

Background:

Draft minutes from the November 13, 2009, Public Policy Committee meeting are included for review.

Public Policy Committee

Agenda Item III.

Expected Action:

The Public Policy Committee will take action to approve the minutes.

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
November 13, 2009**

Friday, November 13, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Tisch, Chair	Mateo Delgado	Cindy Johnston
Marcia Dwyer, Vice-Chair	Mary Durham	Penny Seay, TCDS
Hunter Adkins	Mary Faithful, AI	Clare Seagraves, HHSC
Kristine Bissmeyer	Elizabeth Gregowitz, DARS	Amy Sharp, TAMU
Brenda Coleman-Beattie	Don Henderson, DADS	Lora Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Lello	Cassie Laws Fisher	Lucy Walker
Martha Cantu	Melissa Loe	Roger Webb

GUESTS PRESENT

Tony Byrd, DPC	Jeff Miller, AI
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CALL TO ORDER

The Public Policy Committee convened on Friday, November 13, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6121 North IH-35, Austin TX 78752. Committee Chair Rick Tisch called those present to order at 8:30 AM.

I. INTRODUCTION

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tisch asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the August meeting. There was one correction of a misspelled word.

MOTION: To approve the August 6-7, 2009, Committee meeting minutes as revised.

MADE BY: Marsha Dwyer

SECOND: Cindy Johnston

ABSTAIN: Rick Tisch & Mateo Delgado

The motion **passed** without opposition.

IV. SELECTION OF TCDD NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Tisch provided information to the committee regarding the selection of a Public Policy Committee member to be a member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will bring forward recommendations at the February Council meeting for the Vice-Chair and for the consumer member-at-large on the Executive Committee. Mary Durham is currently in her first term as Council Vice-Chair and Cindy Johnston is in her second term as the consumer member-at-large on the Executive Committee. Both are eligible for another term. The committee

took recommendations and selected Penny Seay to be the public policy member on the Nominating Committee.

MOTION: To select Penny Seay as the Public Policy Committee representative on the Nominating Committee.

MADE BY: Mateo Delgado

SECOND: Mary Faithful

The motion **passed** without opposition.

V. TCDD Position Statements

The Committee discussed TCDD's Position Statements on Transportation and on Aging with Developmental Disabilities. The Committee approved the recommended changes to both Position Statements, and recommended Council approval of the Position Statements as modified. The Committee discussed in length the Criminal Competency Position Statement and decided to postpone further discussion due to lack of time. The Committee also postponed discussing the Education Position Statement until the February meeting, due to lack of time for discussion.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the Transportation Position Statement as revised by the Committee.

MADE BY: Amy Sharp

SECOND: Lora Taylor

The motion **passed** without opposition. (Attachment 1 as approved.)

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the Aging with Developmental Disabilities Position Statement as revised by the Committee.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Cindy Johnston

The motion **passed** without opposition. Mary Faithful, Penny Seay and Amy Sharp abstained. (Attachment 2 as approved.)

MOTION: To table discussion regarding the Criminal Competency Position Statement until the February Council meeting.

MADE BY: Penny Seay

SECOND: Cindy Johnston

The motion **passed** without opposition.

MOTION: To table discussion regarding the Education Position Statement until the February Council meeting.

MADE BY: Mateo Delgado

SECOND: Kris Bissmeyer

The motion **passed** without opposition

VI. BIENNIAL REPORT SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The Committee reviewed and discussed specific TCDD 2011 Biennial Disability Report activities and timelines, including estimated funding amounts, as outlined in the meeting materials.

MOTION: To recommend approval of the scope of activities for the 2011 Biennial Report and asked public policy staff to continue with Report activities.

MADE BY: Lora Taylor

SECOND: Marcia Dwyer

The motion **passed** without opposition. Penny Seay, Mary Faithful, Amy Sharp, and Don Henderson abstained.

