



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

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ASH Redesign Peer & Family Work Group

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

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Work Group Summaries
3. Management and collection email list

Attendees

Colleen Horton, Karen Ranus, Greg Hansch, Pat Sumner, Rachel Samsel, Debbie Cohen, Sonja Burns

Minutes

Welcome

The chairs welcomed the group to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Work Group Summaries

The [Work Group Summaries](#) document was reviewed.

Hospital Clinical Strategies – The peer and family representative for this group was not on this call. Moderator provided a brief overview of work being done. A member asked about the [Peer and Family Survey](#) that was shared with this group, when it would be shared, and how it will be shared. The final topic for this group is the management and collection of email list which is how this survey will be shared. The group discussed the Peer and Family survey, specifically question 14 regarding lack of housing. A member is concerned that there is no collaboration between groups that are working on housing. They would like the housing work group to add their input to this survey as well. The group made suggestions for who could be collaborated with. The group agrees that collaboration is essential to moving forward on the housing needs specifically. A member expressed disappointment with the ASH workgroups high level overview instead of providing action steps for implementation. This member would prefer to review and potentially endorse the housing work group recommendations. A member expressed concern and desire for this survey to capture what is needed for individuals after their treatment at ASH. The member provided an overview of a [report written by two mothers in California](#). This member expressed needing to evaluate what people actual need. The group recommended that a specific person knowledgeable about housing choice review the survey prior to being shared as well. The group discussed the appropriateness (or lack thereof) of nursing homes and other types of state-run housing (like personal care homes). The group discussed Texas homes specifically, including previous litigation. A member shared that guidelines were created that cities and counties could adopt. The group is not aware of any regulation or current legislation for this type of housing. A member expressed their concern that this project has transformed from a continuum of care to just a new hospital. This member feels that there is a lack of commitment from individuals at higher levels and would like for them to keep their promises about focusing not just on funds for the hospital but on the entire continuum. A member

discussed the HCBS/AMH program and its current process. This member believes that licensure should be required and that there should be a few pilot programs for housing. A member did confirm that there has been some background work on connecting people.

The remainder of the groups were not reviewed due to time running out.

Management and collection email list

A member asked the group to provide full information to share the survey with the appropriate people. A chair indicated they can utilize their network to share this survey but asked who else needs to receive it. A member shared that the university will not be able to own this list due to privacy concerns. A chair suggested setting up a shared document owned by the chairs. A member asked if HHSC has access to peer lists. A member confirmed that the survey can be shared with different groups that work with HHSC, but there is a specific process. A member suggested using Texas Council to share with the LMHAs if needed. The group discussed how to ensure that the survey is shared with the entire catchment area and not just Travis County. A chair asked if it would be more beneficial to have individuals reach out directly or have it come from larger organizations. A chair will [create a google form](#) that everyone can use to compile contact information to share the survey with. This will be shared today, a member asked that the group respond no later than Friday, August 14th. This would allow the survey to be sent by August 24th.