Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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Evidence-Based Interventions

• Offered by area agencies on aging (AAAs) and aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs)

• Reduce the negative impacts of chronic disease

• DADS oversees three programs:
  ➢ Chronic disease self-management program
  ➢ Diabetes self-management program
  ➢ Care transitions intervention
Expanding Evidence-Based Interventions

- **Opportunities for improved collaboration:**
  - Partner with managed care organizations, Medicaid and Medicare providers
  - Educate hospitals, physicians and first responders
  - Statewide promotional campaign

- **Promoting and expanding evidence-based interventions:**
  - Pursue national, state and local grant funding
  - Training and certification
  - Brochures and outreach materials
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

- Comprehensive community-based program providing services to individuals:
  - Age 55+ who qualify for nursing facility admission and Medicaid;
  - Who live in a PACE service area; and
  - Who are able to safely live in the community at the time of enrollment.

- Receive services in a day activity and health services facility

- All needed medical services within a capitated monthly fee
  - Below the cost of comparable nursing facility care
  - Includes both Medicaid and Medicare services
PACE History

• 2001 – Senate Bill 908, 77th Legislature, Regular Session
  ➢ Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) required to develop and implement PACE statewide
  ➢ Required DADS to adopt rules to implement the program

• 2002 – Bienvivir All-Inclusive Senior Health (El Paso)

• 2004 – The Basics at Jan Werner (Amarillo)

• 2010 – Silver Star Health Network (Lubbock)

• 2015 – Senate Bill 3823, 84th Legislature, Regular Session
  ➢ Requires HHSC to modify data collection methods related to PACE reimbursement rates
  ➢ Evaluate and report on outcomes in PACE v. Medicaid managed care
PACE Expansion in Texas

• 2013-14 General Appropriations Act allowed for expansion of up to three additional PACE sites and provided funding for additional sites and participants.

• September 2014 – through Request for Proposal (RFP) process, DADS identified three potential awardees for PACE expansion sites.

• November 12, 2015 – Tentative awardees notified DADS that they would not submit PACE application
Behavioral Health and Aging Workgroup

• Joint initiative between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and DADS

• Established in 2012 to increase awareness of behavioral health issues and enhance collaboration between agencies

• Outcomes and planned activities:
  ➢ Increased Training
    • Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training
    • SafeTALK Training
    • 2015 behavioral health training held at benefits counselors training
    • Planned 2016 training on behavioral health and aging
  ➢ Medication screening event for older individuals
  ➢ National Suicide Prevention outreach materials
  ➢ Behavioral health preparedness survey of service providers
Age Well Live Well Campaign

• Launched in 2011

• Focuses on:
  ➢ Improving physical and social health of older adults, people with disabilities, their families and the community
  ➢ Providing opportunities to stay socially connected and volunteer
  ➢ Creating awareness of aging issues and resources offered through Age Well Live Well partners

• Includes community partnerships and collaboration with other agencies
Age Well Live Well: Community Collaboration

• Encouraging local organizations to develop community partnerships focused on aging well

• Partners include local governments, corporations and academic, faith-based, nonprofit and medical groups

• Age Well Live Well partnerships:
  ➢ Assess community needs
  ➢ Highlight local resources and services
  ➢ Share resources among partners
  ➢ Develop programming
Age Well Live Well: Agency Collaboration

- DSHS Healthy Texas Communities:
  - Highlight communities with health-based interventions
  - Provide technical assistance to communities wanting to improve their environments

- DADS and DSHS working to unite Age Well Live Well partnerships with Healthy Texas Communities to:
  - Access broader audiences
  - Share limited resources
  - Amplify common messages

- Example: Abilene Healthy Texas Communities
  - Joined Age Well Live Well partnership to create a culture of health and wellness by:
    - Increasing awareness of the benefits of routine exercise
    - Increasing local media coverage of aging issues
    - Creating and supporting opportunities for active living
    - Promoting equitable access to resources that support active lifestyles
Age Well Live Well: Next Steps

• Interest in Age Well Live Well continues to grow

• DADS planning includes:
  ➢ Raising further awareness of this initiative
  ➢ Increasing the number of community partnerships

• Local partnerships share common needs:
  ➢ Staff support for administrative functions
  ➢ Marketing resources
  ➢ Funding support through grant opportunities
  ➢ Promotion from local leadership

• Cross-agency collaboration:
  ➢ Continued coordination with DSHS
  ➢ Exploring opportunities afforded by HHS Transformation