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To Whom It May Concern:

The Baylor College of Medicine is pleased to have worked with the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) on our Transition Medicine Clinic initiative. TCDD's support for this project is a strong example of the important work of DD Councils in Texas and throughout the country in encouraging quality care and self-sufficiency of people with developmental disabilities.

With TCDD's support, our Transition Medicine Clinic initiative provided training and consultative services to health care workers on how to care for people with chronic illness and/or disabilities. The Clinic also established medical homes for patients who were transitioning from pediatric to adult health care a critical "hand-off" for both the individual and their family.

As a few examples of activities supported by this grant from TCDD, our Transition Medicine Clinic initiative:

- completed more than 550 consultations related to transitioning services from pediatric health care to adult health care to more than 1,200 patients with disabilities;
- gave more than 100 student health care workers the opportunity to deliver health care to this specific patient population;
- provided social work services for linkage to community supports to more than 660 people with disabilities, their families, community organizations and health care providers;
- presented 24 educational sessions to approximately 100 physicians and other health professionals regarding transition challenges and services;
- established a medical home for more than 320 adolescent/young adults with chronic childhood illnesses and/or disabilities; and
- engaged numerous community groups, health care providers and insurance companies in our goal of providing comprehensive, quality health care.

TCDD's funding gave us the opportunity to establish a model that now has support from the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Hearst Foundation. As the Transition Medicine Clinic initiative continues, we look forward to training more health care workers, patients with disabilities and their families so that comprehensive and quality health care exists and is accessible.

I am happy to provide additional information on our Transition Medicine Clinic if desired. In the meantime, please know what a critical difference TCDD is making in the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Peacock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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