

# Consumer Family Advisory Council (CFAC) Minutes

## Meeting

- The CFAC met on June 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Green Oaks conference room in the Three Forest Plaza building at 12221 Merit Drive, Suite 400, Dallas, TX. Green Oaks Hospital provided dinner and the meeting was co-chaired by Mary Ann Niles and Jeanine Hayes.

## Business

- Janie Metzinger, Public Policy Director of Mental Health America of Greater Dallas, gave a legislative update.
- Handouts included:
  - 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature – Interim Committee Charges of the Texas House of Representatives regarding topics involving behavioral health
  - Contact info for members of the House Select Committee on Mental Health
- Discussion topics included:
  - State hospital buildings and operations budget
  - Recidivism study, alternatives to incarceration, administrative segregation
  - Boarding homes (local versus state enforcement)
  - Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) – quality initiatives, formularies, functions, evaluation of healthcare integration
  - Emergency planning for natural disasters to care for those with behavioral health disorders
  - Underage access to powdered alcohol
  - Protection of students from inappropriate teacher-student relationships, effects of early trauma
  - Telemedicine, shortage of psychiatrists throughout the state
  - Training of law enforcement and prison and jail staff regarding mental health crisis and confrontation
  - The eight (8) points under review by the House Select Committee on Mental Health; lack of consumers, family members or advocacy groups such as NAMI and MHA invited to speak; open hearing opportunity for all to participate
  - How to contact state legislators

Action: Ms. Metzinger will provide information regarding the Texas Legislature Online website – how to view live hearings, archived hearings, and other points of interest. NTBHA will email this information to the CFAC distribution list.

## Next Meeting

- CFAC does not meeting in July. The next meeting will be held August 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.