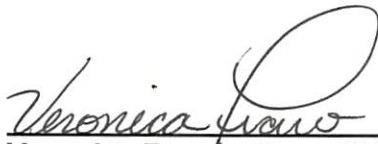


Program Committee Meeting
June 17, 2025
10:00 am

- I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025
(EXHIBIT P-1)
- IV. REVIEW AND COMMENT**
 - A. IDD Divisional Update
(EXHIBIT P-2 Evanthe Collins)
- V. 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.
- VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
- VII. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. ADJOURN**



Veronica Franco, Board Liaison
Max A. Miller, Jr, MTh, D.D. Chairman
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, MAY 20, 2025
MINUTES

Dr. M. Miller, Jr., Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 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. M. Miller, Jr., Dr. J. Lankford, Dr. K. Bacon

Committee Member in Absence: Dr. L. Fernandez, R. Thomas

Other Board Members in Attendance: Dr. R. Gearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AS VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No Board members required designation.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Dr. Miller, Jr. declared a quorum of the committee was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

5. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025

MOTION BY: LANKFORD

SECOND BY: GEARING

With unanimous affirmative votes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Program Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 under Exhibit P-1, are approved and recommended to the Full Board for acceptance.

6. REVIEW AND COMMENT

A. Texans Recovering Together-Jennifer Battle and Iesha Anderson presented Texans Recovering Together to the Program Committee.

B. Inclusive Community Engagement Initiative-Charles Kerlegon presented the Inclusive Community Engagement Initiative to the Program Committee.

C. Suicide Postvention Toolkit and Intern Award-Jennifer Battle presented the Suicide Postvention Toolkit and Intern Award to the Program Committee

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was needed.

8. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

MOTION BY: GEARING

SECOND BY: BACON

Veronica Franco, Board Liaison
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EXHIBIT P-2

IDD DIVISIONAL UPDATE

OCTOBER 2024 – MAY 2025

Dr. Evanthe Collins

Vice President, IDD Division/Grants & State Contracts

The Importance of Rosa's Law (Public Law 111-256)

Signed into law by President Obama in October 2010, Rosa's law replaced the term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability" in federal health, education, and labor policy. The law is named after Rosa Marcellino, a young girl with Down syndrome, whose family advocated for more respectful and accurate language.

Initiating the agency's name change from MHMRA of Harris County to The Harris Center, Rosa's law reflects a broader movement toward person-first, respectful language, recognizing the dignity of individuals with disabilities and helping to reduce stigma.



ROSA MARCELLINO

BEST VIDEO EVER



IMPACT OF ARPA ON IDD

Harris County Commissioners' Court



\$8.2 mil

RESPONSIVE INTERVENTION SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT (RISE)

\$3,891,457

Improves the continuum of care for young children with disabilities in Harris County. Program components include:

- IDD resource specialists
- Expanded access to ECI therapies and Certified Family Partners (Peer Support)
- New transitional interventions (applied behavior analysis) for children ages 3-8 with autism

INSPIRE

\$4,323,370

Provides financial grants to low-income Harris County residents with qualifying disabilities to purchase assistive technology, learning materials, services, and respite care.



TEXAS
Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

\$761,592

ARPA WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

FY 2023: \$319,702

FY 2025: \$441,890

Approved by HHSC for local IDD authorities (LIDDAs) to address the high number of individuals reported on GR Interest List awaiting a DID assessment. LIDDAs were allowed to either onboard or incentivize permanent staff, and/or subcontract with authorized community providers.



DRIVING GROWTH DURING A PERIOD OF DECLINE

- IDD and the 89th session
- Local IDD Authorities (LIDDAs) exiting provider services
- Reduction in school-based disability resources
- Increase in community crisis and decompensation
- Massive statewide waitlist (waivers and institutions)
- Increased presence of IDD in criminal justice system

The Importance of Rebuilding the IDD Safety Net

- Creating an IDD presence at critical intersections
- Maximize efficiency to maximize limited funding
- Create cost efficient, least restrictive interventions that address unmet community needs.



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