

Committee

Members Present

Mary Durham, *Council
Chair*

Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Angie Panzica
Kim Torres

Council Members Present

Maverick Crawford
Andrew Crim
Lora Taylor
Gladys Cortez
Lauren Chenoweth,
TWC

Guests Present

Stephanie Brysch
Jonathan Jardine
Deborah Wallace
Yenter Tu
Kylie Schultz

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*
Kai Brewer
Genessee Klemm
Scott Daigle
Sabrina Gonzalez
Saucedo

Sylvia Medina
Rey Valldejuli
Richard Rendon
Mary Rochford
Brianna TenBrink
Melanie Teague
Lauren Gerken
Linda Logan
Evan Marczynski
Koren Vogel
Mitchel Griffin

Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at the Hilton Houston Post Oak by the Galleria, 2001 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas, 77056 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 1:17 PM. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

Yenter Tu from No Barriers Communications provided comment on voting accessibility for the Deaf/Deaf Blind community.

3. Consideration of Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023, Executive Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

4. TCDD Quarterly Financial Report

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Valldejuli reviewed the summary of funds for FY 2022 – FY 2027 focusing on the active years of 2022, 2023, and 2024. Valldejuli noted that FY 2022 funds are in the process of being closed out with most projects operating on FY 23 funds. A recent installment of \$800,000 in FY 2024 funds was noted. Valldejuli also reviewed the current grant report, covering FY 2023 to FY 2028. Also noted was the stipend expenditure report, highlighting three requests in the past quarter.

5. Continuation Grant Awards

Chair Durham read a statement regarding Conflict of Interest prior to the consideration of funding for grant projects, reminding members, staff, and guests to excuse themselves from the conversation if a conflict of interest exists.

Grants Coordinator Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Leadership and Advocacy Training Project at Children's Disabilities Information Coalition (CDIC).

MOTION: To approve up to \$127,519 in continuation grant funding to the Children's Disabilities Information Coalition for the fourth year of a five-year Leadership and Advocacy Training project.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Rendon presented the executive summary for the Civic Engagement Training and Community Action Program at Children's Disabilities Information Coalition.

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MOTION: To approve up to \$95,390 in continuation grant funding to the Children's Disabilities Information Coalition for the second year of a two-year civic engagement training and community action program.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Grants Coordinator Sylvia Medina presented the executive summary for the Disability Cultural Humility Training for Elected Officials at Metrocare at Dallas Metrocare Services.

MOTION: To approve up to \$91,005 in continuation grant funding to Dallas Metrocare Services for the second year of a five-year Disability Cultural Humility Training for Elected Officials at Metrocare project.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Kim Torres

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Medina presented the executive summary for the Leveraging the Disability Lived Experience in the PAR (Participatory Action Research) Approach to Research project at disABILITYsa.

MOTION: To approve up to \$149,982 in continuation grant funding to the disABILITYsa for the second year of a three-year Leveraging the Disability Lived Experience in the PAR Approach to Research project.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Money Basics: Cents and Sensibility project at Project Amistad.

MOTION: To approve up to \$121,470 in continuation grant funding to

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Project Amistad for the fourth year of a five-year Money Basics: Cents and Sensibility project.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Rendon presented the executive summary for the Improving Education and Practice Guidelines for Substance Use Disorder and Developmental Disabilities project at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

MOTION: To approve up to \$149,306 in continuation grant funding to the University of North Texas Health Science Center for the second year of a five-year Improving Education and Practice Guidelines for Substance Use Disorder and Developmental Disabilities project.

MADE BY: Eric Shahid

SECOND: Kim Torres

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Grants Coordinator Melanie Teague presented the executive summary for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response in Rural West Central Texas project at West Central Texas Council of Governments.

MOTION: To approve up to \$150,000 in continuation grant funding to the West Central Texas Council of Governments for the fourth year of a five-year Sexual Assault Prevention and Response in Rural West Central Texas project.

