

# Promoting Independence Advisory Committee Agenda

## **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

July 16, 2009 (Thursday)

9:00-1

Brown-Heatley Public Hearing Room (1430)  
4900 North Lamar Boulevard  
Austin, TX

**Welcome/Business**

**Marc Gold**

**Legislative Overview**

**Health and Human Services Agencies and  
Texas Department of Housing and  
Community Affairs**

**Public Comment**

**ICM Transition  
Managed Care**

**Department of Aging and Disability Services  
Health and Human Services Commission**

**Grants Update  
ADRC/NF Diversion**

**Jeff Kauffman**

**2009 Stakeholder Report**

**Marc Gold**

**2012-2013 PI Plan  
Recommendations**

**Marc Gold/Members**

**Members' Input to  
Agency Reports:**

**Agencies:**

- **Department of Aging and Disability Services (Barry Waller)**
- **Department of Family and Protective Services (Allaina Nelson-Lang)**
- **Department of State Health Services (Peggy Perry)**
- **Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (Glenn Neal)**
- **Health and Human Services Commission (Frank Genco)**

**Adjourn**

**1:00**

Description: Demographic information about currently active Rider 28 Clients. Rider 28 clients are those individuals who have an 'Enrolled From' code 12 entered in SAS on or after September 1, 2003, AND who has not previously been identified as a Rider 37 client.

Living Arrangement	Client Count
COMMUNITY - ADULT FOSTER CARE	49
COMMUNITY - ALONE	1,602
COMMUNITY - ALTERNATIVE. LIVING/RES. CARE	1,358
COMMUNITY - W/FAMILY	3,483
COMMUNITY - W/OTHER WAIVER PARTICIPANTS	134
ICF/MR - COMMUNITY	2
OTHER	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,662</b>

Note: The "OTHER" category includes those clients with a null living arrangement or a living arrangement of Nursing Facility.

Service Group	Client Count
CBA	4,107
CLASS	59
COMMUNITY CARE	7
MEDICALLY DEPENDENT CHILDREN PROGRAM (	1,275
STAR+PLUS	1,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,662</b>

Age Group	Client Count
0 - 9	938
10 - 17	298
100 +	18
18 - 20	51
21	2
22 - 44	454
45 - 64	1,782
65 - 69	538
70 - 74	527
75 - 79	607
80 - 84	627
85 - 89	482
90 - 94	250
95 - 99	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,662</b>

Region	Client Count
00	3
01	302
02	358
03	1,825
04	782
05	369
06	545
07	639
08	728
09	180
10	129
11	802
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,662</b>

Gender	Client Count
FEMALE	3,863
MALE	2,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,662</b>

Ethnicity	Client Count
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE	29
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	73
BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN	916
HISPANIC	1,415
OTHER	1
UNKNOWN	340
WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN	3,888

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## Rider 28 Clients Living Arrangement after Leaving the Nursing Facility by Region

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**Description:**

Unduplicated client count by client living arrangement and region. Rider 28 clients are those individuals who have an 'Enrolled From' code 12 entered in SAS on or after September 1, 2003, AND who has not previously been identified as a Rider 37 client.

Living Arrangement	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	Total
COMMUNITY - ADULT FOSTER CARE		1	1	11	2	2	1	1	9		19	2	49
COMMUNITY - ALONE		71	107	265	146	106	202	242	190	41	13	219	1,602
COMMUNITY - ALTERNATIVE LIVING/RES. CARE		42	88	560	245	56	89	73	112	18	18	57	1,358
COMMUNITY - W/FAMILY	3	183	154	948	368	194	246	286	413	117	76	494	3,483
COMMUNITY - W/OTHER WAIVER PARTICIPANTS		5	7	37	19	9	4	26	4	2		21	134
UNKNOWN			1	4	2	2	3	11	1	2	3	8	37
<b>Total</b>													<b>6,662</b>



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Service Group	Age Group	Gender	Ethnicity	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	Total			
CBA	100 +	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1		2								3			
			HISPANIC							1							1		
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				3	2	1	1						1	8		
	21	F	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									1					1		
			22 - 44	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER			2										2	
					BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1	11	4	3	1	6					26	
	HISPANIC				3	2	3					2			3	6	19		
	UNKNOWN					1	1										2		
		M	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		6	4	28	23	5	1	12	2	4	1	1	1	87		
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER			1	1											2	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	1	14	8	6		6							36	
			HISPANIC		3	2	9	1			2		2	3	27	49			
		M	UNKNOWN				1	1									2		
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	17	35	20	6	2	9	1	2	2	3	98			
			45 - 64	F	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI				1										1
					ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1										1
	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				2	1	59	34	7	1	16		3		1	124			
	HISPANIC				9	4	14				1	10	4	10	50	102			
	UNKNOWN				2	2	7	5	1		1			1	2	21			
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				28	30	163	91	35	6	33	14	15	2	14	431			
		M	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI				1	1							1	1	4		
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		6	6	67	38	21	3	7	1	3	1		153			
			HISPANIC		12	4	18	1	1	1	3	12	10	8	56	126			
			UNKNOWN				6	4	1		2					13			
		M	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		36	24	151	58	24	1	27	9	4	4	9	347			
			65 - 69	F	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI				1									1	
					ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1									1	
					BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	4	15	6	2		5					33	
	HISPANIC				3	2	3		1		1	10	1		13	34			
	UNKNOWN					2	5		1		2				1	11			
WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		7			15	61	34	16	3	15	3	7	2	2	165				
M	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI					1										1			



