

Committee

Members Present

Meridith Silcox,
Committee Chair

Mary Durham, *Council
Chair*

Maverick Crawford

Lauren Chenoweth,
TWC

Gladys Cortez

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Ivy Goldstein, *DSHS*

Juan Carlos Lopez

Scott McAvoy

Jamie Thomas

Committee

Members Absent

Andy Crim

Amanda Miles

Holly Riley, *HHSC Older
Americans*

Robert Schier III

Guests Present

Brynn Biggs

Pamela Clark

Maria Contreras

Vadim Droznin

John Rochford

Deborah Wallace

Regional

Coordinators

Present

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

Canen Melton

Alexandra Venegas

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*

Mitchel Griffin

Genessee Klemm

Evan Marczynski

Sylvia Medina

Richard Rendon

Cass Schnautz

Melanie Teague

Rey Valldejuli

Call to Order

The Project Development Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin St., Houston Texas, 77030, as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Committee Chair Meridith Silcox called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were given.

3. Consideration of November 2, 2023, Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2024, Project Development Committee meeting as presented

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MADE BY: Jamie Thomas

SECOND: Scott McAvoy

The motion was **passed** unanimously.

4. Chair's Remarks

Committee Chair Silcox reviewed the expected absences of Andy Crim, Amanda Miles, Robert Schier III and the representative from HHSC Older Americans Act of 1965.

Silcox reported on her activities during the previous quarter as well as funds available for future projects.

5. Member Quarterly Activities

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

6. Staff Reports

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Valldejuli reported on the new projects that started this quarter including the project with Texas Advocates. Valldejuli also noted that there are seven projects ending during this fiscal year. He provided updates on grant continuations for the quarter.

7. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

A. Presentation: University of Massachusetts Complex Mental Healthcare Needs Project.

John Rochford and Vadim Droznin from the University of Massachusetts presented a website they have created to make finding mental healthcare more accessible to the DD community. Rochford presented the website, showed the accessibility features, and answered questions from Council Members and staff.

B. Project Sustainability

Silcox led a discussion on project sustainability as well as resources that exist to keep projects going after grant funding is completed.

C. Project Closeout Executive Summary – draft

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey presented a new draft Project Closeout Executive Summary to the Committee that could be used

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as a resource to see the impact and activities of a project from start to finish. Stalvey requested feedback for changes the Committee would like to make to the draft and if the Committee finds the document valuable in evaluating projects that have concluded. Member agreed that they would like to see this document for future completed projects.

D. State Plan Discussion

Executive Director Stalvey led a discussion about the current TCDD State Plan and asked Committee members to reference the state plan when thinking of new project ideas. Stalvey stated that the state plan should be looked at by the Committees each quarter to see what projects are beginning, ending, or which goals and objectives should be focused on at the next meeting.

8. Future Project Funding Priorities

The Committee evaluated the Future Project Funding Priorities List. Members reviewed the list as provided by staff and made no changes. No vote was needed and no recommendations will be made to the Council.

9. Future Agenda Items

Members requested future discussion topics to include projects centered around youth.

10. Other Discussion Items

The next Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the next Council and Committee meetings schedule for May 2, 2024.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Silcox adjourned the Project Development Committee at 5:05 PM.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date