

Minutes of SHAC/Ounce of Prevention DLSISD, Pewitt, Hughes Springs, and Chapel Hill ISD

2-14-23

Link to recording of the meeting:

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Attendance: 16 Agencies, 8 school-28 total attended

The meeting was called to order by Martha Baker.

**Partner's Resource Network (PRN)** is the Parent Training Information Center for Texas, and is funded by the Department of Ed. For Special Education to provide free resources and training of children with disabilities and self-advocates. Linda Westrick, outreach coordinator, talked about their services. Her contact information is [outreachcoordinatorprn@gmail.com](mailto:outreachcoordinatorprn@gmail.com) 972.561.0492. Patricia Reedy works with schools in Reg. 8 ESC- [region8prn@gmail.com](mailto:region8prn@gmail.com).

PRN works with youth with disabilities 0-26 and youth self-advocates 14-26. (see **PRN PACT Presentation and pamphlet attached**).

**Disability Rights Texas**-Kerri Carr, Outreach Mgr- [kcarr@drtx.org](mailto:kcarr@drtx.org).- 512-407-2752  
Disability Rights Texas is the protection and advocacy organization for People with Disabilities in Texas. website is [drtx.org](http://drtx.org)

**Workforce Solutions- Whitney Yarber- Student HireAbility Navigator-**  
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The Student HireAbility Navigator program is a statewide strategy that focuses exclusively to improve and increase services to students with disabilities who are in the early phases of preparing for transition to post- secondary education and employment. (See Student HireAbility ppt)

My name is Whitney Yarber and I am the Student HireAbility Navigator for Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas. In my position, I work with high schools, employers, and community partners in 9 counties to raise awareness of resources and activities available to students with disabilities.

Within my scope of work, I also help to increase community coordination and provide information, training, and technical assistance, along with engaging employers to increase understanding and develop work-based learning opportunities. I work in conjunction with Texas Workforce Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TW-VRS) helping students with disabilities prepare for the transition from school to adult life, employment, and independence.

For students, the pre-employment transition begins long before crossing the stage in their cap and gown. The Pre-Employment Transition Services that we offer are designed as an early start to job exploration, and to assist students in making the transition from secondary to post-secondary education, training and/or competitive integrated employment. In collaboration with local education agencies and qualified community partners, Texas Workforce Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TW-VRS) will provide, or

arrange for, the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services for students with disabilities who are in need of such services and who meet eligibility criteria.

**Wellness Pointe Mt. Pleasant-** Melissa Mason Melissa Mason, MBA, CPC, CPPM, [melissa.mason@wellnesspointe.org](mailto:melissa.mason@wellnesspointe.org) 903-572-4095 represents- Northeast Texas Women's Health at 2015 Mulberry Ave. Suite 250 Mt. Pleasant, Tx 75455- 903-572-4664. Hours: M-W 8-5, Th 8-6, and Fri. 8-12. 'Provides services in women's health.

Rural Health clinic- 1901 Mulberry, Ave. 903-434-8052-Hours: M-W and F 8-5 Th 10-7 PM.

Their services include:

Management of diabetes

Management of asthma

Management of high blood pressure

Vaccines and Flu shots

Annual checkups

Ages 5 and up

**Other services include:**

- . Optometry
- . Behavioral Health
- . Family Dentistry
- . Functional Medicine

Information on applying for financial assistance is listed on the power point attached. (Wellness Pointe)

### **Announcement:**

**Community Services of NET, INC-** Serves Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Rains, Red River, and Titus Counties. Assists with housing & utilities. They also provide case management, head start, and they are a Community Action Partnership. Applications for utility assistance are placed on a waiting list to be processed in the order they are received. New Water grant for 12 counties, but they have to be in danger of being cut off. TBRA (Rental Assistance) does not have funds at this time. [www.csntexas.org](http://www.csntexas.org) Housing and Utilities, Head Start/ PreK, Veteran's Support Payee Program

**New Life Family Director-** Eula Turner, Director- Stated they offer parenting, anger management, and life skills. Thursday from 6-8 PM- 909 Linda Drive Daingerfield, TX- Director- Eula Turner at 940-634-1952 CPS referrals are accepted. Availability to become a trainer.

Glen Oaks-Jennifer Hubner-469-223-6795 or Hospital 903-454-6000- New Outpatient program that meets 3 x a week from 2-5 PM

3-2-23- MCC Resource Committee meeting at 2 PM at MCC Building or by zoom (Invitation will be sent to agencies to discuss participation.)

Next meeting 3-14-23 Wellness and Diabetes Awareness- Christina Graham RDE (TRMC) and Agri-Life Lou Ann Rollins 12 Noon.

Adjourned, Martha Baker, BSN, MS, RN