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CBA	65 - 69	M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				6	10	8		2	1			1	28		
			HISPANIC		1	5	4				1	2		1	31	45		
			UNKNOWN				1										1	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		8	9	40	17	5		8	2	6	2	5	102		
	70 - 74	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER			1	2										3	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	2	11	7	5		8						34	
			HISPANIC		3	1	3				1		5	2	5	31	51	
			UNKNOWN				6					2				1	9	
		WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		8	14	60	34	17		6	4	5	2	4	154			
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1											1
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1		9	3	6		1		1					21
			HISPANIC		2		2		1		1	6	1	4		18	35	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		3	11	35	15	8	2	11	2	1		3	91		
		75 - 79	F	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI					1									1
				ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1										1
				BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	2	21	8	5		8						45
	HISPANIC				1	2	3				1	1	9	3	5	28	53	
	UNKNOWN				1		4	3	1						1		10	
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				8	25	82	46	17	4	31	5	6	5	9	238		
	M		ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1											1
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	2	9	3	3		2							20
			HISPANIC			2	1				2	8	2	7	26	48		
			UNKNOWN				1				1						2	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		5	10	25	14	4	1	7	1		4	7	78		
			80 - 84	F	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI				1									
	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER						1		1						1	3		
	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN					2	13	8	5	2	2					32		
	HISPANIC				5	2	5	1			4	7	1	6	45	76		
	UNKNOWN						3	3						1		7		
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				10	32	69	39	22	5	22	4	9	4	15	231		
	M	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI								1								1
		ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER					1											1



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CBA	80 - 84	M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				5	1			4					10		
			HISPANIC			1	1				2	2	1	2	31	40		
			UNKNOWN			1	1	1									3	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		3	7	22	18	5	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	71
	85 - 89	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1					1					2	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				8	7	17	1							33	
			HISPANIC		3		1				1	2	3	3	6	29	48	
			UNKNOWN			3	2	2									7	
		WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		7	20	63	42	17	6	21	3	13	6	9	9	207		
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1											1
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1	3							1			5
			HISPANIC		1		1					1	4	1	3	17	28	
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			7	5	9	12	2		4			1	3	2	45		
	90 - 94	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				1										1	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				6	6	4								16	
			HISPANIC				1					2	3			14	20	
			UNKNOWN			1	2		1								4	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		3	13	46	22	14	3	14	4	4	4	1	5	129	
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER			1												1
			HISPANIC									1	1	1	1	6	10	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1	2	5	8	4					1	2	1	24	
		95 - 99	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				4	2	1	2							9
				HISPANIC		1		1					1			2	5	10
	UNKNOWN						1										1	
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				3	3	17	12	2		2	2	2	2	1	1	45	
	M		BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1											1
			HISPANIC										1			2	3	
			UNKNOWN															
WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1		1	1					1						4	
<b>Totals for CBA: 4,107</b>																		



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CLASS	0 - 9	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1									1		
	10 - 17	F	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				2	1									3	
		M	HISPANIC												1		1	
			UNKNOWN						2									2
	18 - 20	F	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1	1									2	
			UNKNOWN					1									1	
		M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN										1				1	
	21	M	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN										1				1	
			UNKNOWN															2
	22 - 44	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER							1							1	
			HISPANIC				1									1	2	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				2	1	2				1					6
		M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		1		1					1						3
			HISPANIC											1			2	3
			UNKNOWN				1				1							2
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1	3	3					4		1		4	16
	45 - 64	F	HISPANIC				1										1	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1									1	2	
		M	HISPANIC				1											1
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1							2	2			2	7
	65 - 69	F	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN													1	1	
	<b>Totals for CLASS: 59</b>																	





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COMMUNITY CARE	45 - 64	F	HISPANIC												1	1	
			UNKNOWN								1						1
	70 - 74	F	HISPANIC									2				2	
	75 - 79	F	HISPANIC												1		1
		M	HISPANIC													1	1
80 - 84	F	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1											1	
<b>Totals for COMMUNITY CARE: 7</b>																	



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MEDICALLY DEPENDENT	0 - 9	F	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI				2			7						9		
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER		2		9					1	1				13	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				19	1	1	4	1	1						27
			HISPANIC		4	1	21			3	10	3	22	4	1	4	73	
			OTHER									1					1	
			UNKNOWN	1	2	4	30	10	2	12	7	8				1	77	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN	1	17	6	93	19	5	25	21	19	12			1	219	
		M	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI									5					5	
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				9					3					12	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				16	4	1	5	2	4					32	
			HISPANIC		10	3	21	3	4	10	1	31	7	3	6	99		
			UNKNOWN		9	4	34	8	5	7	7	6	2		2	84		
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		19	11	120	24	17	30	20	31	11	1	2	286		
		10 - 17	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				2									2	
	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1	1	13	1	1							17		
	HISPANIC				2	1	8	1		4	1	8	4	4	1	34		
	UNKNOWN				1	2	5	3	2	2	3	1	1			20		
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				8		20	4	3	8	4	1	5			53		
	M		AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI									1					1	
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER				3										3	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				5		1	3		1				10		
			HISPANIC		4		5			4	1	7	3	1	2	27		
			UNKNOWN		1	3	9	2	2		4	1				22		
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		5	8	41	7	9	11	5	7	4	3	1	101		
	100 +		M	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1									1	
	18 - 20		F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								1					1	
				HISPANIC		1		2									3	
		UNKNOWN			1		2	2								5		
		WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN			1	3	2		2				1			9		
		M	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI						1								1	
ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER						2							1		3			
BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN						2					1				3			



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MEDICALLY DEPENDE	18 - 20	M	HISPANIC		1	2	1								2	6
			UNKNOWN			1	1	1		2		1				6
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN		4	1	3	1						1		
<b>.LY DEPENDENT CHILDREN PROGRAM (MDCP): 1,275</b>																



