

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING May 5, 2022 — MINUTES

### **Committee Members**

#### **Present**

Gladys Cortez, Committee  
Chair  
Andrew Crim  
Mary Durham, Council Chair  
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS  
Jennifer Hines, TWC  
Juan Carlos Lopez  
Scott McAvoy  
Amanda Miles  
Holly Riley, HHSC  
Meridith Silcox  
Jamie Thomas

### **Committee Members**

#### **Absent**

Maverick Crawford  
Justin Porter, TEA  
Robert Schier III

#### **Guests Present**

Melissa Alvarez  
Judy Blake  
Sonja Burns  
Sarah Gernsbacher  
Debra Haney  
Susie May  
Vickie Mitchell

### **Regional Coordinators**

#### **Present**

Morgan Bradley  
Rosa Guel  
Skyler Mueller  
Shelby Vaughn

#### **Staff Members Present**

Beth Stalvey, Executive  
Director  
Evan Marczynski  
Sylvia Medina  
Richard Rendon  
Fernando Rodriguez  
Melanie Teague

### **Call To Order**

The Project Development Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental convened on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Austin, 303 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Committee Chair Gladys Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### **1. Introductions**

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

#### **2. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered to the Committee.

#### **3. Consideration of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed, and no corrections or additions were noted.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022, Project Development Committee meeting as presented.

**MADE BY:** Andrew Crim

**SECOND:** Mary Durham

The motion **passed** without opposition. (May 2022 Meeting Materials, Tab 9)

#### **4. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Cortez reported the expected absences of Maverick Crawford, Justin Porter, and Robert Schier III.

Cortez reviewed the TCDD financial reports which highlights funds available for grants by showing funds that are assigned, pending, or have not been assigned. Members did not have further questions.

**5. Members Quarterly Activities Report**

Committee members shared their updates on their disability-related activities during the previous quarter.

**6. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Beth Stalvey discussed the Grants Monitoring report noting that during the quarter one new project started, two projects ended, and four projects moved into the final year of funding. One project extended its budget period due to COVID-19 and one Self-Advocacy Capacity Building mini-grant project approved for funding in February declined to move forward with the project. She noted that two projects will be considered for continuation funding at the August meeting.

**7. Presentation: Older Americans Act Programs**

Holly Riley, Health and Human Services Commission Aging Services Coordination Director and representative of the Older Americans Act programs to the Council, discussed the Older Americans Act and services and supports for aging Americans. Riley noted that May is designated as Older Americans month which was established to showcase the contributions of older Americans. The theme for 2022 is Age My Way and there are resources and tools to promote this concept as well as highlighting the needs and importance of age-specific issues. She discussed the negative impact of ageism on older Americans and provided statistics on the aging community including increased life expectancy.

Members discussed the intersection of aging issues with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and the opportunities to continue systems change efforts in this area.

**8. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation**

Committee Chair Cortez noted that the Committee will not review new project executive summaries but will have discussions that may lead to future project ideas. Members had discussions on next steps for projects that are ending with a focus on the sexual health education project.

The Committee also had an in-depth conversation about 18+ programs. Susie May, State Transition Coordinator at Texas Education Agency, and Dr. Vickie Mitchell, project director of the Student-Centered Transitions Network (SCTN) discussed the development of supports for schools to deliver age-appropriate instructional environments that prepare students for post-secondary education, competitive and integrated employment, and independent living skills.

The Committee directed staff to bring new project executive summaries to future meetings on the following topics:

- STEM and Career Exploration
- Grief and Loss
- Caring for Aging Parents
- Smart Homes and Technology

9. **Future Project Funding Priorities**

The Committee next evaluated the Future Funding Priorities List. Members reviewed the list as provided by staff that removed projects that have been initiated and did not offer further revisions.

**MOTION:** Recommend Council approve the Future Funding Priorities List as follows:

- 1) Poll Watcher Training on Assistance of Voters with Disabilities
- 2) Disability Cultural Humility for Elected Officials and Staff
- 3) Effective Treatment for Substance Use Disorders for People with DD
- 4) Culturally Competent Family Supports
- 5) Promoting Civic Engagement Among People with DD
- 6) Participatory Action Research
- 7) Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses – Medical and Therapeutic Professionals
- 8) Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses – Criminal Justice Response to Cases Involving People with I/DD
- 9) Understanding Online Access Among Individuals with DD During COVID-19
- 10) Understanding Employment and Unemployment Among Individuals with DD During COVID-19

**MADE BY:** Andrew Crim

**SECOND:** Mary Durheim

The motion **passed** unanimously.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

No additional suggestions were offered to the Committee.

10. **Other Discussion Items**

The next Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the August 2022 Council and Committee meetings scheduled for August 3-5, 2022.

**Adjourn**

Chair Cortez adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council    Date