Society and Baker Ripley across focus neighborhoods
- Space for Our Growing Team to Prep, Learn, and Partner
- New local collaborations growing, most notably, The Black Man Project



Coping After A Disaster Event

On February 14th, The Healthy Minds, Healthy Communities Team (HMHC) attended an event at **Teague Elementary School** in Pasadena (77504). The event was a **celebration of resilience and community** after the school **lost 3 portable classrooms** during the storm. Around **250 parents and children** attended this event.



Upcoming Community Learning Circles

May/June

Emotional health and hurricane preparedness:
A CLC to reduce mental stress in times of uncertainty

- 5/10 Hardy Community Center (77076/77060)
- 5/17 Northeast Community Center (77093)
- 5/24 Mangum Howell Community Center (77038)
- Pending date confirmation Lincoln Park Community Center (77091)
- 6/21 Baker Ripley-Pasadena (77504)
- Pending date confirmation HCPL Maud Smith Marks
Branch Library (77450)
- Pending date confirmation Mt. Hebron Missionary
Baptist Church (77033)



Additional 2023 Community Learning Circles

- Community Learning Circles scheduling for July and August focused on **Teen Stress-Less Art Connection: Collage**
- Community Learning Circles scheduling for September and October focused on **Mental Preparation: Holiday Conversations**

Year 2 Programming and Advance Planning for Year 3

Digital impact team is building a catalog of interviews with local community leaders, artists, pastors, counselors, and teachers focused on their unique insight into resilience, mental health, and communication. These are being previewed monthly on HMHC social media.

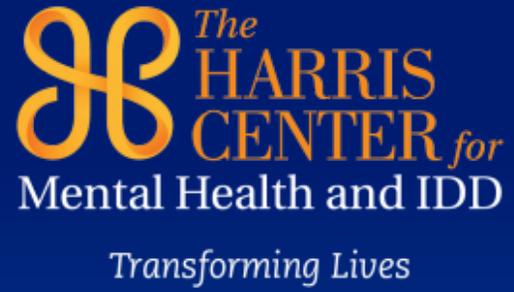
External Evaluation team will implement Photovoice, a form of participatory action research, in collaboration with the HMHC team to gain better understanding of the lived experiences of young adults as follow-up to the July/August CLCs. Launch date: August 1, 2023

HMHC will debut youth-based social media influencer campaigns in coordination with the launch of the HMHC website and branding campaign. Launch date: September 1, 2023

Bilingual community event co-sponsored with The Council on Recovery discussing addiction, behavioral health and stigma. Tentative date: mid-October 2023

Collaboration planning for implementation of Means Matter Campaign in 77450, 77090, and 77033 begins in August 2023 with an anticipated kickoff date of January 2024 first in gun shops, with expansion to other retailers, range owners, and safety course instructors. Activities include lethal means counseling, ongoing distribution of gun locks, and a targeted social media campaign.

Begin Confess Project collaboration planning & contracting for training barbers first in 77022, 77033, and 77091 with backbone local non-profit and national TCP teams. Recruitment in Q1 2024 with training early Q2 2024.



Thank You

EXHIBIT P-6

THE HARRIS CENTER
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Prepared by: The Office of the Vice President for Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities Services**