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STAR+PLUS	100 +	F	HISPANIC							1		1			1	3		
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									2					2	
	22 - 44	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER								1	1					2	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								5	2					7	
			HISPANIC											9		1	10	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								5	8	5			3	21	
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER									1	1					2
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									9		2				11
			HISPANIC									7	2	7			5	21
			UNKNOWN											1				1
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN				1					2	7	9			4	23
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER										1					1
	45 - 64	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									17	6	5		2	30	
			HISPANIC								3	5	26			11	45	
			UNKNOWN										1	2		1	4	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									38	34	33			24	129
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER									1						1
		M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									31	11	11			1	54
			HISPANIC									7	7	34			18	66
			UNKNOWN									4	3	1				8
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									38	16	35			19	108
			ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER									1						1
	65 - 69	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								5	2	2				9	
			HISPANIC										2	9		4	15	
			UNKNOWN											2			2	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									11	7	13			5	36
			AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI									1						1
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER									3						3
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								1	5	2	3			2	13
			HISPANIC									1	1	5			5	12
UNKNOWN													1			1	2	
WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN											7	4	5			5	21	



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STAR+PLUS	70 - 74	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER							1						1			
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN							3	3	4				2	12		
			HISPANIC								5	2	10				9	26	
			UNKNOWN								1		1					2	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								11	12	7				5	35	
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER										1					1	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									2	4	2				8	
			HISPANIC									2	3	7			6	18	
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN										5	5	6			8	24		
	75 - 79	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								4	1	4				1	10	
			HISPANIC								2	3	16				6	27	
			UNKNOWN									1	1					2	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									13	6	15				5	39
		M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER									1						1	
			HISPANIC									1	1	4			5	11	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									7	1	4			6	18	
			AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIV											1				1	
	80 - 84	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER								2						2		
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								5	4	8				2	19	
			HISPANIC									3	2	19			15	39	
			UNKNOWN											2				2	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									15	9	21			7	52	
			BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									1	1					2	
		M	HISPANIC										2	9			2	13	
			UNKNOWN														1	1	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									5	7	7				19	
			85 - 89	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER									1					1
					BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								4	1	2				1
HISPANIC													3	2	14			7	26
UNKNOWN												1				1	2		
WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN											9	10	13			14	46		
M	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER								1							1			



# Rider 28 Counts by Region of Service Group, Age, Gender and Ethnicity for all Service Groups

Data Effective: May 31, 2009

Description: Rider 28 Client counts by Service Group, Age Group, Gender and Ethnicity, displayed by Region. Rider 28 clients are those individuals who have an 'Enrolled From' code 12 entered in SAS on or after September 1, 2003, AND who has not previously been identified as a Rider 37 client.

Service Group	Age Group	Gender	Ethnicity	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	Total		
STAR+PLUS	85 - 89	M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								1					1		
			HISPANIC							2	1	6				3	12	
			UNKNOWN									1						1
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN							3	2	2					1	8
	90 - 94	F	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN							4			2				6	
			HISPANIC							2	1	6				4	13	
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN							6	4	8					2	20
			M	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATI							1							1
		M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN											1				1
			HISPANIC								1							1
			WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN								1		1				1	3
			95 - 99	F	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER													1
	HISPANIC										1		3				1	5
	WHITE- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN										2	3	2				1	8
	M	BLACK- NOT OF HISP. ORIGIN									1							1
<b>Totals for STAR+PLUS: 1,215</b>																		
Grand Total																<b>6,663</b>		

## Promoting Independence Advisory Committee Department Activity Report

<b>Department Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Department of Family and Protective Services	June 26, 2009
<b>Legislation/Rider Update:</b>	
<p><b><i>During the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Regular Session:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>HB 704 gives courts the option to extend continuing jurisdiction over a foster child who ages out of care, if requested by the youth. To be eligible for extended court jurisdiction, the youth must be continuing to receive transitional services. The court may extend jurisdiction without the youth's consent only if the court believes that the youth may qualify for guardianship services and ends when the guardianship issue is resolved. DFPS is currently developing the implementation plan.</i></li> <li>• <i>SB 983 requires DFPS to provide a personal identification certificate, social security card, and proof of Medicaid enrollment (if appropriate) to a youth aging out of foster care no more than 30 days before the youth leaves care. DFPS is currently developing the implementation plan.</i></li> <li>• <i>HB 1912 requires DFPS to expand transition planning to children age 14 in permanent managing conservatorship, including enrolling them in Preparation for Adult Living services before they turn 16. This bill requires providers to assist youth age 14 and older to gain experiential life-skills training." It also makes youth over the age of 18 eligible for transitional living allowance benefits.</i></li> <li>• <i>HB 1151 implements the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 by creating:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>a guardianship assistance program entitled Permanency Care Assistance Program;</i></li> <li>✓ <i>extended adoption assistance and permanency care assistance up to age 21 for eligible youth, and</i></li> <li>✓ <i>extended foster care up to age 21 for eligible youth.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>SB 648 contains numerous provisions. Provisions specific to DFPS include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>the addition of a process involving the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in APS investigations that may involve criminal conduct, pursuant to an MOU between the DFPS and the OIG;</i></li> <li>✓ <i>procedures for providing mortality review teams with confidential abuse/neglect information;</i></li> <li>✓ <i>requirements for posting reporting information in facilities;</i></li> <li>✓ <i>requirement for DFPS to conduct investigations in private ICFs-MR; and</i></li> <li>✓ <i>enhanced penalties for failure to report child abuse or neglect.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Additional Family Based Safety Services staff were appropriated to strengthen the Department's ability to provide in-homes services to families. Family Based Safety Services (FBSS) are protective services provided to a family whose children are not in the legal conservatorship of DFPS. With more families participating in Family Team Meetings (FTM) and making decisions that provide for the safety of their children within their families, as well as other initiatives such as: Disproportionality and Strengthening Families, FBSS caseloads have continued to rise and removals have steadily declined.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Strengthening Families Initiative (SFI) was approved to continue through the next biennium, receiving another \$9.2 million TANF funds. SFI, as first authorized in Senate Bill 758, offsets certain poverty-related factors to help families working with CPS avoid having</i></li> </ul>	