VII. FUTURE TCDD PUBLIC POLICY COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES

The Committee discussed the request for the Committee to select two Committee members to be members of an ad hoc work group that will develop performance measures for the outcomes of future TCDD Public Policy Collaboration Activities. Members nominated and selected one new member and one veteran member to represent the Public Policy Committee on that ad hoc committee. The Committee selected Mateo Delgado as the new member and Marcia Dwyer as the veteran member.

MOTION: To select Mateo Delgado and Marcia Dwyer as the Public Policy Committee representatives on the future TCDD public policy collaboration activities ad hoc work group.

MADE BY: Kristine Bissmeyer

SECOND: Lora Taylor

The motion **passed** without opposition. Mary Faithful, Amy Sharp and Penny Seay abstained.

VIII. PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

TCDD Communications Coordinator Melissa Loe presented information to the Committee that the TCDD 2009 annual report calendars were direct mailed to 1400 people and council members.

IX. PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

TCDD Public Policy Director Angela Lello provided the Committee with an update on information requested in the last quarter. Information was provided in the meeting materials handouts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tisch adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Roger A. Webb
Secretary to the Council

Date



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Public Transportation Systems Position Statement

Within our society, freedom of movement is a fundamental right; however, it remains a largely unfulfilled promise for citizens with disabilities. Transportation is essential to any effort to enable all citizens to live as independently as they choose, to engage in productive self-sustaining activity, to participate in all facets of community life, and to be fully integrated in their communities. A transportation system should be a seamlessly connected network with a pedestrian infrastructure linked to all modes of public transportation including taxi services, bus, light rail, trains and airplanes as well as cars and bicycles. A public transportation system must meet the needs of citizens in an accessible and affordable manner.

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities believes that all publicly funded and/or regulated transportation service systems must be:

- seamlessly coordinated at state, federal and local levels among all modes of transportation;
- expanded in suburban, urban, rural and unincorporated areas to connect places people live with places they work, shop, socialize, worship, attend school, access health care, etc.; and
- be fully accessible to all people with disabilities

The Council will continue to work collaboratively with partners such as agencies representing seniors and low income families, who share transportation concerns, to continue to seek solutions now and in the future.

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Aging with Developmental Disabilities Position Statement

The number of older adults is rapidly increasing overall and becoming a larger percentage of the general population. Included in this aging population are people with disabilities. Estimates indicate that over 640,000 Americans age 60 and older had developmental disabilities in 2000. That number has been projected to double to over 1.2 million by 2030 as the baby boom generation ages.

While the aging process brings significant changes to all individuals and their families, these changes are often intensified by the presence of a developmental disability. Many people with developmental disabilities continue to rely on their families for natural supports throughout their adult life. This support is often provided by aging parents, spouses, and other family members, and the quality of the care often becomes compromised by the caregivers' own aging process. Individuals with disabilities and their families each face challenges and transitions caused by the aging process.

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities believes that older adults with disabilities should have:

- the same opportunities as other older citizens to live, work, enjoy leisure time and retire in the community of their choice with the services and supports they need;
- the same rights and dignity as other older people; and
- assistance in establishing a comprehensive retirement plan to encompass any or all of the following concerns:
 - access to health care
 - advanced directives relating to health care
 - counseling services
 - financial issues
 - guardianship/alternatives to guardianship
 - housing
 - legal issues
 - leisure time activities
 - long-term services and supports plan
 - retirement or employment options
 - self advocacy training
 - transportation

Therefore the Council believes that Texas has a responsibility to ensure that the state's service delivery systems develop the capacity to meet the projected needs of older Texans with disabilities. To meet these challenges, the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities calls for:

- the current service delivery systems to increase their capacity to provide for a larger number of older Texans with disabilities who will be needing assistance to maintain a high quality of life in the most integrated setting, including the ability to age well in their homes and communities; and
- coordinating and integrating to the maximum extent possible the delivery systems that traditionally provide services to the aging population and the delivery systems that traditionally provide services to people with developmental and other disabilities. In so doing, older individuals with developmental disabilities will be better served and more fully included in their communities.