November 1, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Judy Blake (Advocate); Elva Caballero (Advocate); Dory Cayten (Advocate); Charles Davis (Harris County Psychiatric Center); Cynthia Fannin (Richmond State Supported Living Center); Ellen Goudeau (Advocate); Naila Ibrahim (Dar-us-Sakina); Janice Jackson (Humble Independent School District); Kennitha Jenkins (Consumer Advocate); Nicholas Johnson (Katy Independent School District); Karen Kast (Community Care Services Eligibility – HHSC); Iris Lewis (Harris County Juvenile Probation Department); Elworth Lusk (Consumer Advocate); Cassandra Malveaux (Harris Co. Protective Services); Brenda Mullins (Harris County Department of Education); Dr. Deborah Pearson (McGovern Medical School, UT Health Science Center – Houston, Dept. Psychiatry); Gene Rowe (Advocate); Janniece Sleigh (The Arc of Harris County); Teaya Smith for Kevin Kern (The Center for Pursuit); Kim Torres (Advocate); Shelley Townsend (University of Houston); Glenn Urbach (Down Syndrome Association of Houston); Mary Jane Williams (Advocate); Albert Williamson (Spring Independent School District)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tasheara Jennings Gobert (Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services); Paola Jimenez Rodriguez (Advocate); Angel Ponce (Mayor's Office for People w/ Disabilities); Deborah Quintero (Advocate); VACANT (Houston Independent School District); VACANT (Region 4 Education Service Center)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

The Harris Center Staff: Mamie Adams; Janice Baines; Coneka Caleb; Dr. Evanthe Collins; Annie Cuba; Randi Garza; Cindy Hernandez; Francisco Hernandez; Kenyonika Johnson; Amanda Jones; Charles Kerlegon; David Long; Stephanie Meads; Consuelo Martinez; Dana Sobers Ben; Amanda Willis

Public Attendees: Jeff Furrh (Waller ISD); Norine Gill; Casaundra Miller (Maximus); Sarah Sanchez Pequeño (Maximus)

I. **Call to Order**

The General (Virtual) Meeting of The Harris Center Planning Advisory Council (IDD-PAC) was called to order at 10:01 AM by Mary Jane Williams, Co-Chair, there being a quorum present. An Interpreter was not provided since this was a virtual meeting and Spanish-speaking guests were not present.

Mary Jane Williams advised attendees to 1) mute mics unless speaking; 2) utilize the Chat feature when voting on the minutes taken on November 1 2022.

II. **Approval of Notes**

Approval of the minutes of November 1, 2022 meeting was brought before the Council.

MOTION BY: Kim Torres

SECOND BY: Janniece Sleigh

The minutes of November 1, 2022 were approved as submitted.

III. **Call for Public Comment**

There was no public comment brought forward.

IV. **Council Training**

Janniece Sleigh, Executive Director of The Arc of Harris County presented on *The Arc of Harris County – Serving People with Intellectual and Development Disabilities (IDD) and Autism*.

Ms. Sleigh spoke about the Arc of Harris County's past, present and future projects.

The Arc of Harris County (formerly The Arc of Greater Houston) had the opportunity to update its strategic plan during the pandemic. During the transition phase, The Arc of Harris County changed its name, mission, and vision.

The Arc of Harris County's mission is to promote wellness, enriching the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. Its vision is equity and access for people with IDD to be included in their community.

Core programs and services consist of the following:

- Community Outreach, education, and awareness

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- Participating in national, state, and local legislative and systems advocacy
- Supporting the structure and cohesion of families who have members with IDD and autism
- Providing life-enhancing integrated activities and experiences focused on holistic wellness

Current projects consist of the following:

- Expansion of Right to Learn (RTL).
- Incorporating Younger Youth in Existing Social and Recreational Services

Future projects consist of the following:

- Resource Liaison/Care Management
 - Implementation Goal Date – By end of 2022
 - Right to Thrive (3rd Program component; Future Planning) – Goal: Summer 2023
- Youth After School and Summer Program
 - Implementation Goal Date: Academic Year 2023
- Transportation
 - Implementation Goal Date: 2024

Ms. Sleigh provided members with the following contact information.

- Social/Recreational Programs and Volunteer Opportunities
 Contact: Jacob Garcia, Director of Programs
 Email: jacob@aogh.org
 Phone: 713-957-1600, extension 114
- The Right to Learn Program
 Contact: Irene Gonzalez, Admin./Intake
 Email: irene@aogh.org

 Contact: Toni Pompa-Rodriguez, Parent Advocate
 Email: toni@aogh.org
- Sponsorships and Partnerships
 - Fundraising Events
 - Positive Futures Conference
 Contact: Dory Carten, Director of Development
 Email: dory@aogh.org
 Phone: 713-957-1600, extension 119

Ms. Sleigh also provided her contact information.