*their children removed from the home and speeds the reunification of children with their families when removal is necessary. SFI uses TANF funding for non-traditional and non-recurring expenses to maintain child safety, reduce the stress in the family and enhance family functioning and stability.*

- *An additional \$200,000 was approved to provide start up funds for additional youth transition centers through the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). This allows DFPS to support transition center expansion to promote consistency of services for youth across the state, but without cutting funding for other services. Allocation process and timelines will be finalized by September FY 2010.*
- *Additional Family Group Decision-Making staff were allocated. CPS will be able to more consistently use the Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) model in Family Based Safety Services (FBSS) to ensure that families are involved in the case planning process, and determine actions needed to ensure the child's safety, permanency, and well being. This appropriation will:*
  - ✓ *enable more youth, including youth with developmental disabilities, to develop comprehensive, individualized transition plans which include youth-specific needs, strengths, and major life domains.*
  - ✓ *broaden the youth's support system, specifically identifying caring adults who will assist the youth after leaving foster care.*
  - ✓ *funds additional Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) and Circles of Support (COS) staff to more effectively prepare and support youth aging out of foster care.*
- *HB 3112 requires DADS to improve the efficiency of its guardianship determination process. It requires DADS within 70 days to either:*
  - ✓ *determine whether or not guardianship is the most appropriate, least restrictive option for an individual;*
  - ✓ *ensure that an appropriate individual, local guardianship service contractor, or licensed professional guardian applies for guardianship; or*
  - ✓ *file an application for DADS to become the guardian.*

*If DADS does not complete this process within 70 days, it must seek approval for one 30-day extension from DFPS. No further extension can be granted.*
- *SB 643 makes many changes to the system of services for persons with MR. For APS, it means that:*
  - ✓ *the MH&MR Investigations program will investigate abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Private ICF-MR from DADS to DFPS, assuming some funding issues can be resolved.*
  - ✓ *APS contacts the OIG on cases in State Schools where it is believed that a crime may have been committed.*
  - ✓ *APS works with DADS to set up a database that will provide specific information on investigations in the HCS and the adult foster care programs.*
  - ✓ *APS works with DADS, OIG and HHSC to enter into an MOU on the changes.*
- *SCR 77 grants legislative approval to the settlement agreement between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the State of Texas. The agreement requires APS meet certain criteria in conducting investigations in State Schools, including making the following changes in current policy and practice:*
  - ✓ *State School investigations must be completed within ten calendar days. Currently they must be completed in 14 or 21 days.*
  - ✓ *All APS MH&MR program investigations must be reviewed and approved by the supervisor.*
  - ✓ *Investigators must consider as evidence previous "serious incidents" in State Schools involving both alleged victims and the alleged perpetrators.*

*APS was appropriated \$3.15 million to increase investigators, supervisors and support staff to*



meet the increased workload caused by these changes.

- Effective September 1, 2010, SB 806 makes State employees working at residential facilities (State Schools, State Centers, and State Hospitals) subject to the Employee Misconduct Registry (EMR).
  - ✓ State employees found to have engaged in reportable conduct are referred to the EMR.
  - ✓ Prior to hiring an applicant, State residential facilities are required to complete a criminal history to determine employability.
  - ✓ State residential facilities must also review the EMR prior to hiring an applicant to determine if he or she has been designated due to a reportable offense, and must check the registry once a year after that, if hired.
  - ✓ DFPS would be responsible for processing the referrals made to the EMR, and for preparing for the EMR appeals cases.

No contingency appropriation was made for this bill for additional DFPS staff. DFPS is working on how to implement it anyway.

## **2010-2011 Promoting Independence Plan Directives:**

### ***12. Requires legislative direction and/or appropriations.***

***HHSC and Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) will continue to work together regarding the overall administering of Strengthening Families Initiative (SFI), including:***

- ❖ ***policy and guidelines regarding the use of TANF funding;***
- ❖ ***policy and guidelines regarding the use of the procurement card, and***
- ❖ ***technical assistance as needed.***

- Region 6 Family Group Decision Making program began a Circles of Support pilot in 2008, specifically focusing on youth age 14 and older with developmental disabilities and immigration needs. The pilot has been very successful in identifying these youth at a younger age and planning for their unique and complex needs prior to leaving foster care. The Circles of Support conferences for these youth involve intense coordination with DADS, DARS, APS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as well as other family and community stakeholders.

### ***14. Requires legislative direction and/or appropriations.***

***DFPS will allocate the additional FBSS staff throughout the state by using the Equity of Services Statement process (ESS). ESS allocates funds and program staff based on the program workload needs of each region.***

- With the additional Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) positions allocated, CPS will expand FGDM meetings into the FBSS stages of service.

## **Topics of Interest (ongoing issues/projects):**

- An initiative "Strengthening FBSS" was launched in May 2009. The purpose of this initiative is to build on strengths noted and address concerns identified in the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process. This initiative will be part of the Texas CFSR in conjunction with the Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and the agency's annual Title IV-B State Plan. This initiative, as well as efforts to remove barriers to Permanency for children in conservatorship and operationalize placement capacity (least restrictive placements located in the child's home community), are the core themes in the CFSR Program Improvement Plan

currently in development.

