

**Psychiatrists Leadership and Advocacy Group (PLAG)
Minutes from 8/5/15 Meeting**

Members Present – Dallas Metrocare, Lakes Regional MHMR, VA

Review of Draft Local Plan for Indigent Behavioral Health Services

- NTBHA has submitted a draft of the local plan document for Dallas, Ellis, Navarro, Rockwall, Hunt, and Kaufman Counties to HHSC/DSHS for comment and feedback in advance of the October 1, 2015 final plan submission due date.
- PLAG members reviewed the draft document and provided feedback and suggestions related to ongoing transitional planning.
- PLAG members suggested that transition planning efforts include attention to the following issues:
 - Development of plan for waitlist management and processes in the event that a waitlist is necessary.
 - The rising cost of salaries for Psychiatrists and Nurse Practitioners. The PLAG noted that the implementation of DSRIP projects across the state has been one driver of a more competitive market.
 - Change to DSM-V and ICD-10
 - Processes for standardized system-wide electronic communication and information sharing to improve continuity of care.
 - Release of information and coordination between providers and jail systems
 - Pharmacy Benefits
- A primary focus of PLAG will be to remain informed and provide input as the transition planning process moves forward.
- NTBHA will include Dr. Hunter and Dr. Bennett as PLAG representatives for the NTBHA transition planning workgroup.