

Attachment 2

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
Executive Committee**

Date: 02/08/12

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: B

Grantee: The Arc of San Angelo

Year: 2 of 3

Project Title: Alternatives to Guardianship: Volunteer-Supported Decision-Making Advocate Pilot

Project Location: San Angelo

TCDD RFP Intent:

The project intent is to fund a project that will demonstrate how volunteers can provide appropriate supports to help individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to make decisions concerning their own lives. In 2009, the Texas Legislature passed HB 1454 directing the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop and evaluate two Volunteer Supported Decision-Making Advocate pilot programs that will provide supported decision-making services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other cognitive disabilities. The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) was directed by HHSC to develop and implement the pilot program and to provide the legislature with a report and recommendations. TCDD has partnered with DADS to implement the pilot. TCDD has approved funding of up to \$75,000 per year for up to three years.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 1:

Goal One: To provide supported decision-making services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other cognitive disabilities to increase their self-determination, power, and control of their own lives through recruiting, training, monitoring, and supporting volunteers.

Accomplishments per goal: The project explored service delivery methods in Year 1, identifying both legal and implementation barriers in the process. Project leaders explored solutions and established diversion as a priority with education and execution of advanced directives as a secondary activity. The project selected strategies to address individual needs. In addition, the project assisted with the Restoration of Rights for one individual, helped establish Advance Directives through Medical Power of Attorneys for 10 individuals (thus preventing unwarranted guardianship restrictions).

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2:

Goal: Same As Above

Objectives: Recruit, train, and support volunteers to support 5 participants in Diversion of Guardianship and 10 Additional Participants in Executing Medical Power of Attorney.

Council Considerations: Public Policy Considerations: TCDD and DADS hope to use information and experiences of this project to expand alternatives to legal guardianship for individuals with significant disabilities. Staff concerns: This project may need an additional onsite visit to review TCDD procedures (e.g. compliance of RARs, quarterly reports, and other TCDD requirements); however, Council consideration of continued funding for this project is recommended.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary			
	Federal	Match	Totals
Amount expended in year 1 (based on 5 months)	\$25,930	\$8,205	\$34,135
Amount requested for next year budget:			
I. Personnel services	69,044	6930	75,974
II. Travel	0	0	0
III. Purchased services	1527	6500	8027
IV. Property/Materials	0	600	600
V. Rental/Leasing	0	10,793	10,793
VI. Utilities	3370	0	3,370
VII. Other (Indirect Cost Rate)	0	0	0
Budget period totals	\$ 73,941	\$24,823	\$98,764