**Follow-Up From Previous PIAC Request:**

None

**Relevant Meeting Notices:**

None

Report Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Promoting Independence Advisory Committee  
Department Activity Report**

<b>Department Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Department of State Health Services	
<b>Legislation/Rider Update:</b>	
<p>HHSC Special Provisions for all Agencies, Sec. 52. of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session (Waiting List for Children's Community Mental Health Services)  Rider 65 of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session (Transitional and On-Going Community Mental Health Services)</p>	
<b>2010-2011 Promoting Independence Plan Directives:</b>	
<p><i>1. Requires legislative direction and/or appropriations.</i></p> <p><b><i>If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC will work with the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to reduce community-based interest/waiting lists</i></b></p> <p>DSHS (via HHSC) received exceptional item funding (Sec. 52) to reduce the waiting list for children needing community-based mental health services at community mental health centers. Both child and adult waiting lists will be reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Number of adults waiting for community-based mental health services _____</li> <li>○ Number of children waiting for community-based mental health services _____</li> </ul> <p>DSHS (via HHSC) received exceptional item funding (Sec. 52) for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) to reduce waiting lists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Number of CSHCN waiting for community-based services _____</li> </ul>	
<p><i>2. Requires legislative direction and/or appropriations</i></p> <p><b><i>If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC will work with DSHS to implement a fully funded Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) service package as part of the Resiliency and Disease Management (RDM) program.</i></b></p> <p>DSHS received exceptional item funding (Rider 65) in enhance the capacity of the community-based mental health service system by increasing the number of persons receiving intensive community-based mental health service packages at community mental health centers, including Assertive Community Treatment (ACT).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Number of persons receiving ACT _____</li> </ul>	
<p><i>3. Requires legislative direction and/or appropriations</i></p> <p><b><i>If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC will work with DSHS to provide services and supports for individuals leaving the state mental health facility (state hospital) system.</i></b></p> <p>DSHS received exceptional item funding (Rider 65) to extend the post crisis/hospital benefit at community mental health centers from 30 to 90 days.</p>	

- Number of persons receiving service package 5 (crisis follow up) \_\_\_\_\_

**Topics of Interest** (*ongoing issues/projects*):

- Patients Admitted Three or More Times in 180 days
- Discharge Destination from State Hospitals
- Adults Readmitted to A State or Community Psychiatric Hospital Three or More Times in 180 Days Since FY 2001; Where are They Now?
- Children Readmitted to a State of Community Psychiatric Hospital Three or More Times in 180 Days Since FY 2001; Where are They Now?
- Yes Waiver
- Money Follow the Person Behavioral Health Pilot
- Mental Health Transformation Grant

**Follow-Up From Previous PIAC Request:**

**Relevant Meeting Notices:**

Report Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)  
 State Supported Living Centers and Large Community ICFs/MR – July 2009

State Supported Living Centers	Status
<p>Community Living Options Process</p> <p>Community Living Options Information Process (CLOIP)</p> <p>Monitoring the referral of movement of individuals from State Supported Living Centers</p>	<p>As of <b>6/27/09</b>, CARE information showed that of <b>4546</b> individuals, over 99% has a living options date entered into CARE</p> <p>For Fiscal Year 2009 through <b>May</b> 2009, MRAs completed the CLOIP for 99% of adult residents at State Supported Living Centers.</p> <p>Oversight of movement from living centers continues, with the majority of individuals moving within 180 days. Since 9/1/01, an additional <b>1311</b> persons have been referred and of those <b>951</b> have moved. At the current time, <b>173</b> individuals are preparing for movement.</p>
Community ICFs/MR	Status
<p>Client Assignment and Registration System (CARE) Data</p> <p>Persons in Large ICFs/MR and on the HCS interest list</p>	<p>As of <b>6/27/09</b>, CARE information indicates there are <b>6,225</b> residents in community ICFs/MR (compared to <b>6,270</b> in previous update). Of the <b>6,225</b> approximately <b>91%</b> has current review of living options data entered into CARE and <b>19%</b> has a continued or new referral to the MRA.</p> <p>As of <b>6/27/09</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1124</b> have enrolled in HCS waiver program services [compared to <b>1094</b> in previous update]</li> <li>• <b>147</b> are in the targeted waiver group [compared to <b>131</b> in previous update] and of the <b>147</b>, <b>13</b> have a current offer</li> <li>• Of the <b>147</b>, <b>50</b> are under 22 years of age [compared to <b>46</b> in previous update]</li> </ul>

## **Relocation Activity Report**

Reporting Period: March 2009 – May 2009

### **Statewide Service Areas**

DADS relocation assistance services are available statewide with six catchment areas:

- *Catchment Area 1: Regions 1 and 2 (Lubbock and Abilene areas)*
- *Catchment Area 2: Region 3 (Dallas area)*
- *Catchment Area 3: Regions 4, 5 and 7 (Tyler, Beaumont and Austin areas)*
- *Catchment Area 4: Region 6 (Houston area)*
- *Catchment Area 5: Regions 9 and 10 (Midland and El Paso areas)*
- *Catchment Area 6: Regions 8 and 11 (San Antonio and Rio Grande Valley areas)*

### **Contracts**

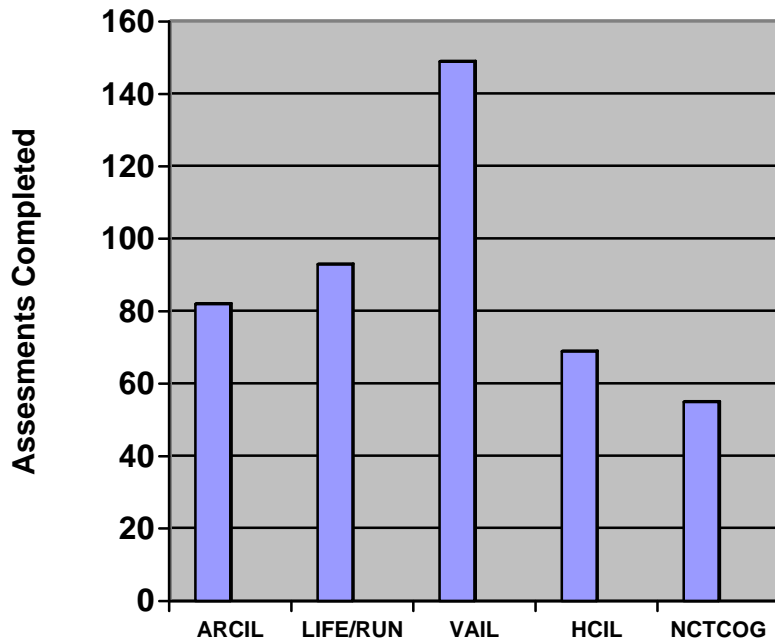
DADS currently contracts with the following six entities for relocation assistance services (effective January 1, 2007):