- Janniece Sleigh, Executive Director of The Arc of Harris County
 Email: jannieces@aogh.org
 Phone: 713-957-1600, extension 111

V. Call for Subcommittee Reports

A. Adult and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – Iris Lewis, Chair

Iris Lewis reported that the Criminal Justice & IDD Virtual Conference was a success. Ms. Lewis thanked Judy Blake for moderating and Dr. Ninfa Escobar for providing technical assistance. Ms. Lewis also thanked all those who attended the virtual conference. Ms. Lewis will provide members with the number of attendees at the next IDD-PAC meeting in December.

B. Public Outreach

Social Engagement Subcommittee – Janniece Sleigh, Chair

Janniece Sleigh reminded members of the upcoming Candy Cane Ball which will be held on December 9, 2022 at the Bayou Event Center. Lynne Cleveland will be honored this year.

VI. Old Business

A. Meeting Dates and Locations

Meeting dates and location are as follows:

December 13 Harris Center	January Cancelled	February 7 Zoom
March 7 Harris Center	April 4 Zoom	May 2 Zoom
June 6 Harris Center	July Cancelled	August 1 Zoom

Ms. Williams reminded attendees that the IDD-PAC Holiday Reception will be held in person December 13, 2022.

B. Legislative Updates – Amanda Jones, J.D., Director of Government and Public Affairs

Ms. Jones was not present, however, Ms. Williams provided members with links to various public policy efforts.

- The Arc of the United States
<https://thearc.org/policy-advocacy/public-policy-goals/>
- The Arc of Texas
<https://www.thearcoftexas.org/what-we-do/public-policy-and-advocacy/>
- Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
<https://tcdd.texas.gov/policy/public-policy-priorities/>

VII. New Business

Nicholas Johnson (Katy ISD) is stepping down from his role as the IDD-PAC Secretary; the Executive Committee is seeking a replacement.

VIII. Call for Consideration of Communication, Advice and Recommendations from Public and Private Agencies and Organizations

Communication, Advice nor recommendations were brought forward..

IX. Consideration of Board Requests for Advice Concerning Service Needs and/or Implementation Priorities – Shaukat Zakaria, Interim Board Liaison, The Harris Center Board of Trustees

Mr. Zakaria was not present to provide an update.

X. Vice President’s Report – Dr. Evanthe Collins, Vice President, IDD Service Division/Grants & State Contracts

Dr. Evanthe Collins informed the members about a number of rules that are slated to be in effect as of March 1st, however, the rules have not been implemented and established at the HHSC level. The Harris Center is keeping an eye on these particular rules. Dr. Collins plans on presenting to the PAC in March on a couple of changes that are potentially forthcoming. One of those changes is day habilitation being replaced by ISS. The second change is the implementation for Home Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings rule. Both changes have significant implications for the IDD population.

As mentioned in August, The IDD Division is taking a concerted effort to address the individuals who are on the General Revenue List. This list consists of individuals that are waiting for services that are paid for by State tax dollars and are not on the Medicaid waiver.

Staff are trying to build up a robust number of providers who can assist with completing the Determination of Intellectual Disability (DID). Dr. Collins asked PAC members, particularly those representing school districts, for assistance on identifying providers who may accept an opportunity to contract with The Harris Center to assist with completing DIDs.

Dr. Collins pointed out that the IDD Scorecard (provided via email within the packet that was sent to PAC members) contains information about program capacity that tells how many slots are available in terms of the program’s ability to serve, how many are enrolled at the completion of the month, and how many vacancies are available to onboard new individuals into a particular service. The IDD Scorecard also contains the number of HCS and TxHmL slots that are allocated to Harris County.

