

Advisory Committee on Qualifications for Health Care Translators and Interpreters

Meeting Site:

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
Brown-Heatly Building, Room 4501
Austin, Texas 78751

May 29, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Tony Martin
Esther Diaz
Manuel Higginbotham
Miguel Fuentes
Chris Moreland
Whitney Gissell

Members Not in Attendance:

Fabio Torres
Irma Rubio
Nancy Miller
Detra Stewart
Zee Broussard
Jacque Burandt
Gel Detrick

Non-voting Members in Attendance:

Patricia Hosey, Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

1. Call to order

Tony Martin, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

2. Approval of minutes for March 27, 2015 meeting (vote required)

There was no quorum, so the minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

3. Discussion on culturally effective health care training

Dr. Rosanna Barrett and Mia Sneed, of the HHSC Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities (CEDD), presented on their online training for Medicaid providers. CEDD received a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, to promote the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards in Texas. The online training is available in the Texas Health Steps website at:

<http://www.txhealthsteps.com/cms/?q=catalog/course/2188>.

The training is self-paced and takes 1.5 to 2 hours. Although it was originally developed for providers such as nurses and doctors, staff realized that other medical staff, front line staff, and community health workers, and other staff who come in contact with patients need this training as well. CEDD staff are also exploring making the training available in Spanish. Dr. Barrett discussed the community groups CEDD works with,

such as the Asian American Behavioral Health Network, to get the word out about the training.

4. Goals and Work Plan

Esther provided a draft of FAQs for the website.

Paula gave an update on Senate Bill 277 as it stood on that date. Briefly, the 84th Legislature abolished 22 committees including this one. However, it also granted the executive commissioner the authority to create new committees for certain purposes.

Action Items

Paula: will send a link to SB 277 and the relevant pages about advisory committees.

Paula: will share contact information for CEDD staff with the committee.

Dr. Barrett: will send Paula the questions from the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey, which asks consumers and patients to report on and evaluate their experiences with health care.

Next Meetings

July 24, 2015, 909 W. 45th Street, Main Building

September 18, 2015, Brown-Heatly 4501

December 4, 2015, TBD