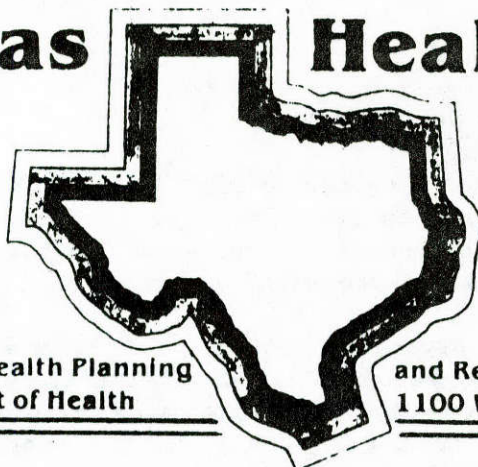


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## SHCC MEMBERS ENJOY PANHANDLE HOSPITALITY

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC), restructured for the second time since its inception in 1976, held its regular meeting on November 8, 1985 in Amarillo, addressing issues ranging from health care cost containment to hospital data and indigent care.

The SHCC, consisting now of 22 members as a result of legislation passed by the 69th Texas Legislature, was called to order by the chair, Doctor Marion R. Zetzman of Dallas. Presentations and those making them before the planning body included the national debate on health care conference, Ray Westerfield of the Texas Department of Human Services; health care cost containment, Doctor Jim Bob Brame, Texas Medical Association; Texas Department of Health-Texas Hospital Association data cooperation, Doctor Karl Shaner, Texas Hospital Association; and update on health issues, DeAnn Friedholm of the Governor's Office and Camille Miller of the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Other topics heard and their presentors included hospital data and indigent care, Bryan Sperry, Texas Department of Human Services; and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) guidance, Don Kretsinger, State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) staff.

Reports were heard from SHCC committees, including those on bylaws, health legislation and program funding review, data management and health information systems, regional health planning coordination, health cost containment, and plan development.

During the two-day session, the SHCC toured such panhandle health care facilities as Northwest Texas Hospital, St. Anthony's Hospital and Hospice, High Plains Baptist Hospital, the Amarillo Speech, Hearing and Language Center and the Harrington Cancer Center.

## FORD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF PRIZE MONEY

The Ford Foundation plans to give \$2.25 million in prize money to 30 state or city government agencies that have devised innovative programs to improve job training, curb health care costs, attract new businesses to declining neighborhoods, or meet other pressing social needs. The prizes would bring to the agencies financial support and national recognition, which in turn might encourage replication of successful approaches.

As examples of the kinds of programs they had an interest in supporting, Ford officials identified such programs as: a project in San Antonio to prepare an inventory of suitable housing for the handicapped; a Baltimore program to sell abandoned storefronts at nominal costs for rehabilitation; and California's state reforestation project, which gives saplings to rural land owners and pays them a small hourly wage to plant them.

Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government is administering the contest and will compile a booklet on the award-winning projects. A committee headed by former Governor William G. Milliken of Michigan will oversee the awards and select the winners.

The prizes range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and 10 awards are to be made annually for three years. The deadline for applications for the first group of awards is January 15. Winners will be announced next September.

Interested parties are encouraged to write for further information to:

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TDHS SETS PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) will be holding public hearings during the month of December to hear from citizens what services and programs should be offered in the future. These hearings will help TDHS determine budget priorities for its appropriations request for fiscal year 1987-1988.

The Texas Planning Council is urging persons to attend and give input on services needed for people with developmental disabilities and to provide information about these meetings to other persons with disabilities, their families, advocates, and providers in their area. Public testimony resulted in a \$2.2 million appropriations request for attendant care services by TDHS that was approved by the Texas Legislature last year.

Dates, locations and times of the hearings include the following:

December 2, 1985-- Amarillo --Continental Room, First National Bank, 8th and Taylor Streets, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

December 3, 1985-- Lubbock --Auditorium, Garden Arts Center, 4215 University Avenue, 9 a.m. to noon.

December 3, 1985-- Midland --Conference Room, DHS Office, 2301 North Big Spring, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 4, 1985-- El Paso --City Council Chamber, 2 Civic Center Boulevard, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

December 5, 1985-- Abilene --Training Room A, DHS Office, 4380 Spindletop Drive, 9 a.m. to noon.

December 5, 1985-- Arlington --City Council Chamber, 101 West Abrams, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 6, 1985-- Marshall --Bluebonnet Room, Marshall Civic Center, 2501 East End Boulevard South, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

December 9, 1985-- Austin --Public Hearing Room, DHS Office, Winters Center, 701 West 51st Street, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 10, 1985-- Harlingen --Town Hall Meeting Room, 118 East Tyler, 9 a.m. to noon.

December 10, 1985-- San Antonio --Auditorium, Institute of Texas Cultures, 801 South Bowie, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 11, 1985-- Beaumont --Staff Development Center, DHS Office, 2945 Gilbert Street, 9 a.m. to noon.

December 11, 1985-- Houston --West End Multi-Service Center, 170 Heights Boulevard, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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