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# Interim Process Evaluation Report



Reviewed recommendations from prior external evaluations going back to 2003: Freundlich & Gerstenzang (2003); UT Process Evaluation (2014); PCG (2014); Meadows/Deloitte (2019)

Recommendations:

1. Be driven by the local community
2. Improve CBC contracting
3. Create risk-sharing funding model
4. Increase transparency and accountability
5. Contribute to the evidence base to improve practice



# Current/Continuing Issues

- Child welfare (SWI/CPI/FBSS/CPS) should be viewed holistically
- How “community” (e.g., catchment areas) is defined and order of implementation should be re-evaluated
- Implementation phases should be tied to readiness (readiness metrics need to be created)
- Funding model is critical to success
  - *Align levels and placements/reimbursements*
  - *Examine alternative payment models (links on following slide)*
  - *DFPS and State are not subject to all costs, and may not even know state costs*



# Alternative Payment Models

- **HHSC Value-Based Care:**  
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/process-improvement/improving-services-texans/medicaid-chip-quality-efficiency-improvement/value-based-care>
- **Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network (HCP-LAN):** <https://hcp-lan.org/apm-framework/>
- **HCP-LAN Alternative Payment Model (APM) Roadmap:** <https://hcp-lan.org/apm-roadmap/>



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- “Practice” should be operationalized more specifically.  
Examples:
  - *Placement criteria should be rank-ordered*
  - *Metrics (e.g., proximity) should be more specific (not 50-mile radius, placed-in-county or placed-in-region)*
  - *Assessments of risk and program/service needs should be continuously validated*
  - *The type of analytics being conducted by Dr. Sean Allen’s team at ACH should be replicated across the state*
- OCBCT should be granted more specific operational authority to achieve its goals defined in SB1896 and HB3041.
- Transparency and accountability continue to be obvious areas which need attention and improvement.



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