Dr. Collins reminded the members of the upcoming event entitled “The Blueprint” on November 30th from 10am – 2pm at 9401 Southwest Freeway, Conference Room 104. Individuals from the Coffeehouse Co-Op Academy will have the opportunity to showcase and sell many of their skills that they have acquired through this grant-funded program.

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XI. Call for Announcements

Judy Blake announced that Family to Family Network is offering the last round of free training sessions on November 7th, 9th, and 10th from noon – 1pm and 6pm – 7pm. Register at: <https://f2fn.org/intensive-eip-support/>. Contact Judy Blake for questions at judy@familytofamilynetwork.org.

Shelley Townsend announced that University of Houston – Parent Education Project FamiliesCAN Program will be having a Virtual Workshop, “Services for Children with IDD & Autism” presented by Amanda Willis, LCSW-S, Practice Manager of IDD Clinical Services – The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. The virtual workshop will be on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 3 – 4:30pm. Link to register is as follows: <https://uh-edu-cougarnet.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAKd-CsqDsjHd2JfTBr6qEQYBa0vIAF8I22>.

Ninfa Escobar announced that The Harris Center Team Transformers will be participating at the Houston Buddy Walk on Saturday, November 5th from 10am – 2pm at Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77498. To join the team or to donate, visit: <https://www.ds-stride.org/houstonbuddywalk/profiles/team/517>. There will be prizes for the highest fundraiser or donor.

Judy Blake congratulated Mary Jane Williams for presenting to an audience consisting of 2500 attendees and winning a trip to Miami, Florida.

XII. Call for Public Questions Pertaining to Agenda Items

There were no questions pertaining to agenda items.

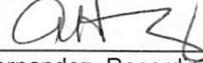
There being no further business before the Council, Mary Jane Williams, Co-Chair, called for a motion to adjourn via the Chat feature.

MOTION BY: Albert Williamson SECOND BY: Janice Jackson

Mary Jane Williams, Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:11 AM

APPROVED ON THIS THE 7th DAY OF February, 202~~2~~³.

PREPARED BY:


Cindy Hernandez, Recording Secretary
IDD Planning Advisory Council

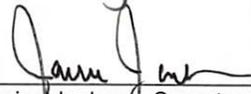

Janice Jackson, Secretary
IDD Planning Advisory Council

EXHIBIT P-7

THE HARRIS CENTER
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Holiday Reception

**Prepared by: The Office of the Vice President for Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities Services**

December 13, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Judy Blake (Advocate); Dory Cayten (Advocate); Ellen Goudeau (Advocate); Naila Ibrahim (Dar-Us-Sakina); Janice Jackson (Humble Independent School District); Kennitha Jenkins (Consumer Advocate); Paola Jimenez Rodriguez (Advocate); Karen Kast (Community Care Services Eligibility – HHSC); Cassandra Malveaux (Harris Co. Protective Services); Janniece Sleigh (The Arc of Harris County); Shelley Townsend (University of Houston); Kim Torres (Bloom Fitness); Mary Jane Williams (Advocate);

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Davis (Harris County Psychiatric Center); Kathleen Dovenio (Down Syndrome Association of Houston); Tasheara Jennings Gobert (Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services); Kevin Kern (The Center for Pursuit); Erin Knight (Richmond State Supported Living Center); Iris Lewis (Harris County Juvenile Probation Department); Elworth Lusk (Consumer Advocate); Brenda Mullins (Harris County Department of Education); Dr. Deborah Pearson (McGovern Medical School, UT Health Science Center – Houston, Dept. Psychiatry); Angel Ponce (Mayor’s Office for People w/ Disabilities); Deborah Quintero (Advocate); Gene Rowe (Advocate); Albert Williamson (Spring Independent School District); VACANT (Houston Independent School District); VACANT (Katy ISD); VACANT (Region IV)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

