

Building Strong Communities: One Person at a Time.

Board of Trustees: Roles & Responsibilities

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“The abandonment of the mentally ill to the grim mercy of custodial institutions too often inflicts on them a needless cruelty which this Nation should not endure.”

President John F. Kennedy
1963 State of the Union Address

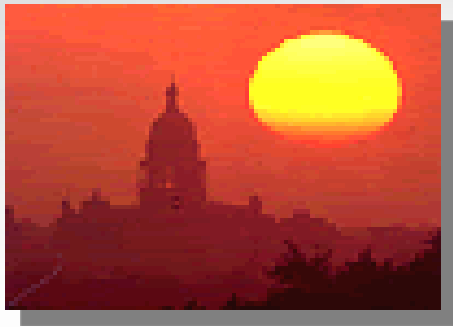




Community Mental Health Act of 1963

- Funding for Community MH Centers
- Community-based service philosophy
- Emphasized natural support systems, new medications, regionalized relationship with state facilities
- Catalyst for state legislation & funding





A compelling vision gives people hope for the future. It brings the hearts and minds of people together and creates the opportunity to achieve what would otherwise be impossible...



Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1965

- Authorized local agencies to assume administration of MHMR services
- Created Texas Department of MHMR
- Established partnership between local agencies, the State and the Federal Government.
- Vague in terms of legal definition and authority of local entity





Section 534.001 Texas Health & Safety Code

- Authorizes county, municipality, hospital district, school district [or combination] to establish and operate a Community Center.
- Community Center plan requires state approval.
- Once approved, Center functions as unit of local government subject to **open meetings, open records** and other safeguards of a locally governed organization.



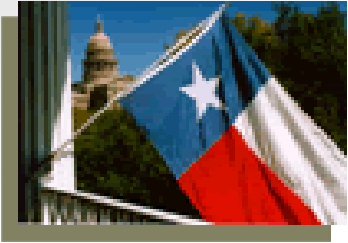


Section 534.001(c) Texas Health & Safety Code

A Community Center is

1. An agency of the state, a governmental unit and a unit of local government as defined and specified by Chapters 101 and 102, Civil Practice and Remedies Code;
2. A local government as defined by Section 791.003, Government Code;
3. A local government for the purposes of Chapter 2259, Government Code; and
4. A political subdivision for the purposes of Chapter 172, Local Government





Section 534.001(d) Texas Health & Safety Code

A Community Center may be established only if:

- (1) proposed center submits copy of contract between participating local agencies;
- (2) department approves center's plan to develop and make available an effective mental health and/or mental retardation program; and
- (3) department determines center can appropriately, effectively, and efficiently provide those services in the region.



Texas Council Vision Statement:

Texans with intellectual disabilities, mental illness, and substance addictions have access to a well funded, organized system of quality services and support that are responsive to individual choice and managed through a statewide public system of Community Centers governed by volunteer trustees appointed by local government officials.



The Texas Council works on behalf of Community Centers to:

- Propose statutory recommendations to Texas Legislature
- Participate in public policy development
- Provide critical issues identification and analysis to members
- Educate Community Center Trustees
- Promote the purpose and vision of Community Centers
- Build consensus on solutions to issues and problems
- Develop and oversee statewide initiatives



Texas Council of Community Centers

Organizational Purpose

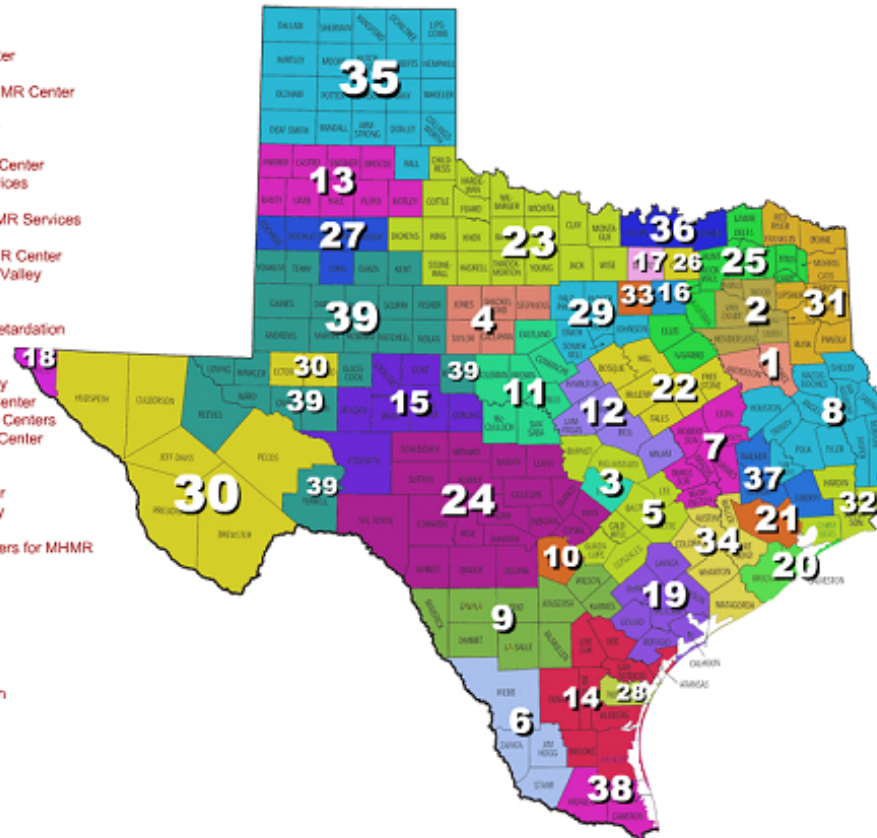
The Texas Council of Community Centers is organized as a 501(c)(4) entity, operated as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization that serves exclusively for the promotion of social welfare. This means that the organization must operate primarily to further, in some way, the common good and general welfare of the people.

A 501(c)(4) social welfare organization may further its social welfare purposes through lobbying as its primary activity without jeopardizing its tax-exempt status. However, it is not able to receive tax-deductible donations.



