

**Psychiatrists Leadership and Advocacy Group (PLAG)
Minutes from 3/4/15 Meeting**

Members Present – Dallas Metrocare, Child and Family Guidance Center, VA

The VO Medical Director was also in attendance.

Preliminary Local Plan for Indigent Behavioral Health Services

- NTBHA has submitted the Preliminary Plan for Dallas, Ellis, Navarro, Rockwall, Hunt, and Kaufman Counties to HHSC/DSHS.
- A primary focus of PLAG for 2015 will be to remain informed and provide input as the planning process moves forward.
- Discussed PLAG's potential role in the planning process including serving as a clinical voice, identifying priorities, and identifying what is working well in the current system.
- Discussed the possibility of Medicaid expansion in Texas and the many benefits to patients if expansion occurs.

VA Updates

- Discussed legislative issues.
- Discussed areas of success and best practices within the VA.

PLAG Membership

- Discussed strategies for broadening PLAG membership.
- PLAG is interested in holding meetings in different locations in order to expand participation and learn more about what is going on around the community.