MADE BY: Eric Shahid

SECOND: Meredith Silcox

The motion **passed** unanimously.

6. New Grant Award – Capacity Building for Statewide Self-Advocacy Organizations

TCDD Public Policy Director Scott Daigle presented applications for the Self-Advocacy Network Capacity Building Request for Applications (RFA). Three applications were received, and two applications met the criteria for independent peer review panel and staff review. The Council previously approved funding one organization for up to three years, up to \$175,000 for year one, up to \$125,000 for year two, and up to \$75,000 for year three. The purpose of this project is to increase the capacity of self-advocates to organize at the state and local levels to share information, resources, develop policy skills, train other self-advocates, and participate in cross disability initiatives.

Committee members discussed applications from Community Options, Inc and Texas Advocates

MOTION: To fund Texas Advocates “Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Capacity Building” project for the Self-Advocacy Network Capacity Building RFA

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

7. Grant Activities Reports

Finance and Grants Director Valldejuli discussed the Grants Monitoring Report, noting that there are five grants that will be ending this coming quarter and seven grants that are in their final year of funding.

Valldejuli also noted the resources available to keep Council members aware of ongoing grant activities and to help them monitor and execute the state plan.

8. Peer Review Panel Members

TCDD Community Engagement Director Genessee Klemm reported that six applicants have applied to be on the RFA Peer Review Panel

MOTION: To approve the six applicants in the peer review panel pool.

MADE BY: Kim Torres

SECOND: Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

9. Chair's Report

Chair Durham reported the expected absence of Project Development Committee Chair Meridith Silcox on Thursday November 2, 2023 and Friday November 3, 2023. Durham noted that Gladys Cortez will be filling in for her on the Project Development Committee. Other expected absences included Sean Jackson from Disability Rights Texas and Nina Zuna, alternate from Texas Center for Disability Studies.

10. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Beth Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter:

1. The Texas Tribune: Events Stipend for up to \$7,500 for the "Texas Tribune Festival" September 21-23, 2023, in Austin
2. Austin Theatre Alliance: Translation Stipend for up to \$1,240 for the performances of "123 Andres" and "Rainbow Fish" September 27, 2023, and November 6, 2023, in Austin
3. Provider's Alliance for Community Services of Texas: Speakers Stipend for up to \$6,000 for the "PACTX 2023 Annual Conference – Learning Together" October 19-19, 2023, in San Marcos
4. Harris County Department of Education: Speakers Stipend for up to \$7,498 for the "Practical Social thinking Strategies to Help Students with Emotional Dysregulation, Alexithymia, and/or Challenging Behaviors" November 2, 2023, in Houston
5. NAMI Texas: Events Stipend for up to \$7,248 for the "Texas Together 4 Mental Health: The 2023 NAMI Texas Annual Conference and Awards Celebration" November 2-4, 2023, in Houston.

Stalvey provided staff updates to note the resignation of TCDD Policy Analyst Sabrina Gonzalez Saucedo.

Stalvey reported on two open RFAs. The first is for Story Telling projects

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and the second is for Culturally Inclusive Family Supports. Both RFAs are set to close on November 17, 2023. Stalvey also highlighted the approval of the state plan updates submitted on August 15th, including the 2023, 2024 and 2025 work plans. The annual report, due on December 31st, is currently being compiled, and a summary will be presented at the February Council meeting. A special project focusing on expanding the public health workforce, led by TCDD Public Health and Disability Integration Specialist Crystal Goodwin has completed its first year with a positive report submitted. The organization has also conducted staff performance evaluations, with all staff meeting or exceeding expectations. Additionally, efforts are being made to incorporate new demographic questions required by Administration for Community Living related to sexual orientation and gender identity in surveys to better understand traditionally underserved populations.

11. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Committee members reviewed updated conflict of interest disclosure information for Council members and staff. No concerns were noted.

12. Other Updates

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Council meetings scheduled for February 7, 2024.

Adjourn

Council Chair, Mary Durham, Adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:39 p.m.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date