Texas Community MHMR Center Service Areas

1. ACCESS
2. Andrews Center
3. Austin Travis County MHMR Center
4. Betty Hardwick Center
5. Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center
6. Border Region MHMR Center
7. MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley
8. Burke Center
9. Camino Real Community MHMR Center
10. The Center for Health Care Services
11. The Center for Life Resources
12. Central Counties Center for MHMR Services
13. Central Plains Center
14. Coastal Plains Community MHMR Center
15. MHMR Services for the Concho Valley
16. Metrocare SERVICES
17. Denton County MHMR Center
18. El Paso Mental Health Mental Retardation
19. Gulf Bend MHMR Center
20. The Gulf Coast Center
21. MHMR Authority of Harris County
22. Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center
23. Helen Farabee Regional MHMR Centers
24. Hill Country Community MHMR Center
25. Lakes Regional MHMR Center
26. LifePath Systems
27. Lubbock Regional MHMR Center
28. MHMR Center of Nueces County
29. Pecan Valley MHMR Region
30. Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR
31. Community HealthCORE
32. Spindletop MHMR Services
33. MHMR of Tarrant County
34. Texana Center
35. Texas Panhandle MHMR
36. MHMR Services of Texoma
37. Tri-County MHMR Services
38. Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
39. West Texas Centers for MHMR



Texas Council of
Community Centers

26th
Annual
Conference



Section 533.035 Texas Health & Safety Code

Describes delegation of responsibility by the State Authority to the **designated Local Authorities** for:

- Planning;
- Policy development;
- Coordination;
- Resource allocation;
- **Resource development**; and
- Oversight of services.





Section 533.035 THS Code (HB 2377: 74th Legislative Session)

- The local authority shall 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
 - determining whether to **provide the service directly or contract services** to another organization



Resource Development

- County, City, Hospital District, School District
- Criminal Justice
- Housing & Urban Development
- Donations & Foundation Support
- Other State & Federal (DFPS, DARS, TCOOMMI, TDCJ, Ryan White, SAMSHA)



Total Community Center Resources by Revenue Source

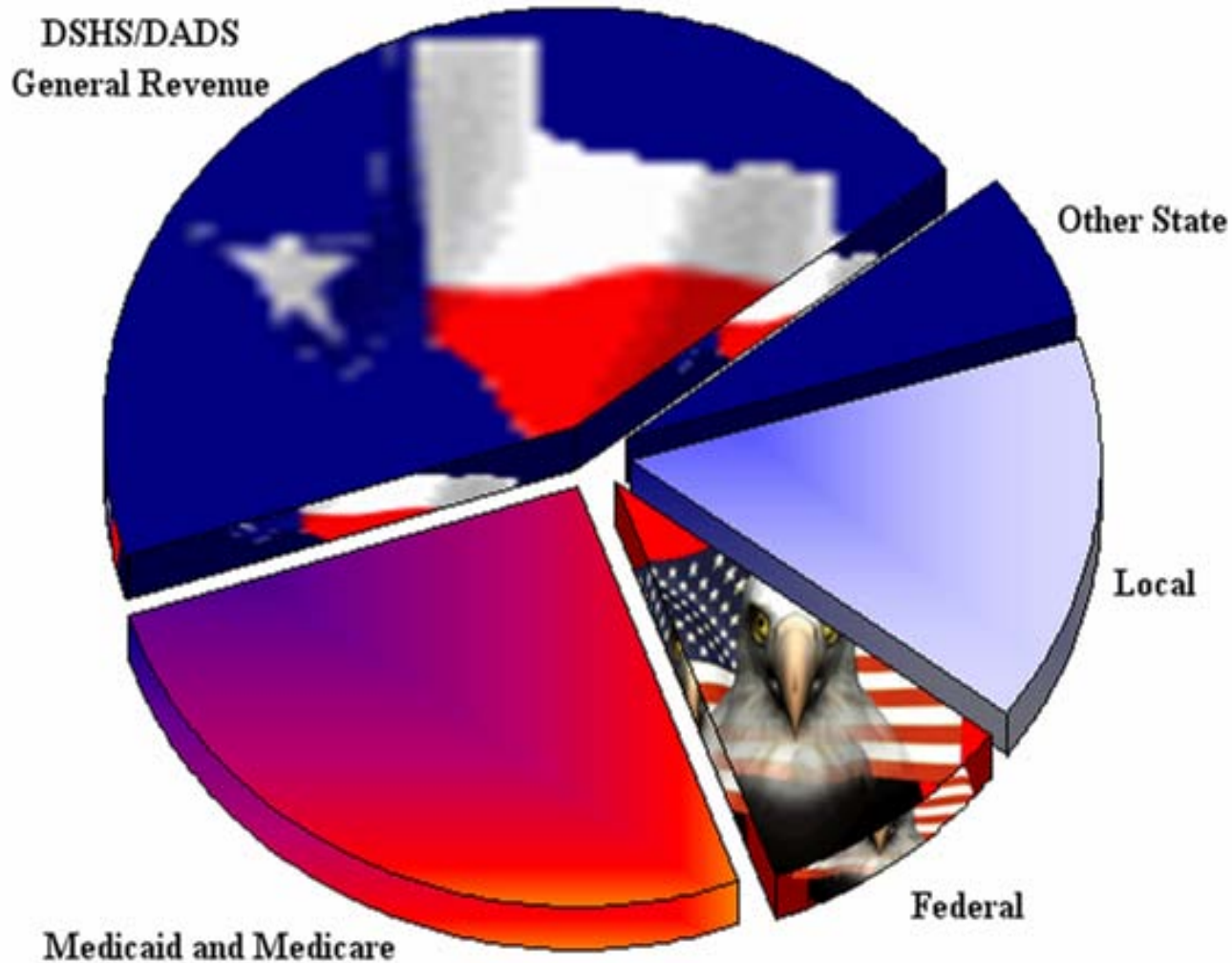
Total Resources by Revenue Source	Total Local	Total State	Total Federal	Total Revenue
FY 2008	\$125,135,237	\$494,267,516*	\$371,532,284	\$990,935,037
	13%	50%	37%	100%
FY 2009	\$144,965,476	\$540,503,508*	\$396,727,391	\$1,082,196,375
	13%	50%	37%	100%
FY 2010	\$152,129,831	\$556,919,085*	\$453,735,855	\$1,162,784,771
	13%	48%	39%	100%