The Harris Center Staff: Patrina Anthony; Coneka Caleb; Annie Cuba; Cindy Hernandez; Francisco Hernandez; Kenyonika Johnson; David Long; Consuelo Martinez; Rhonda McDonald; Stephanie Meads; Vanessa Miller; Lily Pan; Dana Sobers Ben; Kia Walker; Lauren Wiggins; Amanda Willis; Wayne Young

Public Attendees: The Harris Center’s CapeABLE Coffee; The Harris Center’s Coffeehouse Co-Op Academy; Jeff Furrh (Waller ISD); Marilyn Gilbreath (Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services); Cassie Miller (Maximus)

- I. **Call to Order**
The general IDD-PAC meeting did not take place on December 13, 2022; however, IDD-PAC members were presented with *Years of Service* certificates and a small gift.
- II. **Approval of Notes**
Approval of the minutes of November 1, 2022 were not brought forward for approval.
- III. **Welcome**
Dr. Evanthe Collins, Vice President of IDD Services Division from The Harris Center, and Mary Jane Williams, Co-Chair of the IDD-PAC, welcomed the IDD-PAC members and attendees to the IDD-PAC Holiday Reception. The IDD-PAC celebrated forty-nine years of dedication and commitment.

The Harris Center and IDD-PAC presented former IDD-PAC Chair, Susan Parker, with a floral arrangement, trophy and a gift for her 27 years of service and dedication to the IDD-PAC.
- IV. **Kahoot!**
Charles Kerlegon, Director of the IDD Division from The Harris Center, hosted a game on Kahoot with the IDD-PAC members and attendees.
- V. **Accomplishments**
IDD Leadership Staff informed IDD-PAC members and attendees of the divisional accomplishments made during FY22.
- VI. **Service Awards**
Eileen Lam and Judy Blake, Co-Chair of the IDD-PAC, announced the IDD-PAC members individually to hand them their *Years of Service* certificate and gift.
- VII. **Announcements**
There were no announcements made at this time.

The IDD-PAC meeting will take place on February 7, 2023 via the Zoom virtual platform.

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Mary Jane Williams, Co-Chair, and Dr. Evanthe Collins thanked all IDD-PAC members and attendees for attending the IDD-PAC 49th Holiday Reception.

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PREPARED BY:



Cindy Hernandez, Recording Secretary
IDD Planning Advisory Council



Janice Jackson, Secretary
IDD Planning Advisory Council

EXHIBIT P-8

THE HARRIS CENTER
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Prepared by: The Office of the Vice President for Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities Services**

February 7, 2023

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Paola Jimenez Rodriguez (Advocate); Kevin Kern (The Center for Pursuit); Elworth Lusk (Consumer Advocate); Brenda Mullins (Harris County Department of Education); Angel Ponce (Mayor’s Office for People w/ Disabilities); Gene Rowe (Advocate); VACANT (Houston Independent School District); VACANT (Region 4 Education Service Center)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

The Harris Center Staff: Mamie Adams; Dr. Evanthe Collins; Annie Cuba; Randi Garza; Cindy Hernandez; Francisco Hernandez; Deandra Hines; Dr. Huckleberry; Tina James; Kenyonika Johnson; Amanda Jones; Charles Kerlegon; David Long; Consuelo Martinez; Vanessa Miller; Dana Sobers Ben; Anna Speight; Amanda Willis

Public Attendees: Marilyn Gilbreath; Michelle Howard-Herbein

I. **Call to Order**

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II. **Approval of Notes**

Approval of the minutes taken on November 1, 2022 and December 13, 2022 meetings were brought before the Council.

MOTION BY: Janice Jackson

SECOND BY: Kennitha Jenkins

The minutes from November 1, 2022 and December 13, 2022 were approved as submitted.

III. **Call for Public Comment**

There was no public comment brought forward.

IV. **Council Training**

Dr. Evanthe Collins, Vice President of IDD Division of The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, presented on the *IDD Legislative Update: 88th Legislative Session – 2023*.

