

**FINAL Reinvestment Report Card
Second Quarter 2014 (April - June)
Year Five Significant Activities**

Item #	Activity	Progress to Date
1	Work cooperatively with the academic community to produce research on social work and social worker effectiveness	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Deans & Directors in September on research and policy development • Presentation to UT Austin graduate policy class • Provided guidance to Abilene Christian regarding potential research projects <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration between Larry Watson and Charlotte Cooper in authoring study and submission of article related to the value of the Clinical Reimbursement Project • Preparation and distribution of updated survey on social worker participation in health plans (survey period ends 3.28.14) <p>Q2, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided legislative agenda information to UT School of Social Work government relations staff
2	Pursue policy and rule changes for Medicaid reimbursement for social workers	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched HHSC data regarding social worker participation in Medicaid • Testimony regarding rates to HHSC Public Hearing on Medicaid assessment fees • Met with attorney regarding options for LCSWs • Work with national office regarding Medicare rates • Gave presentation at NASW/TX conference on social worker Medicaid participation • Met with Texas Counseling Association to develop a coordinated strategy for increasing rates <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked to find “sponsor” for requesting an Attorney General’s opinion on rules related to rates • Responded to HHSC and DSHS rule-makers regarding social work perspective • Revised Medicaid Provider Survey (for social workers) for use in spring of 2014 <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional visits to health plans and HHSC/Medicaid leadership regarding low rates • Held meetings with legislative staff in seeking a sponsor for requesting an Attorney General Opinion regarding pay equity for LCSWs • Prepared response to DSHS study on Mental Health Workforce Shortage <p>Q2, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted Rep. Raymond by getting bipartisan support for his AG opinion request on rates • Prepared testimony and testified at Sunset Commission hearing on DFPS

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Dept. of Insurance Commissioner and staff regarding AG opinion request
3	<p>Plan for the 2015 NASW/TX Legislative Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue legislation for social worker loan repayment program, establishment of a social work profession resource center, higher rates, higher compensation, School social worker placement in TEC, liability protection Intensify lobbying for 2015 agenda at local and state level; solicit partners to assist Advocate for “equal footing” for social workers in service provision Work with Texas Political Action for Candidate Election (TPACE) Committee to elect and support public officials who support social values and issues 	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrote justification for school social work definition in the Texas Education Code for Interim Charge Participated in legislative planning with various coalitions: My Medicaid Matters, Texas Forward, Child Protection Roundtable, Cover Texas Now, Medicaid/CHIP Coalition, Mental Health Strategic Group, Juvenile Justice Roundtable. Presented NASW/TX Conference closing plenary as a report on the results of the 83rd legislative session Presented to Capital Area Branch on legislative session and advocacy Worked with “issue champions” on strategy for liability protection and school social workers <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with David White of the Texas Psychological Association regarding legislative agenda and future cooperative activities Developed discussion draft of 2014 Legislative Agenda for Board Prepared justification for school mental health services (specifically school social work) to be considered for an Interim Legislative Study) Arranged for TPACE sponsorship and attendance at Jane Nelson fundraiser Arranged for TPACE sponsorship of fundraiser for Rep. Elliott Naishtat <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oriented BSW and MSW student trustees for TPACE Participated in legislative strategic meetings for mental health, Medicaid expansion, child protection and balanced budget advocacy groups Made brief presentation to Texas School Social Workers conference on advocacy for their issues; placed advocacy flyer in all attendees’ packets <p>Q2, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with House Public Education Cmte Clerk and Sen. Donna Campbell’s office related to school social work Attended meeting on DSHS MH media awareness campaign Attended presentation on MH workforce shortage and assisted with NASW/TX response Attended “Texas State of Mind” conference on Mental Health Met with new HHSC Deputy Exec. Commissioner on MH Coordination Participated in Mental Health Coalition strategic planning meetings
4	<p>Promote Grassroots Advocacy among membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training to NASW/TX leadership and others for grass roots lobbying effort 	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent Grassroots Advocacy reminders every month to leadership Provided advocacy training to leaders attending the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize membership to contact public officials and state leadership on behalf of social work values and issues • Develop materials and organization to assist branches in local efforts 	<p>Sandra Lopez Leadership Institute and to Capitol Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave presentation on advocacy with TPACE trustees at annual conference <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made legislative visits with school social worker advocates • Worked on strategy with advocates related to liability protection for social workers • Presented legislative update via SKYPE to West Central Texas branch • Prepared advocacy materials for School Social Worker conference <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information and materials for Social Work Student Day at the Legislature <p>Q2, 2014:</p>
5	<p>Complete white papers on 6 designated topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why large foundations should invest in social worker training and research • Why social workers should be supervised by social workers • Explanation of other models for social work (federal government, Florida Health Education Centers, US Public Health, DC, California) • What employers can learn from corporations' EAP success rates • Interstate compact for social work "endorsement" 	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to School of Social Work Deans and Directors some suggestions for policy papers for students <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked cooperatively with Texas Federation of Psychiatrists on problem statement/action plan related to access to mental health services <p>Q2, 2014:</p>
6	<p>Continue the dialogue with employers to make improvements for social workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Human Resources departments to improve compensation and work environments • Request additional data points and access to data for social work research • Develop marketing materials to make case with employers; continue meetings with large employers of social workers • Use definitions and talking points to influence policy makers and department heads on social work value with large health and human service agencies • Visit HHSC agencies to discuss job descriptions, stipends, retention programs, work benefits, bonus programs, incentives, career ladders 	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended United Health Plan's quarterly provider meeting • Met twice with representatives from BC/BS of Texas regarding use of social workers <p>Q4, 2012:</p> <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam met with representatives from DFPS and DSHS and HHSC <p>Q2, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony to Sunset Commission on caseworker salaries and loan repayment • Participated in policy advocacy meeting with DFPS Commissioner and staff
7	<p>Provide enhanced services to NASW/TX members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand distance education and supervision • Promote Bootstrap concept 	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued challenge of recoupment efforts by Amerigroup; conducted survey specific to those harmed by Amerigroup recoupment • Development of strategy to raise Medicaid and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for opportunities to assist with social work issues on the local level (city and county) • Connect social workers with information related to jobs • Expand the portability of social work licensure • Communicate grant and scholarship opportunities from Homeland Security, FEMA, health reform, stimulus funding, etc. • Work with existing service organizations to further social work standing (Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts badge program) • Identify private sources of assistance 	<p>Medicare reimbursement rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with HHSC Contracts Office to improve contract language between Medicaid MCOs and providers <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured another Legal Defense Fund Grant (\$3,500) to pay for legal assistance in issues related to rates and our challenges to Amerigroup <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <p>Q2, 2014:</p>
	<p>Other Significant Reinvestment-Related Activity</p>	<p>Q3, 2013:</p> <p>Q4, 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferred ALL important information regarding Social Work Reinvestment to new executive director <p>Q1, 2014:</p> <p>Q2, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in interviewing process of GR Director and Policy Fellow • Began process of orienting new Government Relations Director and Policy Fellow