Source: FY2010 CERTIFIED INDEPENDENT AUDITS FROM thirty-nine (39) COMMUNITY CENTERS

*Includes revenue generated by NorthSTAR Centers in contract with Value Options



Resource Partnership



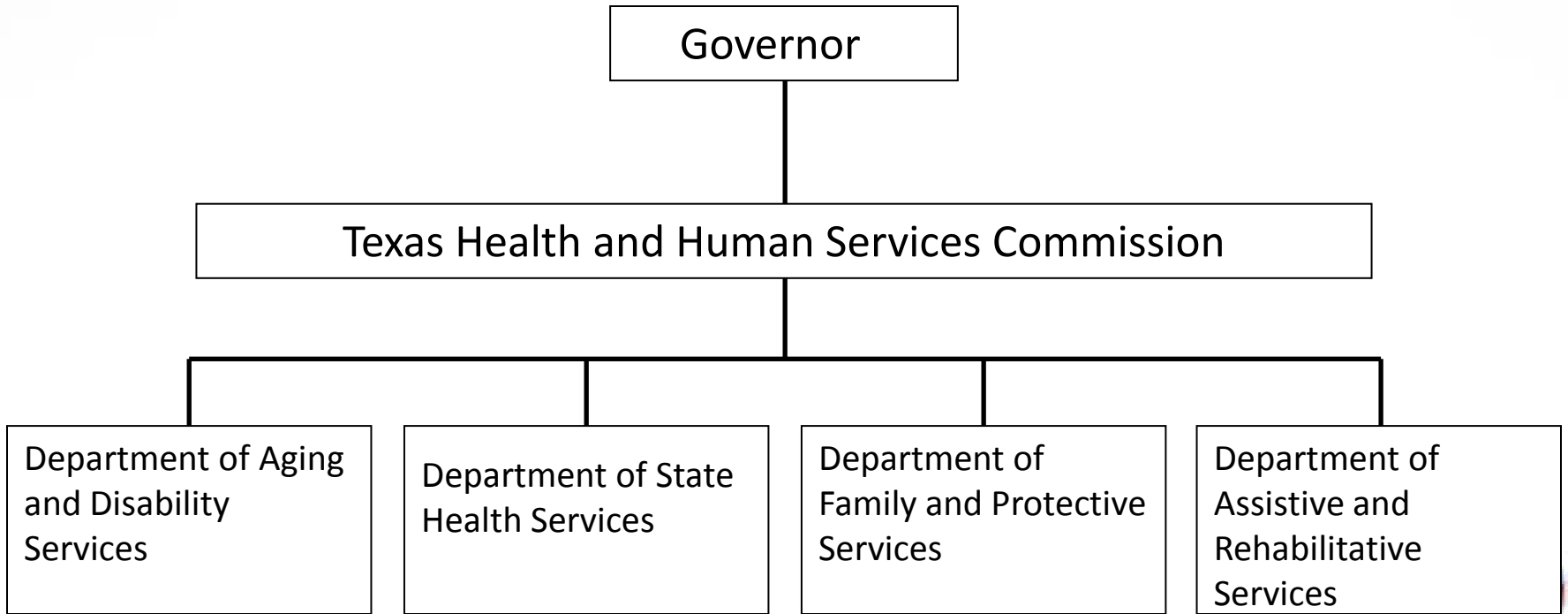
HB 2292 (78th Session, 2003)

Stated Goal

- ◆ Improve client services
- ◆ Reduce administrative costs
- ◆ Strengthen accountability
- ◆ Spend tax dollars more effectively



Consolidated Health and Human Services (HB 2292, 78th Legislative Session)





Section 533.035 Texas Health & Safety Code [HB 2292]

- The local authority shall 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
 - making MH/MR treatment recommendations
 - **serving as a provider of last resort**



THS Code 533.035

“Provider of Last Resort” Provisions

- Forced privatization of services without regard to impact on consumers and families
- Threatened public safety net
- Shifted control of service delivery decisions to state
- Increased costs to state



HB 2572 (Truitt) 79th Session

- Mitigated “Provider of Last Resort”
 - Upheld TX Council/PPAT agreement
 - **Removed ‘application’ to MH Services**
- Passed by the legislature
- Vetoed by the Governor



Governor's Executive Order—RP 45

- ◆ AGs Opinion regarding Provider of Last Resort applicability to MH Services
- ◆ **Negotiated Rule Making**
 - Protect consumer choice
 - Protect the safety net
 - Recognize local differences
 - Responsible timeline
 - Protect service funds



Texas Health & Safety Code 533.0358 [HB 2439 Mitigates “Provider of Last Resort”]

- Honors consumer and family choice
- Creates opportunity for private providers
- Ensures continued availability of the public safety net
- Elevates local planning & network development responsibilities



Local Planning and Network Development (LPND) requires:

- Consumer and public involvement in contract procurement decisions
- Best value decision-making and consideration of certain factors for directly providing services





Section 534.001(e) Texas Health & Safety Code [Prior to 81st Legislative Session]

A Community Center operating under this subchapter **may operate only for the purposes and perform only the functions defined in the center's plan.** The board by rule shall specify the elements that must be included in a plan and shall prescribe the procedure for submitting, approving and modifying the center's plan.





Section 534.001(f) Texas Health & Safety Code

Each function performed by a community center under this title is a governmental function if the function is required or affirmatively approved by any statute of this state or of the United States or by a regulatory agency of this state or of the United States duly acting under any constitutional or statutory authority vesting the agency with such power. Notwithstanding any other law, a community center is subject to Chapter 554, Government Code.



Section 534.001(e)
HB 2303, 81st R Session
(Author, Truitt/Senate Sponsor, Uresti)

Except as provided by this section, a Community Center operating under this subchapter may operate only for the purposes and perform only the functions defined in the Center's plan. In addition to the services described in the Center's plan, the center may provide other health and human services and supports as provided by a contract with or a grant received from a local, state, or federal agency.