Dr. Collins projected her PowerPoint presentation for attendees to view, and members were also provided with an electronic copy.

Dr. Collins provided members with the 88th Legislative schedule.

- The official 88th Legislative Session began at noon on January 10th.
- March 10th is the 60-day deadline to file all bills.
- The 140-day cycle ends on May 29th.
- If called by Governor, Special Session begins on May 31st.
- June 18th is the deadline for Governor to sign or veto Legislation.

During the 87th Legislative Session, 1,549 Medicaid waiver slots were allocated for 2022 – 2023, however, there is no request for Medicaid waiver slot expansion in the main Legislative Appropriation Request (LAR) during the 88th Legislative Session. There is also an exceptional items request and the community services (General Revenue) remains flat from the 87th Legislative Session. Waiver Diversion slots, Promoting Independence slots, Attrition slots remain in place.

Top priorities are:

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- Addressing HHSC's workforce challenges across the state, including front-line workers and specialized staff in the agency's headquarters.
- Expanding access to behavioral health services across the continuum of care.

Dr. Collins briefed attendees on the funding requests for Medicaid programs for Fiscal Year 24 and 25 in comparison to the baseline spending (combination of what was estimated to be spent for FY 22 plus what was budgeted for FY 23). Attendees were briefed on what is on the main Legislative Appropriation Request and some of the Exceptional Items that have more of a direct impact towards the IDD population.

Dr. Collins provided links within her presentation to Disability related bills:

- House Bill 54 – Senfronia Thompson
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB54>
- House Bill 788 – Terry Meza
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB788>
- Senate Bill 524 – Royce West
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB524>
- House Bill 1604 – Mary González
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB1604>
- House Bill 1430 – Terry Meza
 - <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=HB1430>

Dr. Collins projected an infographic developed by Houston Independent School District on *How a Bill Becomes Law in Texas*.

Dr. Collins provided attendees with resources and other information:

- HHSC Legislative Appropriations Request
 - <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/hhsc-legislative-appropriations-request-2024-2025.pdf>
- HHSC Exceptional Items Request
 - <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/hhsc-updated-exceptional-item-request-fy-2024-2025-020123.pdf>
- Texas Council of Community Centers
 - <https://txcouncil.com/>
- Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
 - <https://tcdd.texas.gov/>

Dr. Collins proceeded with a Q & A at the end of her presentation.

Amanda Jones J.D., Director of Government and Public Affairs of The Harris Center, advised to focus on the bills (especially the bills summaries) and pointed out that there is a Constitutional Spending Limit, which limits the amount of funding that they can put into the Appropriation Bills.

The House has not yet appointed any members. The only committee that is moving is Senate Finance. The members that are on the Senate Finance IDD delegation are Sen. Joan Huffman, Sen. John Whitmire, Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, Sen. Brandon Creighton, and Sen. Paul Bettencourt. Ms. Jones advised that now is the time to contact the senators to inform them about the importance of putting funding into the IDD community services and waivers slots A list of the mentioned senators and contact information will be sent out to the PAC members after the PAC meeting.

Mary Jane Williams asked about an IDD Committee that meets quarterly. Dr. Collins clarified that the System Redesign Advisory Committee (SRAC) is in place and the IDD Division was recently invited to return to the table; Charles Kerlegon, Director of IDD Services Division of The Harris Center, has joined the SRAC. Mr. Kerlegon informed the members that he attended the first meeting which was a training/orientation. Mr. Kerlegon will provide more information once he becomes acclimated.

V. Call for Subcommittee Reports

A. Adult and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – Iris Lewis, Chair
The AJJ Subcommittee will meet in March 2023.

B. Public Outreach
Social Engagement Subcommittee – Janniece Sleigh, Chair

Janniece Sleigh reported that the Candy Cane Balls was a great success. Attendance was a little above 600. There were approximately 60 volunteers. Janniece Sleigh and Dory Cayten thanked The Harris Center for sponsoring the event.

