Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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DADS Vision and Mission

• Vision
  ➢ Older Texans and persons with disabilities will be supported by a comprehensive and cost-effective service delivery system that promotes and enhances individual well-being, dignity, and choice.

• Mission
  ➢ To provide a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports, and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities.
Demographics

• Texas has the third-largest population of older adults (60+) in the U.S.
  ➢ The older population is expected to increase 67% between 2015 and 2030; age 70-79 to increase 104%; age 85+ to increase 71% by 2030.
  ➢ By 2030, older adults will comprise almost 21% of the Texas population; they were less than 15% in 2010.
  ➢ With an increase in the aging population comes a corresponding increase in the number of people with disabilities and chronic health conditions, impacting our health and human services system.

• Texas has the second largest population of people with disabilities, with an estimated 3 million individuals living in the community with one or more disabilities.
  ➢ Among adults 18-64, 10% have a disability; among adults 65+, 41% have a disability.
  ➢ Approximately 138,000 individuals have a significant intellectual disability; these individuals are potentially eligible for DADS services.
Overview of Services and Programs

• The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) provides and regulates long-term services and supports for a wide range of individuals:
  - Individuals with a physical disability
  - Individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD)
  - Individuals age 60 and older, their family members and other caregivers, all of whom are eligible for services under the Older Americans Act

• Long-term services and supports meet an individual’s health or personal care needs over an extended period of time and may include:
  - Assistance with bathing, toileting, dressing, eating
  - Meal preparation
  - Relief for caregivers
  - Home modifications and repairs
  - Transportation
  - Adaptive aids
  - Nutrition services such as home-delivered meals or meals at senior centers
  - Services at licensed facilities
DADS is organized into three main functional areas:

- **Regulatory Services**
  - Licensing
  - Survey
  - Enforcement

- **Access and Intake**
  - Area Agencies on Aging
  - Local Authorities
  - Community Services and Program Operations
  - Guardianship Services
  - Community Services Contracts
  - Strategic Operations and Grants
  - Utilization Management and Review

- **State Supported Living Centers**
  - Facilities and programs for individuals with IDD
DADS regulates the following long-term services and supports providers*:
- Nursing Facilities – 1,224 (licensure and certification)
- Intermediate Care Facilities – 863 (licensure and certification)
- Assisted Living Facilities – 1,771 (licensure)
- Adult Day Care Facilities – 478 (licensure)
- Home and Community Support Services Agencies – 6,352 (licensure and certification)
- Home and Community-based Services waiver providers – 767
- Texas Home Living waiver providers – 374

In addition to regulating providers, DADS administers licensing, certification, and permit services for employability as:
- Nursing facility administrators – 2,057
- Nurse aides – 127,709 active on the Nurse Aide Registry
- Medication aides – 9,977

Regulatory processes include:
- Certification
- Licensing
- Inspection/Survey
- Enforcement
- Appeals

*As reported in the FY2014 Annual Report
Access to Long-Term Services and Supports

• Individuals can obtain long-term services and supports through a variety of local access and entry points.
  ➢ Area agencies on aging (AAAs)
    • Help for individuals who are older, their family members and other caregivers by:
      – providing information, benefits counseling, and assistance in accessing community services
  ➢ Local IDD authorities
    • Help for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities by:
      – providing eligibility determinations and assistance in accessing appropriate services and supports
  ➢ DADS community services’ regional offices
    • Help for individuals who are older and those with physical disabilities by:
      – determining eligibility for programs that provide alternatives to institutional placement and assistance with accessing appropriate services
  ➢ DADS aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs)
    • Help for individuals who are older or who have a physical disability and family caregivers by:
      – Serving as integrated points of entry into the long-term services system
      – Pre-screening individuals to determine long-term needs and providing information and referral to public benefits and long-term services
DADS Guardianship Services

- DADS is directed to provide guardianship services to individuals who are:
  - Referred by Adult Protective Services and determined by a court to lack capacity
  - Aging out of Child Protective Services conservatorship and are incapable of managing their own affairs as determined by a court with probate authority
  - Referred by a court with probate authority in certain circumstances

- Services include managing the ward’s:
  - living arrangements
  - estates
  - medical treatment
  - funeral arrangements
  - disposal of property

- Services are provided directly by DADS staff or through contracts with local guardianship programs.

- DADS must limit its guardianship services to individuals who can fund their own needs.
State Supported Living Centers

• DADS operates the state supported living centers (SSLCs), which are certified as providers of Medicaid-funded services in the ICF/IID program.

• SSLCs provide residential services and supports for persons with intellectual disabilities at 13 locations:
  
  ➢ Abilene
  ➢ Austin
  ➢ Brenham
  ➢ Corpus Christi
  ➢ Denton
  ➢ El Paso
  ➢ Lubbock

  ➢ Lufkin
  ➢ Mexia
  ➢ Richmond
  ➢ Rio Grande*
  ➢ San Angelo
  ➢ San Antonio

*Note: The Rio Grande State Center is operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and provides ICF/IID Services through a contract with DADS.
State Supported Living Centers

• State supported living centers provide:
  ➢ 24-hour residential services
  ➢ Comprehensive behavioral treatment services
  ➢ Comprehensive health care services, including:
    • physician services
    • nursing services
    • dental services
  ➢ Other services include:
    • skills training
    • occupational, physical and speech therapies
    • vocational programs
    • services to maintain connections between residents, their families, and natural support systems
Policy Priorities

• Ensuring consistent, fair regulatory actions to protect our most vulnerable Texans.

• Continuing to improve the quality of services and supports offered at SSLCs.

• Improving the capacity to serve individuals with complex medical and behavioral needs in the community.