Section 534.0015(b)
HB 2303, 81st R Session
(Author, Truitt/Senate Sponsor, Uresti)

- (b) It is the policy of this state that Community Centers strive to develop services for persons who are mentally ill or mentally retarded and may provide requested services to persons with developmental disabilities or with **chemical dependencies** that are effective alternatives to treatment in a large residential facility.



Board of Trustees: General Duties

1. Govern organization by establishing broad policies and strategic direction;
2. Select, appoint, support and review the performance of the Executive Director;
3. Ensure the availability of adequate financial resources;
4. Approve annual budgets;
5. Account to stakeholders for organization's performance.



Standards of Administration for Board of Trustees

Department of State Health Services:

Title 25 Subchapter G §411.310

Department of Aging and Disability Services:

Title 40 Subchapter G §1.310





Section 534.006 (b) Texas Health & Safety Code

Before a member of the board of trustees may assume office, the member shall attend at least one training session administered by Center's professional staff to receive information relating to:

- (1) enabling legislation creating the Community Center;
- (2) programs the Center operates;
- (3) Center's budget for that program year;



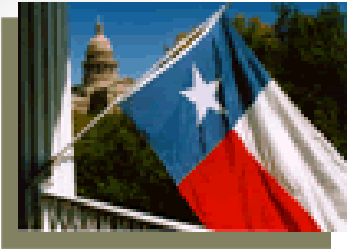


Section 534.006 (b) Texas Health & Safety Code

TRAINING (continued)

- (4) results of the most recent formal audit;
- (5) requirements of Chapter 551, Government Code, and Chapter 552, Government Code;
- (6) requirements of conflict of interest laws and other laws relating to public officials; and
- (7) ethics policies adopted by the Center.





Section 534.008 Texas Health & Safety Code

ADMINISTRATION BY BOARD

- (a) Board of trustees is responsible for effective administration of the community center.
- (b) Board of trustees shall make policies consistent with department's rules and standards.



Role of the Board Chairperson (not delineated in statute)

General Responsibilities:

1. Work with Executive Director to set board meeting agendas
2. Preside over board meetings
3. Ensure meetings comply with Open Meetings Act, confirming:
 - Notice was posted
 - Quorum is present
 - Minutes are being taken
4. Generally serving as the Board of Trustees spokesperson to the community at large





Section 534.009 Texas Health & Safety Code

MEETINGS

- (a) The board of trustees shall adopt rules holding regular and special meetings.
- (b) Board meetings are open to public to extent required by and in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code.
- (c) The board of trustees shall keep a record of its proceedings in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code. The record is open for public inspection in accordance with law.





Section 534.009 (d) Texas Health & Safety Code

Board of Trustees shall send to the department of each appointing local agency a copy of approved board meeting minutes by:

1. Mailing a copy appropriately addressed and with necessary postage paid using the U.S. postal services; or
2. Another method agreed to by board of trustees and the local agency.



BOARD ACTION

- Board acts only by majority vote at a meeting posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act in which a quorum of the Board is present.
- Individual Board members, including the Chair, have no express authority.
- Action, or votes, may only be taken on properly posted items, which usually means listed on the Agenda.



Government Code: Chapter 551

Texas Open Meetings Act

- Every meeting of a governmental body is open to the public
- Board of trustees **must keep minutes** or tape recordings of its meetings
- A **quorum** must be present for a meeting to begin
- If officials gather in numbers of less than a quorum with the intent of circumventing the Act, **criminal penalties** may be imposed



Texas Open Meetings Act

What is a meeting?

- A “meeting” occurs when a quorum of a governmental body is present and discusses public business, including a gathering:
 - conducted by the governmental body; and
 - at which members receive or give information about public business or public policy over which the body has control
- Formal action is not required



Texas Open Meetings Act

What is a quorum?

Defined as a simple majority under the Act, but may be dictated by Board bylaws or other similar local governance document, such as your inter-local agreement.



Texas Open Meetings Act

What constitutes deliberation?

Defined as a verbal exchange (“giving and receiving of spoken words”) during a gathering of a governmental body concerning an issue within the jurisdiction of the governmental body or any public business.



Texas Open Meetings Act

[Exceptions to this Definition]

Where no formal actions are taken and the discussion of public business is incidental to the events, the following are exceptions:

- purely social gatherings;
- attendance of public officials at conferences or training; and
- closed meetings/executive sessions; where permissible by law.



Texas Open Meetings Act Common Misconceptions

The Act does apply to:

- “workshop” meetings
- “town hall” meetings
- informal gatherings before or after meeting in a quorum to discuss center business
- Board “retreats”



Texas Open Meetings Act

Does not apply to purely **advisory** committees, unless:

- Board of trustees generally rubber stamps action
- Inter-local or similar governing agreement renders committees subject to Act
- Other state law or regulation requires compliance with the Act
- Committee has tradition of complying with Act



Texas Open Meetings Act

Contents of Notice

- Descriptions such as “old business” or “staff reports” are not sufficient
- Courts have held that the more important an issue is to the public, the more specific the notice must be



Texas Open Meetings Act

Items Not Posted

- Cannot deliberate or decide items not posted
- If public brings up item not posted, board may only:
 - request to place item or subject matter on next agenda
 - make statement of factual information
 - recite existing policy



Texas Open Meetings Act

Public Participation

- No right to speak under the Act
- Public hearings may be required under other laws
- Courts recognize constitutional right to address and petition governing body
- If permitted to speak, limitations may be established and all speakers should be treated equally



Government Code: Chapter 552

Texas Public Information Act

(Formerly Texas Open Records Act)

- Provides that public records are generally open and available to the public for inspection and duplication
- What is public information
 - recorded information in any medium including electronic, paper, video tape
 - includes email



Texas Public Information Act

- includes most personnel notes related to Center business (unless invasion of privacy or clearly for personal use)
- may include information on personal computer related to Center business
- AG recently ruled: mayor's personal journal is subject to open records request