- *Lifetime Independence for Everyone, Inc. (LIFE/RUN) – Catchment Area 1*
- *North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) – Catchment Area 2*
- *ARCIL, Inc. – Catchment Area 3*
- *Houston Center for Independent Living (HCIL) – Catchment Area 4*
- *Lifetime Independence for Everyone, Inc. (LIFE/RUN) – Catchment Area 5*
- *Valley Association for Independent Living, Inc. (VAIL) – Catchment Area 6*

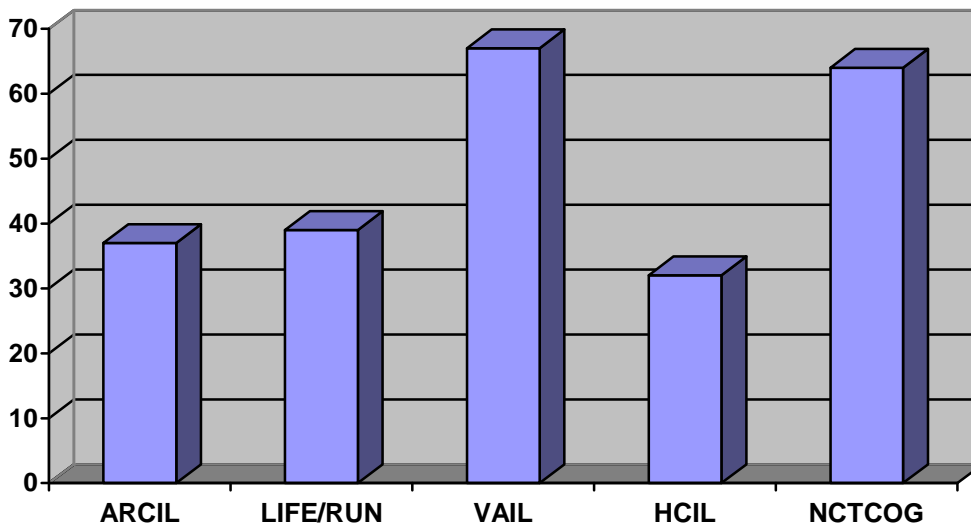
### **Relocation Activity**

For the reporting period, DADS relocation assistance contractors reported a total of 448 relocation assessments conducted and a total of 239 transitions completed during this period. The transitions completed may or may not have required Transition to Life in the Community (TLC) assistance or Transition Assistance Services (TAS). Figure 1 provides a breakdown of assessments completed. Figure 2 provides a breakdown of the number of transitions completed.

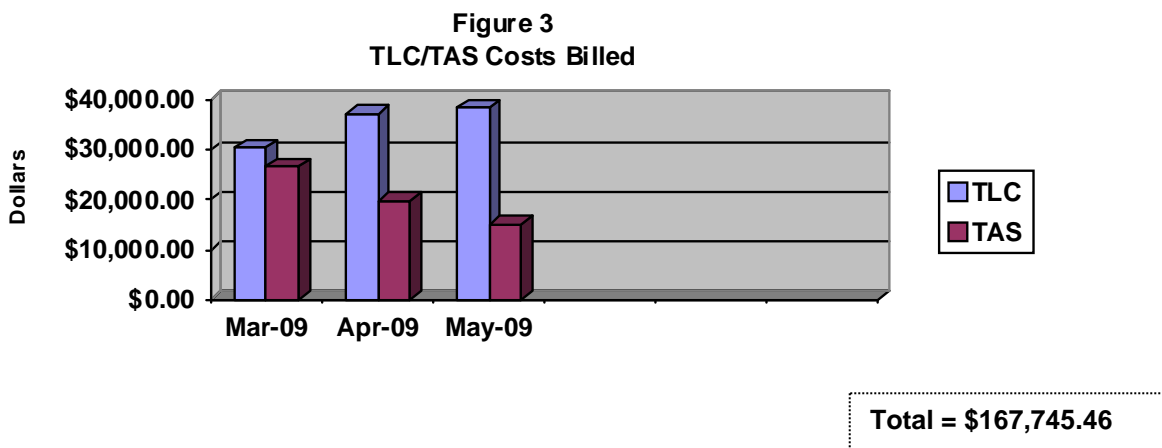
**Figure 1**  
**Assessments Completed by Relocation Contractors, March 2009 through May 2009 (Total=448)**



