



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

MINUTES

ASH Redesign Peer & Family Work Group

Thursday, February 6, 2020 ▪ 8:00-9:00am ▪ Conference Call

Agenda

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Project overview
- 3) Work Group goals
- 4) Timeline of recommendations

Attendees:

- Greg Hansch – Co-Chair; NAMI Texas, Executive Director
- Karen Ranus – Co-Chair; Executive Director, NAMI Central Texas; Redesign Steering Committee member
- Illen Gray – NAMI Central Texas volunteer presenter, psychotherapist, Health and Human Services Consultant, Director of Medical Programs, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, former patient at ASH and other psychiatric facilities
- Jason Johnson – Director, Peer Services, Hill Country MHDD
- Sonja Burns – Mental Health Advocate
- Pat Summer – NAMI Greater Houston
- Sydney Harris – Director of Mental Health Redesign
- Alison Barajas – Executive Assistant to Steve Strakowski and Sydney Harris

Minutes:

Introductions:

The group introduced themselves and provided detail about their background and why they are in the group.

Project Overview:

A member reviewed the Timeline (attached), highlighting the project's key milestones, the group's history and expected continued involvement in the project and said an update from the design team would occur at the next meeting (March 5th).

Work Group Goals:

The group discussed the current written goals of the group along with what the expected continued goals will be. It was discussed that this group will not have any tangible deliverables, but will provide a voice in other work groups for the peers and family by having a representative in the appropriate groups. A member provided a brief overview of the other work groups, which will be provided along with a current roster to the group after being reviewed by the Co-Chairs.

The catchment area for ASH and Harris County were discussed with additional information being available [here](#) for hospital changes.

Timeline of Recommendations:

It was reiterated that this work group does not have tangible deliverables, therefore does not have a timeline. However, the project needs to have recommendations by October 2020 so Dell Medical School can put together the proposal and submit it by December 2020.

Close:

Items to be followed up on:

- 1) Provide the list of work groups, goals, and roster to the group.
- 2) Identify which work groups need a peer & family representative and have Co-Chairs make a recommendation for a representative