

You Have A Voice - Let your VOICE Be Heard!

Local Planning and Network Development

MHMR Services of Texoma is getting ready to write a plan describing how it will deliver mental health services in the next few years. We will need to know what you think.



What is Local Planning and Network Development? A new Texas law requires all community Mental Health and Mental Retardation centers to create a *network* of outside agencies to provide mental health treatment services. In some areas this will take some time. *MHMR Services of Texoma*, like other MHMR community centers, must develop a *plan* to show *how* this will happen. In creating this plan, the center must get comments, thoughts, and suggestions from *consumers, families, and members of the community*. Yes, we need to hear from *YOU!*

Why Should You Care? This new law requires community centers to explore opportunities for expanding the network of other available providers in order that *mental health consumers and families* be given a choice about *who* provides your treatment. Sometimes, having a choice of treatment providers can lead to better treatment. You want the best possible services, and MHMR Services of Texoma wants to be sure you receive the best services possible. We may contract out for some services based on availability to provide competent care, but MHMR Services of Texoma will continue to be a driving force in the provision of services in our communities.

What Can You Do? There are many things you can do to let us know what you think.

1. You can learn more about this law, so you will have more information about what is happening to mental health services in the Texoma region.
2. You can go to meetings MHMRST and its Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) will host in your service area. You can speak about your concerns, ideas, service likes and dislikes at these meetings.
3. You can answer surveys or questionnaires at these meetings, or you can answer and return questionnaires if you are unable to attend a meeting.
4. You can talk to your friends or family and ask them to go to meetings or help you prepare your comments for presenting.
5. You can contact the state agency or your local advocacy group and ask questions or submit comments.

Who Can You Contact to Help You Learn More?

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhcommunity/LPND/> **E-mail:** LPND@dshs.state.tx.us

Advocacy, Inc Website: <http://www.advocacyinc.org> **E-mail:** infoai@advocacyinc.org **Phone:** 1-800-252-9108 (V/TDD)

NAMI of Texas Website: www.namitexas.org **E-Mail:** rpeyson@namitexas.org **Phone:** 1-800-633-3760

MHMR Services of Texoma Website: www.mhmrst.org

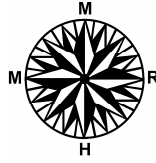
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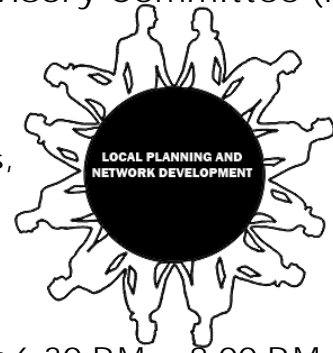
MHMR Services of Texoma



Local Planning and Network Development Stakeholder Meetings

Hosted by the MHMRST Planning Network and Advisory Committee (PNAC)

Who: This meeting is for mental health consumers, family members, advocacy groups, other community and government stakeholders.



When: May 13, 2008 from 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. or 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Attend the meeting which is the most convenient for you.



If you are unable to attend, please review and complete the enclosed survey!!!

Where: Grayson County College Workforce Auditorium
6101 Grayson Drive
Denison, Tx.

Why You Should Come

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the new Texas law—Local Planning and Network Development (LPND). This law can have significant impact on mental health services in Texas.

This law is intended to expand mental health provider networks and offer consumers more choice and access to services. This law requires all community MHMR centers to submit a plan to the State that shows “how” to do this.

MHMR Services of Texoma wants your input about mental health services, needs, and service providers in order to begin forming a plan that will be carried out over the next couple of years. Your input is the most necessary part of the plan.

For more information, contact PNAC Liaison Tonia Vernon

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