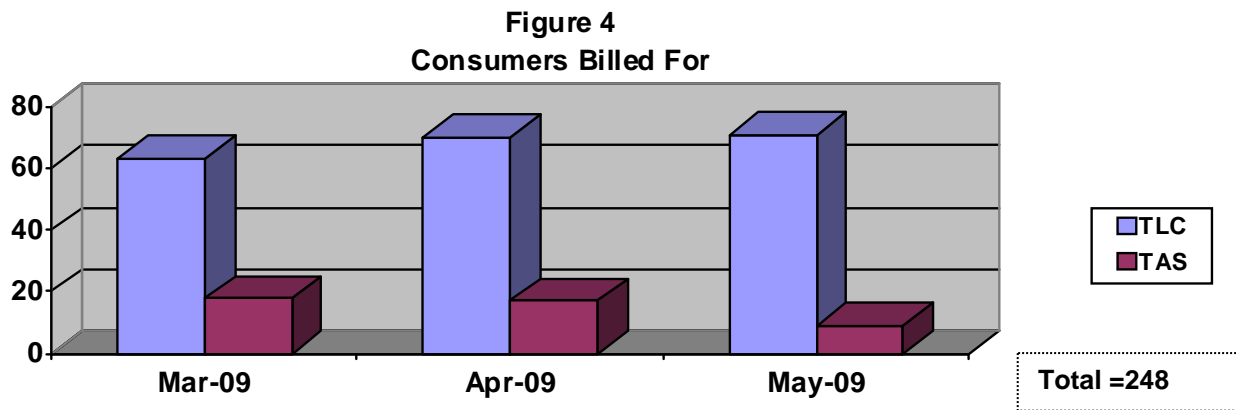
**Figure 2**  
**Transitions Completed by Relocation Contractors, March 2009 through May 2009 (Total=239)**



For the reporting period, based on claims data, a total of \$106,138.00 was billed for TLC grants and a total of \$61,607.46 (consumer expense only) was billed to Transition Assistance Services (TAS). Figure 3 provides a breakdown of the consumer costs billed for TLC and for TAS by month.



For the reporting period, costs billed were for 204 TLC consumers and 44 TAS consumers. Figure 4 shows the breakdown by month.



- Consumers who receive both TAS and TLC are counted twice in the total.



For the reporting period, available data from the relocation contractors indicate 86 individuals transitioned back into the community into their own home or family home, 67 into Assisted Living Facilities (ALF), 78 into rentals and eight into an Independent Living Center (ILC) or retirement center.

**Figure 5**

**Living Arrangement – For Those Who Transitioned March 2009 through May 2009 (Total=239)**



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RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE	START/END DATES	COMMENTS/ISSUES
<p><b>1. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC will work with DADS...to reduce community-based interest/waiting lists.</b></p>	<p>Legislative direction/funding received.</p>	<p>FY08/FY09</p>	<p>Totals for the Biennium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCS: 2,676</li> <li>• CLASS: 586</li> <li>• DBMD: 16</li> <li>• MDCP: 415</li> <li>• Non-Medicaid Services: 2,228</li> <li>• In Home and Family Support: 1,374</li> <li>• CBA: 1,607 (of which 307 were appropriated to HHSC to increase the number of persons receiving CBA through STAR+PLUS)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC will work with DADS to expand “money follows the person” for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in ICFs/MR.</b></p>	<p>In process</p>	<p>FY08/FY10</p>	<p><b>Activities are occurring under the auspices of DADS Money Follows the Person grant.</b></p>
<p><b>3. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC will work with DADS to establish a transition plan for ICFs/MR with 9 or more beds to downsize or close.</b></p>	<p>In process</p>	<p>FY08/FY10</p>	<p><b>Activities are occurring under the auspices of DADS Money Follows the Person grant.</b></p>
<p><b>4. HHSC will direct DADS to investigate the feasibility of consolidating DADS’ seven 1915(c) waiver programs and their services along functional lines, with consideration of service rates appropriate to the level of need of the individuals</b></p>	<p>In process</p>	<p>March 2006 /Ongoing</p>	<p>DADS is continuing to perform a thorough review and analysis of DADS waivers and is in the process of making recommendations aimed at maximizing efficiency, effectiveness, and consistency. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consolidating the two legacy service authorization systems: Service Authorization System (SAS) and Client Assignment and Registration system (CARE), into a single service authorization system;</li> <li>○ Revising the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) waiver Program Provider Handbook. The CLASS</li> </ul>

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<p><b>served. The investigation should examine efficiencies in administration, service definitions, and appropriate rate level for services.</b></p>			<p>Program Provider Handbook is the first of the waiver handbooks to be significantly revised. The intent is for the CLASS Program Provider Handbook to serve as a template for other DADS waivers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Standardizing requirements for physician’s signature on level of care (LOC) assessments;</li> <li>○ Reviewing and standardizing terminology and service definitions across programs when applicable; and</li> <li>○ Reviewing forms and handbooks to combine information when possible. The workgroup streamlined 38 forms down to 11.</li> <li>○ <b>Reviewing the categorization of items on the Minor Home Modification and Adaptive Aids lists for consistency purposes and considering potential exceptions to lifetime cost caps across the various waiver programs.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>5. DADS will educate providers and consumers regarding the policy of “individual responsibility agreements (IRAs) which will help better serve persons with complex needs in the community.</b></p>	Completed	April 2006/ August 2008	<p>Complex Needs computer based training (CBT) was completed on 8/4/08 and is now available at: <a href="http://www.dads.state.tx.us/business/CBT/index.html">http://www.dads.state.tx.us/business/CBT/index.html</a>.</p>
<p><b>6. HHSC and DADS will investigate different management structures to improve access and utilization of the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option.</b></p>	In process	June 2007/ Ongoing	<p>The 2008-09 General Appropriations Act (Article II, Special Provisions, Section 48, H.B. 1, 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2007) requires DADS, in coordination with the Consumer Direction Work Group (CDWG) and HHSC, submit a report on the barriers to use of CDS and the service responsibility option (SRO) and strategies to overcome them by 11/1/07. DADS and HHSC completed the report. HHSC submitted the report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and Governor’s Office.</p> <p><b>DADS has developed a computer-based certification training for individuals interested in becoming Support Advisors available at <a href="http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/cds/cbt/?">http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/cds/cbt/?</a> Support Advisors provide a level of employer-related training and coaching for those</b></p>