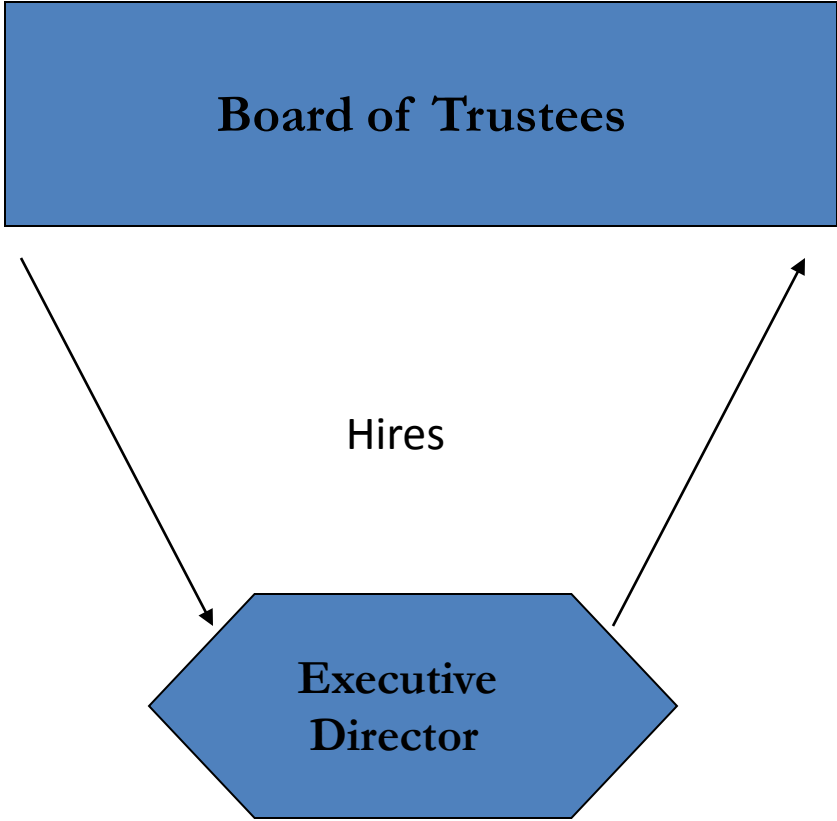


Section 534.010 Texas Health & Safety Code

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- (a) The Board of Trustees shall appoint an executive director for the Community Center.
- (b) The Board of Trustees shall:
 - (1) adopt a written policy governing powers that may be delegated to executive director; and
 - (2) annually report executive director's total compensation and benefits to each local agency that appoints the board.

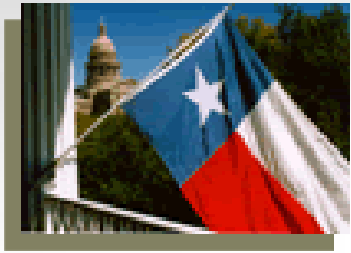




Executive Director

- Implements policy and budgetary directives of full Board as expressed by majority vote at properly posted meetings.
- Serves as liaison between Board and Staff
- Responsible for employment of all other Center employees.
- Generally serves as spokesperson for the Center.





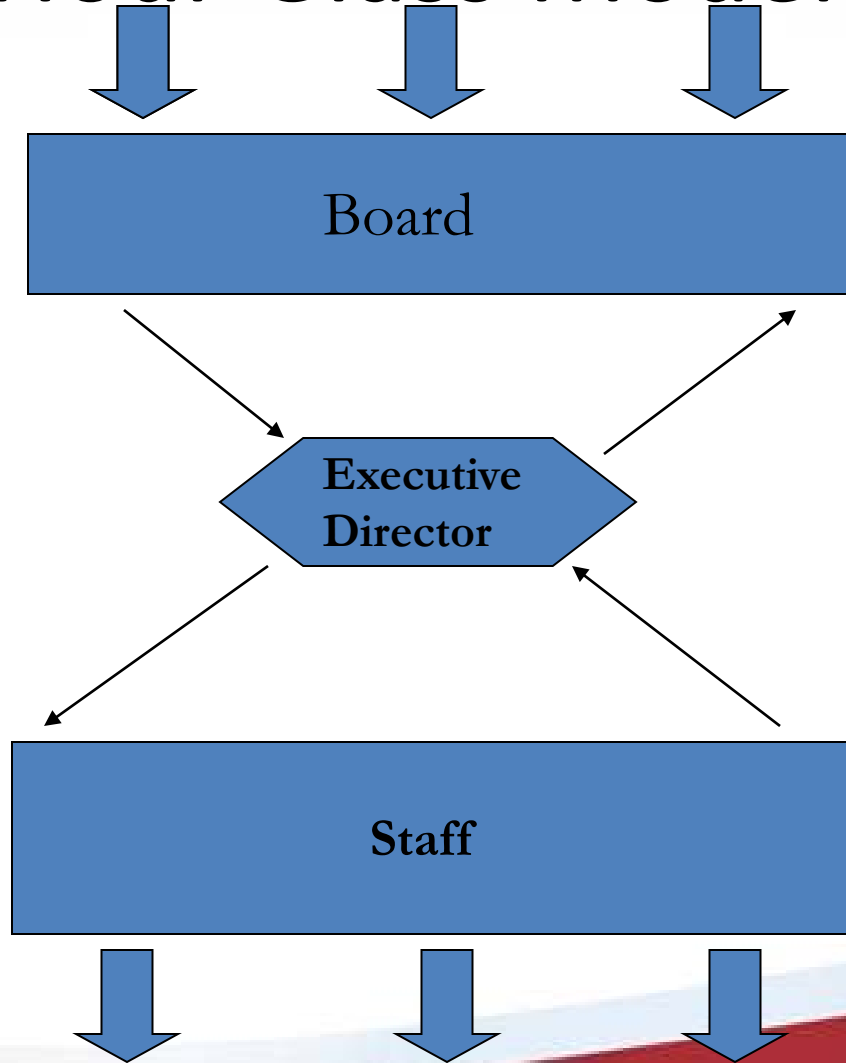
Section 534.011 Texas Health & Safety Code

