

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING November 3, 2022 — MINUTES

Committee Members

Present

Gladys Cortez, Committee
Chair
Maverick Crawford, III
Andrew Crim
Mary Durham, Council Chair
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS
Juan Carlos Lopez
Scott McAvoy
Amanda Miles
Justin Porter, TEA
Robert Schier III
Jonas Schwartz, TWC
Meridith Silcox
Jamie Thomas

Committee Members

Absent

Holly Riley, HHSC

Regional Coordinators

Present

Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel
Skyler Mueller
Shelby Vaughn

Staff Members Present

Beth Stalvey, Executive
Director
Genessee Klemm
Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Fernando Rodriguez
Melanie Teague
Rey Valldejuli
Koren Vogel

Call To Order

The Project Development Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental convened on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Committee Chair Gladys Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:42 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 August 4, 2022, Project Development Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Andrew Crim

SECOND: Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** unanimously. (November 2022 Meeting Materials, Tab 8)

4. **Chair's Remarks**

- A. Member Absences: Chair Cortez reported the expected absences of Holly Riley, Health and Human Services – Older Americans Act programs.
- B. Chair's Quarterly Activities: Cortez reported her recent work on educating law enforcement on mental health services and supports.

Cortez reviewed the TCDD financial reports which highlight funds available for grants based on 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 10 new projects started during the quarter, four projects ended during the quarter, and five projects are in the final year of funding. Nine projects will be considered for continuation funding at the February meeting.

Stalvey reviewed the Risk Assessment report which groups the grantees by risk level and lists the risk factors to determine each grantee's level. There are currently no projects considered to be in the high-risk category.

Stalvey reviewed the TCDD State Plan and Current Grantees Summary document. She also discussed the recent TCDD Grant Summit which provided training for grantees on topics such compliance and reporting and allowed for networking opportunities among the grantees.

7. **Selection of Nominating Committee Member**

Chair Cortez reviewed the role of the Nominating Committee that is established each year to bring forward nominations for the Council Vice-Chair and Self-Advocate Member-at-Large to serve on the Executive Committee. The Public Policy and Project Development Committee each elect a member to serve on the Nominating Committee, and a third member is selected from the Council. Jamie Thomas volunteered to be the Project Development representative on the Committee.

MOTION: To select Jamie Thomas as the Project Development Committee representative on the Nominating Committee.

MADE BY: Maverick Crawford

SECOND: Scott McAvoy

The motion **passed** unanimously.

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

Committee Chair Cortez introduced the revised executive summary for Culturally Competent Family Supports. This project would support specific capacity building and information-sharing lead by an organization who is considered a leader and trusted source for the cultural group with which they seek to connect. The project was previously approved only for prior Outreach and Development grantees, but the revised executive summary expands to other organizations. Funding is proposed for five projects at \$125,000 per year for up to five years.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of funding of up to \$125,000 per year, for up to five years, for up to five Culturally Competent Family Support projects.

MADE BY: Andrew Crim

SECOND: Robert Schier, III

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Members discussed additional topics that impact people with disabilities with the potential for future projects including sexual education, reproductive rights and body autonomy; respite care; guardianship; ethics; and self-determination.

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.

MOTION: Recommend Council approval of the Future Funding Priorities List as follows:

- 1) Culturally Competent Family Supports
- 2) Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses – Medical and Therapeutic Professionals
- 3) Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses – Criminal Justice Response to Cases Involving People with I/DD

MADE BY: Robert Schier, III

SECOND: Scott McAvoy

The motion **passed** unanimously.

10. **Future Agenda Items**

Members requested future discussion topics to include early childhood interventions as well as attendant care issues such as hiring practices and training.

11. **Other Discussion Items**

The next Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the next Council and Committee meetings scheduled for February 8-10, 2023.

Adjourn

Chair Cortez adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council Date