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VI. Old BusinessA. Meeting in September 2023

Members agreed to move the September meeting to September 12th since September 5th is a day after Labor Day.

B. Legislative Updates – Amanda Jones, J.D., Director of Government and Public Affairs

Ms. Jones provided an update following Dr. Evanthe Collins' presentation.

VII. New Business – New IDD-PAC Member and Secretary Position Approvals

Approval of Eileen Lam's application for Advocate membership was brought forward.

MOTION BY: Janice Jackson

SECOND BY: Kennitha Jenkins

Eileen Lam's application or Advocate membership was approved and will be submitted to The Harris Center's Board of Trustees for review and approval.

Nicholas Johnson (Katy ISD) stepped down from his role as the IDD-PAC Secretary; Janice Jackson (Humble ISD) as agreed to assume the role of the IDD-PAC Secretary.

MOTION BY: Kennitha Jenkins

SECOND BY: Albert Williamson

Janice Jackson is the new IDD-PAC Secretary effective immediately.

VIII. Call for Consideration of Communication, Advice and Recommendations from Public and Private Agencies and Organizations

Communication, Advice nor recommendations were brought forward, however, as Dr. Collins and Ms. Jones recommended earlier, Ms. Williams also recommended to get involved in the legislative process.

IX. Consideration of Board Requests for Advice Concerning Service Needs and/or Implementation Priorities – Shaukat Zakaria, Interim Board Liaison, The Harris Center Board of Trustees

Mr. Zakaria, Interim Board Liaison, was not present to provide an update.

X. Vice President's Report – Dr. Evanthe Collins, Vice President, IDD Service Division/Grants & State Contracts

Dr. Collins referred members to the flyer: *Free IDD Learning Opportunities at The Harris Center* within the e-packets that were sent last week. As a result of the Gap Survey that The Harris Center conducted last summer where education for families and individuals ranked the third highest need, The Harris Center will be offering classes every month. The Harris Center is open to suggestions on topics.

The IDD Services Division is a recent recipient of three new grants from The Harris Center Foundation. The determination was made in December 2022 as to who would receive the awards for the upcoming calendar year. There were a total of four awardees; the IDD Services Division received three of those awards.

- First Project: Home Sweet Home
 - Project was awarded over \$33,000 to cosmetically improve all five ICF homes.
- Second Project: Project H.E.A.L. (Healing through Entrepreneurship Arts and Leadership)
 - Project was awarded over \$40,000 to utilize art therapy as an intervention modality for persons with IDD and co-existing disorders, such as anxiety and depression.
- Third Project: PBS (Positive Behavior Supports) Enhancement Project
 - Project received over \$30,000 to provide caregiver education for reducing destructive behaviors in children with autism spectrum disorder.
 - A portion of those funds will be utilized to revamp the STARS Clinic's waiting area so that it's more sensory stimulating.

Although the fourth grant was not awarded to the IDD Division, this grant will be utilized to form a The Harris Center's Resiliency Team. This team will consist of twenty-five Harris Center's staff that will be deployed throughout Texas when a crisis presents itself.

Dr. Collins also informed members that The Harris Center recently expanded its primary care services for individuals with IDD who do not have that resource in the community. The Harris Center has contracted with physicians who are located in all four of the clinics within The Harris Center. However, the clinic site that will focus on IDD individuals will be on the 2nd floor at 9401 Southwest Freeway.

Dr. Collins announced that the IDD Services Division has hired its very first Peer Navigator and is currently interviewing for the second Peer Navigator position. Peers are used heavily throughout The Harris Center's mental health side and has never been done on the IDD side. The IDD Services Division was given funding for two Peer positions at the beginning of the fiscal year. The new Peer Navigator is a young man that graduated successfully from the Coffeehouse Co-Op