PERSONNEL

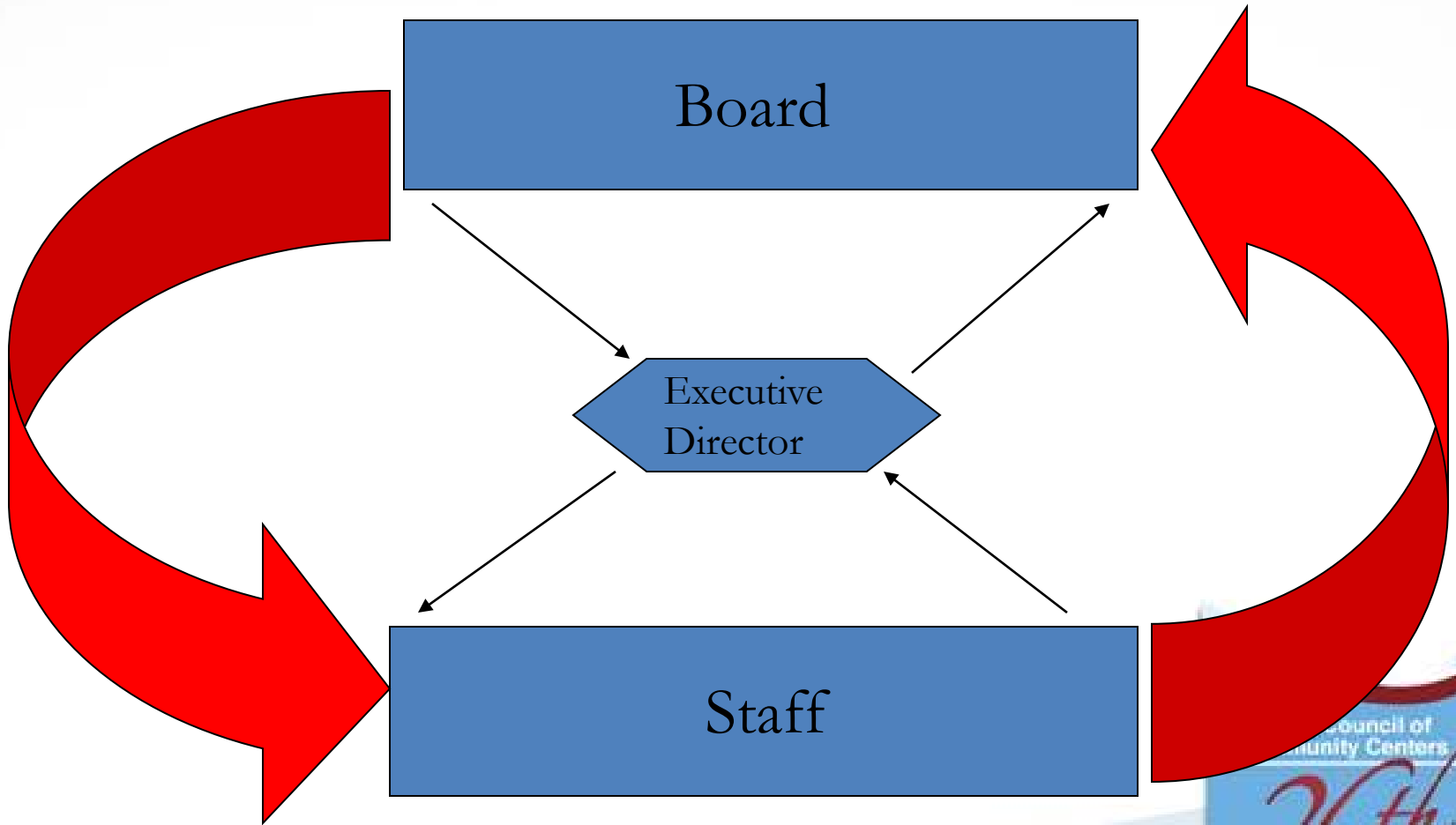
- (a) The executive director shall employ and train personnel to administer programs and services;
- (b) The board shall provide employees appropriate rights, privileges and benefits;
- (c) The board may provide worker's compensation benefits;
- (d) The board shall prescribe the number of employees and salaries using a market analysis, internal salary study or
- (e) state position classification plan and the General Appropriations Act;
- (f) during management audit the department is entitled to confirm the method used to determine salaries and benefits.



Hour Glass Model



The RED Zone



Board of Trustees

Fiduciary Responsibility

In law, a person who is obliged to discharge faithfully a responsibility of trust toward another.

One that stands in a special relation of trust, confidence, or responsibility in certain obligations to others.



Fiduciary Responsibility

Basic Obligations

- Attend all meetings
- Prepare for meetings
- Be attentive and actively participate
- Ensure information is available for informed decisions
- Examine information thoroughly
- Request more information if needed
- Do not passively await signs of problems or “red flags”



Fiduciary Responsibility

Business Judgment Rule

- In retrospect, decisions made may be judged right or wrong. The fiduciary obligation requires that decisions are arrived at in an appropriate way—not that decisions are always “right”.



Board of Trustees

Fiscal Oversight (Common Challenges)

- Reliance on information from management;
- Lack of expert knowledge about fiscal matters;
- Discomfort asking hard questions;

Sound board policy on fiscal matters and role of independent auditor are key to overcoming the challenges!



Fiduciary Responsibility

Operating Reserve Ratio:

Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance of the Total Governmental Funds
Average Daily Expenditures

Operating Reserve Ratio (NorthSTAR Centers):

Unrestricted Net Assets
Average Daily Expenditures



Fiduciary Responsibility

Operating Reserve Ratio (All Centers):

Days	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Average	76.53	84.29	81.23
Range	8.78 – 188.33	(5.36) – 194.62	(16.52) – 200.01
Median	79.10	80.95	85.57



Fiduciary Responsibility



Fund Balance Change	Positive	Negative
FY 2008	16 Centers	23 Centers
FY 2009	26 Centers	13 Centers
FY 2010	23 Centers	16 Centers



“Appointed by locally-elected officials, these governing boards are composed of local citizens who are in the best position to understand the special needs of their community.”

