



Austin Travis County
Mental Health Mental Retardation Center



Local Planning and Network Development (LPND)



What is LPND?

The legislative law that requires restructuring local mental health services in an attempt to better meet the needs of the community and give consumers more choices among providers of mental health services. This planning is known as:

**Local Planning and Network
Development**



Background

The new law “articulates a clear preference for a system of service delivery in which consumers have choice from among multiple service providers and in which the Local Mental Health Authorities’ (LMHAs) role is to provide management and oversight.” Further, the law “... charges LMHAs with the responsibility for ensuring that mental health services are provided in their local area and, further, requires LMHAs to consider public input, ultimate cost-benefit, and client-care issues to ensure consumer choice and the best use of public money in assembling a network of service providers.”



What Are the Advantages?

- ❖ **Increase Consumer Choice**
- ❖ **Increase Accessibility**
- ❖ **Comply with State Law**



Goal of Local Plan

- ❖ To identify and prioritize services you would like to see offered by other providers**
- ❖ To determine the percent of ATCMHMR services to be contracted that stakeholders would like ATCMHMR to find additional providers**
- ❖ To set provider procurement goals for the next Plan cycle**



Planning Process: Public Input

- ❖ Input from stakeholders, particularly from consumers and families receiving services, will be incorporated into the planning of the Network Development Plan**
- ❖ All training and stakeholder input must be completed and gathered by June 15, 2008 (draft deadline)**
- ❖ Draft Plan will be posted at www.atcmhmr.com for further review and comments**



Planning Process: Public Input (cont.)

- ❖ ATCMHMR actively encourages and documents community input**
- ❖ ATCMHMR completes draft Plan and distributes for public input**
- ❖ Public provides recommendations and comments**
- ❖ Public comment, recommendations and input is assessed for revised final Plan.**



Planning Process: State Approval

- ❖ ATCMHMR sends Plan to DSHS with summary of public comments and how comments were utilized**
- ❖ DSHS reviews and approves the Plan**



Two Important Periods for Public Input:

- ❖ While the Center develops the Local Service Area Plan
(Now through June 15, 2008)**
- ❖ When Center publishes draft Plan
(July 2-August 31, 2008)**



ATCMHMR Will Seek Public Input Through:

- ❖ **Focus groups and interviews received during development of the Center's Strategic Plan**
- ❖ **Community Forums**
- ❖ **Meetings**
- ❖ **Surveys**
- ❖ **Existing planning processes and partnerships**
- ❖ **Outreach efforts through local media**
- ❖ **Advisory Committees**
- ❖ **Internal Communications and Staff Initiatives**



Questions to Consider After Draft Plan is Written:

- ❖ What services will be provided?
- ❖ Will the Center try to recruit outside providers?
For which services?
- ❖ If not, why?
- ❖ Do the timelines in the Plan make sense?



Overview

- ❖ **Actively encourages and documents community input.**
- ❖ **Public comment, recommendations and input is assessed for revised final Plan.**
- ❖ **ATCMHMR will post the draft Plan on our website for comment**
- ❖ **ATCMHMR sends Plan to DSHS with summary of public comments and how comments were utilized**
- ❖ **Check www.atcmhmr.com for progress updates on the Plan**



What Services May Be Affected?

Adult Mental Health and Children's Mental Health services that are funded by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) performance contract will be affected by this change. These services are funded by Mental Health Medicaid Rehabilitation, Federal Mental Health Block Grant and state general revenue funds.



What Will Change?

Mental Health services may be provided by:

- ❖ **the Center provider under certain circumstances;**
- or**
- ❖ **outside providers who contract with the Center**



When Can ATCMHMR Provide Services?

There are only 6 circumstances under which the Center can continue to provide services during implementation of network development:

- ❖ There are no interested and qualified providers**
- ❖ The new network does not provide the consumer choice because there is only one provider**
- ❖ To maintain current level of access to services in service areas**



When Can ATCMHMR Provide Services? (cont.)

- ❖ External providers cannot provide 100% of needed services**
- ❖ Need to protect ‘critical infrastructure’ to ensure continued provision of services**
- ❖ There are external agreements that prevent the use of contractors and/or loss of significant service funds**



Local Sources of Information

❖ **ATCMHMR Center**

www.atcmhmr.com

(512) 447-4141

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❖ **A member of the local Planning and
Network Advisory Committee (PNAC)**

www.atcmhmr.com/get_involved/PNAC.htm

❖ **NAMI Austin**

www.namiaustin.org

(512) 420-9810

❖ **Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance**

www.dbsatexas.org/

(512) 407-6676



Local Sources of Information (cont.)

❖ Texas Mental Health Consumers

www.tmhc.org

512-451-3191

800-860-6057

❖ Austin Area Mental Health Consumers

www.austinmhc.org

512-442-3366

❖ Planned Living Assistance Network (PLAN) of Central Texas

www.planctx.org

512-851-0901



State Sources of Information

Advocacy, Inc.

Telephone: 1-800-252-9108

Times Available: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

E-Mail: info@advocacyinc.org

Aaryce Hayes, ahayes@advocacyinc.org

Cameron Vann, cvann@advocacyinc.org

Website: www.advocacyinc.org

The Advocacy, Inc. website also has contact information for local Advocacy groups.



State Sources of Information (cont.)

NAMI of Texas

Telephone: 1-800-633-3760

E-Mail: rpeyson@namitexas.org

Website: www.namitexas.org

The NAMI website also has contact information for local NAMI groups.

DSHS

Website: www.dshs.state.tx.us

- Community Mental Health**
- Local Planning and Network Development**

E-Mail: LPND@dshs.state.tx.us



Questions / Comments