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Item # 3

**Pedro F. Alfaro**

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**From:** HHSC Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) <BHAC@hhsc.state.tx.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Pedro F. Alfaro  
**Cc:** Flores,Adriana (HHSC); Matthews,Ayra (HHSC)  
**Subject:** Welcome BHAC member

Dear Dr. Alfaro,

On behalf of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), welcome to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC). The BHAC works to provide customer, consumer, and stakeholder input to the health and human services system by providing recommendations regarding the allocation and adequacy of mental health and substance use disorder services and programs in Texas. Please visit the [BHAC website](#) for more information on the committee and links to recordings of previous meetings.

The BHAC meets quarterly and sub-committees meet on an as-needed basis. The next BHAC meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2020 at 9:00 am. However, due to the current situation it has not yet been determined if the meeting will be virtual or in person. We will send calendar invitations for all committee meetings and include details on the meeting location.

HHSC has been appropriated limited funding for committee member travel and reimbursement. BHAC members who need to travel to committee meetings may be eligible for travel reimbursement. The Travel Coordinator Ayra Matthews will assist interested committee members with the travel request and reimbursement process. The Travel Coordinator will contact BHAC members about travel requests and reimbursements prior to each committee meeting.

We are also extending an invitation to participate in an orientation to help ease your transition into the Committee. At the orientation, you will receive information on required documents for review, travel procedures, and other information pertaining to the Committee.

HHSC looks forward to receiving confirmation of your willingness to serve as a BHAC member. Please respond to this email to confirm your participation, or to let us know if you are no longer interested in serving on the Committee.

You should have received an official letter in the mail regarding your appointment. Thank you for your patience in this selection process and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
The Office of Mental Health Coordination



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