Sunset Advisory Commission Report, 1998



System Snapshot

System Snapshot

FY 2010

People Served	510,198
Purchase of Services	\$145,997,874
Total Employees	more than 16,000
Total Revenue	\$1,162,784,771



General Legislative Considerations:

Texas Council Principles

- Strong Communities
- Local Control
- Public Accountability
- Proven Performance
- Personal Independence



General Legislative Considerations: Adherence to the Principles

Promote legislative direction that adheres to established principles and stop legislative direction that violates established principles.



Legislative Protocol (aka, Rules of Engagement)

Texas Council Board Notification Policy (January, 21, 2006)

In the event a member center does not support all or part of the Texas Council Legislative Agenda, the Center's board delegate will advise the Texas Council CEO of the Center's action as soon as possible.

In the event a member Center intends to advocate or support a position inconsistent with the Texas Council Legislative Agenda the Center's board delegate will advise the Texas Council CEO prior to taking such action. Examples may include legislative, executive or regulatory advocacy; publication of resolutions; press releases or position papers; participation in litigations, etc.



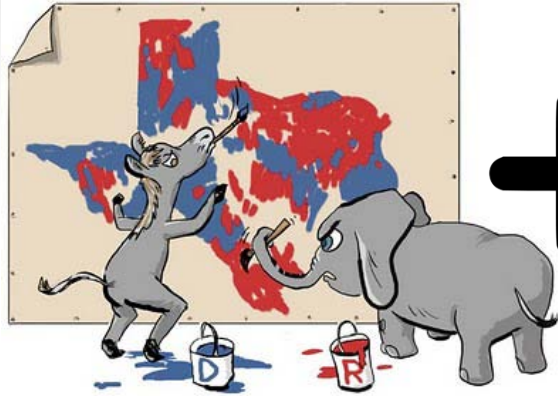
Texas Council
82nd Session Legislative Priorities

Legislative Retreat
Texas Council Board of Directors &
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82nd Session Legislative Priority:

Promote & Protect!

Maintain Current Service Capacity



82nd Legislative Session:

General Platform Considerations

- Health Care Reform
 - Medicaid Expansion in 2014
 - Medicaid Managed Care Expansion
 - Mental Health Parity
 - Accountable Care Organizations
 - ‘Medical’ Homes
 - Workforce (capacity, scope of practice, etc.)



What do we need to succeed?

- Organized and effective grassroots
- Presence in the Media
- Legislative Champions



Media Outreach



Commentary

Capel: A wise investment for taxpayers and vulnerable Texans

Austin American-Statesman

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OpEd

Miller: Honoring Veterans



Commentary

Veterans need mental health help

- Over 100 articles in major state daily newspapers
- Dozens of TV news stories



Key Partnerships



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Advocacy Works!

- **Civil Rights Movement for people with mental retardation starts earlier**
 - ARC (1950s)
 - Medicaid funded services emerge
 - Class action lawsuits
- **Legislative support slow to develop for people with mental illness & substance additions**
 - Primary lobbying forces: citizen groups, unions and mental health professionals
 - NAMI (1980s)



MH Appropriations

Status of Appropriations - DSHS	Base Funding FY10/11	Introduced HB1 & SB1 FY12/13	Conference Committee Adopted Appropriation FY 2012	Conference Committee Adopted Appropriation FY 2013	Conference Committee Adopted Appropriation FY 12/13	Percent Difference to Base FY 10/11
Community MH - Adults (Strategy B.2.1)	\$ 578,919,568	\$ 462,885,012	\$ 270,615,444	\$ 282,513,627	\$ 553,129,071 [1]	-4%
Community MH - Children (Strategy B.2.2)	\$ 132,932,210	\$ 107,593,466	\$ 75,537,904	\$ 77,928,014	\$ 153,465,918	15%
MH Crisis & Transitional Services (Strategy B.2.3)	\$ 164,953,850	\$ 155,868,614	\$ 82,494,196	\$ 82,459,654	\$ 164,953,850	0%
NorthSTAR (Strategy B.2.4)	\$ 201,509,432	\$ 181,415,141	\$ 107,538,940	\$ 117,686,025	\$ 225,224,965	14%
Substance Use Disorder (Strategy B.2.5)	\$ 306,882,698	\$ 283,285,699	\$ 141,642,850	\$ 141,642,849	\$ 283,285,699	-8%
MH State Hospitals (Strategy C.1.3)	\$ 778,908,956	\$ 746,784,327	\$ 394,061,469	\$ 389,339,514	\$ 783,400,983	1%
Community MH Hospitals (Strategy C.2.1)	\$ 60,236,154 [2]	\$ 58,478,192	\$ 53,703,096	\$ 53,703,096	\$ 107,406,192 [3]	78%
Total	\$ 2,224,342,868	\$ 1,996,310,451	\$ 1,125,593,899	\$ 1,145,272,779	\$ 2,224,083,786	

[1] Maintains current funding level and includes \$5M (GR) for veterans mental health & \$433,106 (GR) for Hospitality House. Difference reflects reduction of one-time ARRA and stimulus FMAP.

[2] Included six (6) months funding for Montgomery County forensic facility.

[3] Fully funds Sunrise Canyon, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, HCPC, Montgomery forensic hospital in Strategy C.2.1. Adds \$9.9M to increase Harris County forensic capacity.

Status of Appropriations - TCOOMMI	Base Funding FY10/11	Introduced HB1 FY12/13	House & Senate Adopted Appropriation FY 12/13	Percent Difference to Base FY 10/11
Special Needs Offenders - TCOOMMI (Strategy B.1.1)	\$ 40,877,198	\$ 22,459,890	\$ 37,859,890	-7%

