



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
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To: Executive Directors, Local Mental Health Authorities/Local Behavioral Health Authorities
Chief Executive Officer, ValueOptions Incorporated
Executive Director, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

From: Trina Ita, Director 
Medical and Social Services Division, Behavioral Health Services Section

Re: Request for Participation on the Information Item V, Crisis Services Standards, External Stakeholder Workgroup

Purpose:

On September 1, 2016, the Texas Department of State Health Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, transitioned to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Medical and Social Services Division, the Behavioral Health Services Section. On behalf of HHSC, the Behavioral Health Services Section, the Crisis Services and Client Rights Unit, requests your representation to serve on the Information Item V, Crisis Services Standards Workgroup.

Information Item V, Crisis Services Standards, is an attachment to the Performance Contract for Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) and outlines standards for crisis services such as Crisis Hotlines and Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOTs). The purpose of the workgroup is to obtain feedback on the proposed revisions to Information Item V, specifically, crisis hotline and MCOT sections.

The initial Information Item V, Crisis Services Standards, External Stakeholder Workgroup is scheduled to convene on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Should we need additional time to discuss, we have also identified two tentative dates on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attendees will

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receive notification at the October meeting if we will proceed with the November and December meeting(s).

The meeting(s) will be located at:
909 West 45th Street
Building 552, Conference Room 125
Austin, TX 78751

Conference call access will also be available at:
1-877-820-7831, passcode 358422, press #

Contact:

Please confirm your attendance, or a representative, to the October 19th meeting by Monday, October 10, 2016. Please send all confirmations and questions to Britney Williams at britney.williams@hhsc.state.tx.us with a cc to Melissa Garcia at Melissa.garcia@hhsc.state.tx.us.