



# The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

## **MINUTES**

### **ASH Redesign Housing Work Group**

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 ▪ 10:00 – 11:00am ▪ Conference Call

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#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Continue Readmission data and person stories
3. Close

#### **Attendees**

Cory Morris, Sydney Harris, Michelle Hallee, Shaun Lee, Ashley Trust, Lauv Bruner, Spencer Andries, Melissa Shearer, Marilyn Hartman, Cristyn Cordova, Sonja Burns, Suzie Brady, Helen Eisert, Marlene Buchanan

#### **Minutes**

##### *Welcome*

Group was welcomed and agenda was reviewed. Welcomed new members to the group. Gave brief summary of presentation to Steering Committee. Engaging with BHJAC and Rider 57 study group through HHSC.

##### *Continue Readmission data and person stories*

Briefly reviewed how to use Mentimeter. Group continued to review person stories for the remaining individual counties in the ASH catchment area. Will review data to separate out forensic vs non-forensic readmissions. Group discussed number of people receiving care and the group agreed the number seemed low. Confirmed time frame data was collected from was roughly most previous 3 years. Discussed need for HCBS-AMH program but concerns over its lack of ability to assist those in need. Also provided definition of anosognosia of someone who is unaware of their own mental health condition or that they can't perceive their condition accurately and therefore are unable to make decisions in their own best interest. This has been an ongoing concern when reviewing the person stories. Group discussed costs associated with readmissions and concerns over ongoing discharge resulting in readmissions. A member shared updates on service area for HCBS-AMH. A member discussed differences between IDD and MH/BH continuums and need for secured housing that are not nursing home facilities. Discussed benefits and barriers over medication management and long acting injectables. A member shared information from a program that has had some success using long term injectables in restabilization. Discussed additional barriers around enrollment in programs while hospitalized or upon discharge, particularly Texas Administrative Code (TAC), statute, and/or other regulatory barriers (several members are looking into this for clarification). Discussed ways Williamson county is addressing long term injectables. Discussed substance use treatment options available but clarified they are optional and not mandatory. A member suggested meeting with the ACT team to obtain feedback on their barriers to servicing individuals.

*Next Steps and Close*

Data will be synthesized for upcoming meetings. Will continue to research TAC rule/policy.