IDD Appropriations

Status of Appropriations - DADS & DARS	Base Funding FY10/11	Introduced & SB1	HB1 FY12/13	Conference Committee Adopted		Conference Committee Adopted		Conference Committee Adopted		Percent Difference to Base FY 10/11
				Appropriation FY 2012	Appropriation FY 2013	Appropriation FY 12/13	Appropriation FY 12/13	Appropriation FY 12/13		
Intake, Access and Eligibility (Strategy A.1.1)	\$ 363,837,132	\$	389,678,588	\$ 184,877,580	\$ 176,496,261	\$	361,373,841	\$	0.7%	
HCS (Strategy A.3.2)	\$ 1,552,778,820	\$	1,100,912,466	\$ 792,081,944	\$ 813,101,215	\$	1,605,183,159 [1]	\$	3%	
Texas Home Living (Strategy A.3.7)	\$ 12,813,641	\$	7,432,596	\$ 44,911,397	\$ 44,788,688	\$	89,700,085 [2]	\$	600%	
MR Community Services (Strategy A.4.2)	\$ 204,288,960	\$	102,228,334	\$ 75,000,000	\$ 75,000,000	\$	150,000,000 [3]	\$	-27%	
MR In-Home Services (Strategy A.4.5)	\$ 11,443,480	\$	5,721,740	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-100%	
ICFMR (Strategy A.7.1)	\$ 653,466,927	\$	433,534,061	\$ 293,123,363	\$ 85,946,848	\$	379,070,211 [4]	\$	-43%	
SSLC (Strategy A.8.1)	\$ 1,288,257,844	\$	1,076,024,191	\$ 648,574,310	\$ 638,552,815	\$	1,287,127,125	\$	-0.1%	
DARS ECI Services (Strategy A.1.1.)	\$ 373,933,535	\$	302,919,002	\$ 161,087,946	\$ 161,087,946	\$	322,175,892	\$	-14%	

[1] Assumes a 1% HCS rate reduction (on top of 2% already incurred) and targeted rate reductions to Foster Care and Supported Home Living.

[2,3] Assumes refinancing up to 5,000 people to Texas Home Living waiver.

[4] Assumes a 2% rate reduction (on top of 3% already incurred). See Special Provision 57 regarding the additional reduction in this strategy.

IDD Safety Net

Summary Strategies: Refinance Safety Net & Texas Home Living	Base Funding FY10/11	Conference Committee Adopted Appropriation FY 12/13
Texas Home Living (Strategy A.3.7)	\$ 12,813,641	\$ 89,700,085 [1]
MR Community Services (Strategy A.4.2)	\$ 204,288,960	\$ 150,000,000 [2]
MR In-Home Services (Strategy A.4.5)	\$ 11,443,480	\$ -
Total:	\$ 228,546,081	\$ 239,700,085

[1,2] Assumes refinancing up to 5,000 people to Texas Home Living waiver.



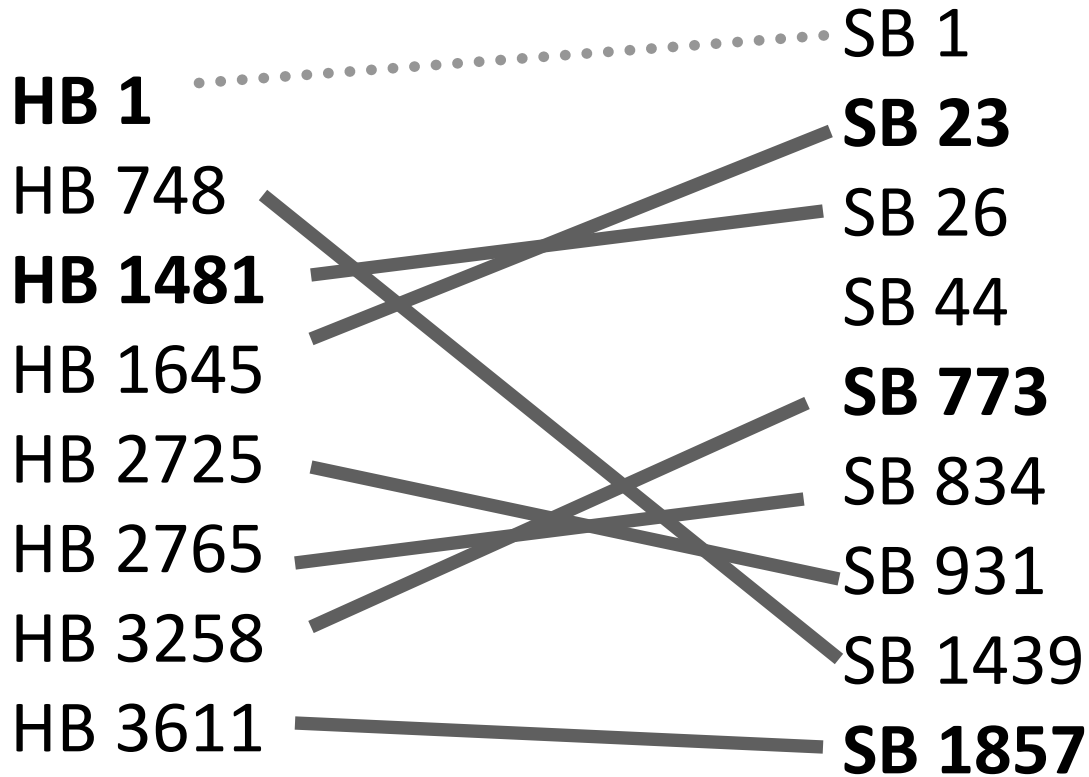
Legislative Overview

Bill Stats	79 th R	80 th R	81 st R	82 nd R
Introduced	5484	6190	7419	5796
Passed	1389	1481	1459	1379
Vetoed	19	51	35	1





Select Bills



What can you do?

- **Educate** your community that people with mental health and substance use disorders are treatable public health problems that affect everyone.
- **Educate** your community that people with intellectual disabilities can and do live successfully in the community with varying levels of support.
- Share the **strides** made and the **challenges** we face— particularly the gap between need and available resources.
- Encourage people to tell their own success stories.
- Build & Nurture community **champions** who will support the effort.



Build relationships with lawmakers...

- ➔ Be informed.
- ➔ Meet state legislators and congressional representatives in the District Office or their Capitol office
- ➔ Get to know staff
- ➔ Help them—contribute to campaign, attend a fundraiser, put up yard signs, block walk, etc.
- ➔ Maintain contact



Public Policy Focus Highlights

- **Healthcare Reform & Parity Regulations**
- **Federally Qualified Behavioral Health Centers**
- **MH/SA Block Grants**
- **Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration**
- **Health Information Technology (HIT)**
- **Veterans Mental Health Care**

