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## Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Family and Protective Services CARP Meeting  
Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:00 pm  
701 West 51st Street, Austin, Texas 78714  
Winters Building Public Hearing Room and Virtual Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **Council Members Present In-Person:**

- Scott Lundy
- Katie Olse

\*Additional Council Members were present virtually.

Chairperson Scott Lundy welcomed all the attendees, committee members, and presenters and began the meeting at 1:00 pm.

CFO David Kinsey began the agenda providing an update on the recently passed HB5 that provides \$90 million in funds split into two parts. The first part is \$70 million for supplemental payments to providers (\$35 million for 2 years). This is a supplemental payment and is a finite pool so may need some adjustment as the money is used. New rate table will be available soon and sent out with contract amendments next week.

The second pool of \$20 million is for grants to increase capacity and not split over two years. Providers will receive notice of when RFP's for the funds are available through numerous channel such as PCS and Alliance.

David also spoke briefly on the Rate Modernization process and preparing to get all information so it can be presented at next session.

Wendy Bagwell provided an update on the recent roll out of the General Placement System (GPS), the need for the information to be as complete as possible by end of calendar year for the system to work at its best. There is an additional PowerPoint on GPS that will be send out on October 15, 2021.

Elizabeth Kromrei and Paul Busby provided an update on COVID-19 Vaccinations in Texas. Highlights included a statewide 62.7% of eligible Texans are vaccinated. Additionally, the approval of the Pfizer vaccine has gone from emergency use to a formal recommendation but is still a voluntary choice. People are advised to check on what vaccine is available prior to scheduling getting the vaccine and it is covered under STAR health.

Jillian Boanacquisti spoke on the Qualified Residential Treatment Program. This program is for a GRO or RTC to treat specialized needs of children through use of Title IV-E funds. Not all GRO's are required to become QRTP's. The procurement aspect is still in discussion with HHSC and follow up information will be sent when it is available.

Kason Vercher discussed contract changes to the Open Enrollment removing catchment 8a. Vendor Uniform Terms and Conditions added language for confidential information, information security, cybersecurity, dispute resolution, civil rights, and added 5 new defined terms.

The 24-Hour Requirement were updated to show the adoption of GPS, the use of AwakeCheck system, and added case management language for trauma informed care.

Tara Olah presented an update on Heightened Monitoring with her taking over responsibilities and the beginning of annual reviews of operations on Heightened Monitoring. There are no operations that have left Heightened Monitoring at this time, though there is at least one making positive movement.

Bill Walsh provided a round of results from provider workgroups. The workgroups ended in August of 2021 and those results are being finalized and will be provided to all Providers when complete. Communication, DFPS/Provider relationships, and training changes were the common areas of feedback from the workgroups.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.