PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 4, 2022 – MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Lora Taylor, Committee Chair
Erica Brown, HHSC
Ronnie Browning
Debbie Carlisle
Bill Coorsh
Kyle Cox
Mary Durheim, Council Chair
Sean Jackson, DRTx
Sandra Magaña, UT-CDS
Angie Panzica
Michael Peace
Eric Shahid

Committee Members Absent

Meagan Orsag, A&M CDD

Guests Present

Floyd Browning
Consuelo Castillo
Amy Litzinger
Linda Litzinger
Curtis Rutherford
Jolene Sanders-Foster
Austin Spratt
Kathy Williams

Staff Members Present

Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Sabrina Gonzalez
Genessee Klemm
Linda Logan
Mary Rochford
Brianna TenBrink
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Public Policy Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the at the Embassy Suites Austin Central, 5901 North IH 35, Austin, TX 78723 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Committee Chair Lora Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. A quorum was present.

1. **Introductions**
   Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. **Public Comments**
   Four public comments were offered. Linda Litzinger of Texas Parent to Parent commented on the topic of Electronic Visit Verification.

3. **Consideration of Minutes**
   The Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 5, 2022, Public Policy Committee meeting and no additions or corrections were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022, Public Policy Committee meeting.

MADE BY: Michael Peace

SECOND: Bill Coorsh

The motion **passed** without opposition. Sean Jackson abstained.

4. **Chair's Remarks**

   A. <u>Member Absences:</u> Chair Taylor noted that there were no absences.

   B. <u>Chair's Quarterly Activities:</u> Taylor discussed her virtual attendance of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities' Raise Your Voice series, her outreach to a variety of lawmakers, her communication with a news reporter regarding medical cannabis, and her participation in poll watcher training.

5. **Member's Quarterly Activities Report**
   Committee members provided updates from the previous quarter regarding involvement in advocacy and other activities.

6. **Presentation: Guardianship**
   Chair Taylor introduced Committee member Sean Jackson to provide a presentation on guardianship and alternatives to guardianship. The Committee then discussed the matter further, and Policy Analyst Lauren Gerken provided an update on a report on guardianship policies currently being prepared by the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

7. **TCDD Position Statements**
   Chair Taylor asked Committee member Bill Coorsh to provide an overview of the recommendations of the TCDD Position Statements Workgroup, which was comprised of Council members Ronnie Browning, Coorsh, Kyle Cox, and Angie Panzica. Coorsh then led a discussion on the Position Statements, during which additional minor grammatical changes were recommended.

   MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the workgroup recommendations for the TCDD Position Statements, including the additional changes discussed in the Public Policy Committee meeting on August 4, 2022.

   MADE BY: Ronnie Browning

   SECOND: Angie Panzica

   The motion **passed** unanimously.

8. **Preparation for the 88th Texas Legislature**
   Chair Taylor led a discussion on Council member involvement during the upcoming legislative session. Policy Analyst Gerken provided an overview of work

generally conducted by TCDD staff during the session, including the production of informational resources.

9. **State and Federal Policy Update**
   No updates were provided.

10. **Public Input on Committee Discussion**
    No public input on Committee discussion was offered.

11. **Future Agenda Items**
    The topic of income caps for Medicaid services was suggested as a future agenda item, as was additional Council member training on legislative visits and testimony.

12. **Other Discussion Items**
    No other discussion items were offered by members.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Taylor adjourned the Public Policy Committee at 4:45 PM.

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Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council   Date