



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

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ASH Redesign Academic and Area Experts Work Group

Monday, August 23, 2021 ▪ 11:00am – 12:00pm ▪ Conference Call

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. ASH Redesign Background
3. Logistics
4. Phase III Academic and Area Experts Work Group Goals
5. Brainstorming
6. Close

Attendees

Debbie Cohen, Virginia Brown, Lauv Bruner, Puja Patel, Sydney Harris, Carol Alter, Stacey Thompson, Lynn Crismon, Steven Starks, Elizabeth Flores, Francela Brazil Williams, Thomas McClure, Christine Thomas, Jason Johnson, Jeffery Matthews

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Group was welcomed, agenda was reviewed and introductions were made. Discussed project principles and current service area.

ASH Redesign Background and Logistics

ASH Redesign project background was reviewed. For more detailed information, please visit ashredesign.org. Discussed other work being done within the redesign this phase. Shared how many beds the new hospital will have along with total funding for the project. Reviewed timeline for the group, with expected completion in July 2022.

Phase III Academic and Area Experts Work Group Goals

Reviewed goals for this group for Phase III. Will share list of current partnerships with academic institutions once gathered by ASH. Reiterated that the goal is to have tangible, action-oriented recommendations that can be replicated throughout the service area. Clarified that the group will make decisions around who is being trained/educated – professional and/or community.

Brainstorming

Group reviewed some initial questions about what will best help progress the group. Discussed what the current pipeline of workforce and training programs looks like. Shared what previous training and academic programs looked like at ASH. None of the current programs are accredited. Group discussed who should be included – if it should extend to the undergraduate level – and how to diversify recruitment. Clarified whether training will be restricted to mental health careers or if it could be extended to other fields, like primary care. Discussed what additional fields are employed by ASH at this time, such as OBGYN and primary care. Suggested including partnerships with community health centers for training and educational purposes. Group discussed whether education and training could be virtual and extend beyond

the normal reach of in person sessions, which may strengthen the bonds across the service area. A concern with how primary care doctors treat patients with mental health needs is often uncomfortable and patients end up utilizing community mental health centers to help manage their mental health needs. Group agreed bringing patient experience and view of these interactions into the conversation to identify gaps and concerns from their perspective. Group discussed how they can approach the evidence-based practices goal. Group agreed to identify current priorities and gaps that need to be addressed, then identifying if there are evidence-based practices that can help address those. Current focus on education around suicide.

Close

Reviewed next steps and ways for the group to provide feedback and questions.

Next Steps

- 1) Gather more information on current pipeline and programs
- 2) Identify priorities and gaps that the hospital is currently working on and which would be helpful for this group to focus on
- 3) Group will provide feedback on questions to be used to plan future meetings

Resources

- [ASH Redesign Project Website](#)
- [Workgroup Timeline](#)