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			<p>using the CDS option beyond the training offered by the Consumer Directed Services Agencies (CDSAs).</p> <p>Currently, Support Consultant is available in the Home and Community-based (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) waivers. DADS plans to expand support consultation to all other programs by the fall 2010. Offering this certification training via CBT, rather than in person, will allow a greater number of individuals across the state to provide this support service for the CDS option. Support Advisors can work independently or work with a CDSA.</p> <p>The list of certified Support Advisors can be found on the DADS website.</p>
<p><b>7. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, DADS will increase the current relocation specialists' budget from \$1.3 million/annum (GR) to \$2.6 million/annum (GR).</b></p>	<p>No legislative direction/funding received.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>8. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, DADS will develop a community navigator program to assist individuals in accessing community based services.</b></p>	<p>No legislative direction/funding received.</p>	<p>September 2005/ Ongoing</p> <p>July 2007/ Ongoing</p>	<p>Throughout 2008, DADS continued its Community Roundtables Initiative in Lubbock, Portland, Laredo and Arlington, and Tyler. Two more final events will be scheduled for Abilene and Bryan.</p> <p>A follow up report has been released, titled, "Improving Access to Long-term Services and Supports: Community Assessment and Readiness, 2008 Supplemental Report." While this report is a follow up to the 2007 Interim Report and describes the seven roundtable events conducted throughout 2008, it also reviews the commitments made during roundtables held in both years and provides a status of where each region stands in fulfilling their local commitments. The challenges and strengths identified by local partners in 2008 are not discussed in this report, since they were very similar to those outlined in detail in the 2007 Interim Report.</p>

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			<p>Additionally, DADS issued an RFP to fund up to five additional ADRCs. The newly selected ADRCs are: (1) Dallas County (Dallas); (2) North Central Texas (the 14 counties and rural towns surrounding Dallas and Ft. Worth); (3) the 14 counties and rural towns in East Texas; (4) Bexar County (San Antonio); (5) Harris County (Houston); and, (6) Houston-Galveston (the 12 counties and rural towns surrounding Houston).</p> <p><b>As planned, DADS conducted two final Community Roundtables in Bryan and Abilene, thus concluding its 17-region initiative throughout Texas. All communities have committed to continuing their efforts in streamlining access to services and are regularly providing progress updates to DADS. Many communities have made their roundtable partnerships "permanent" and are conducting follow-up meetings and interagency training events for front line staff. Still other communities are committing to adopt some of the best practices and processes utilized by the ADRCs and are working with these entities to receive technical assistance. Additionally, DADS has added a series of web pages to its web site titled, "Improving Access to Services", through which readers can obtain information and reports about both the ADRC and Community Roundtable activities, as well as view a variety of resource materials related to sample uniform referral forms, training curricula, innovative use of technology, etc.</b></p>
<p><b>9. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, HHSC and DADS will continue initiatives to ensure funding is available for institutionalized children to have the opportunity to transition to families.</b></p>	<p>Legislative direction/funding received.</p>	<p>FY08/FY09</p>	<p>2008-09 General Appropriations Act (Article II, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Rider 37, H.B. 1, 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2007): Children aging out of foster care: 120 HCS slots; release 5 per month. The 2008-09 General Appropriations Act (Article II, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Rider 41, H.B. 1, 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2007): Provision of services under a 1915(c) waiver program, other than a nursing facility waiver program to an individual 21 years of age and younger in another 1915(c) waiver program if the individual meets eligibility for that waiver program and the individual requires services that are only available under that waiver program.</p>

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			2008-09 General Appropriations Act (Article II, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Rider 43, H.B. 1, 80 <sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2007): Provide opportunities for up to 50 children under age 22 residing in community ICFs/MR to transition to families.
<b>10. If directed and/or funded by the Legislature, DADS will increase funding for permanency planning activities.</b>	No legislative direction/ funding received.	January 2007/ Ongoing	DADS allocated additional funds to MRAs to conduct permanency planning for individuals under 22 years of age in nursing facilities.

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### **Health and Human Services Commission**

#### **ICM Contract**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and Evercare have agreed to end a contract for the Integrated Care Management (ICM) program, which provides Medicaid services to 74,000 people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Under the agreement HHSC ended the contract on May 31, 2009, and people now covered by ICM began receiving services through other existing Medicaid programs on June 1.

On June 1, 2009, HHSC transitioned 31,239 Medicaid only clients into STAR, and the remaining members with dual eligibility (Medicaid and Medicare) transitioned into fee-for-service (Traditional Medicaid). 90% of the members moved into STAR were moved to an HMO in which their current PCP participates, which will minimize any disruption to their Medical Home. The STAR HMOs are providing out-of-network authorizations as needed for members with a PCP that does not currently participate in their plan. We have had a small number of requests to move members into an HMO other than the one they were assigned to for June, and the STAR HMOs have been very cooperative in these cases. Clients can, of course, change HMOs themselves in July, or opt to go to FFS by calling the enrollment broker Maximus.

HHSC is still monitoring EVC's resolution of complaints and hearing requests received before the Evercare ICM termination on May 31.

#### **STAR+PLUS**

The STAR+PLUS 1915 (b) waiver renewal has been approved by CMS. This will allow the program to continue to operate in the four STAR+PLUS service areas (Bexar, Harris, Nueces, Travis) for another two years. In addition, nursing facility services have been carved out from the capitation premium rate as a result of the waiver renewal. No significant changes will be made to the STAR+PLUS program as a result of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session.

#### **Rates for Long Term Services and Supports**

HHSC Rate Analysis is proposing an \$.80 rate increase for attendant services. This is dependent upon approval from the Executive Commissioner. In addition, Rate Analysis is proposing common rates for the Professional Services in all the waivers. This would include Nursing (RN, LVN, and Specialized), PT, OT, Speech, Behavioral Support, Audiology Services, and Dietary Services. This change will allow for the nursing rates to

be the same for all waivers as the current nursing rates are in CBA and CLASS. These rates will be included in the rate hearing for the MR programs in late July.