

**Council Members Present**

Mary Durham, *Council Chair*  
Ronnie Browning  
Debbie Carlisle  
Lauren Chenoweth, *TWC*  
Andrew Crim  
Gladys Cortez  
Kyle Cox  
Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*  
Ivy Goldstein, *DSHS*  
Sean Jackson, *DRTX*  
Kate Layman, *HHSC Title XIX/Medicaid*  
Katlyn Le, *HHSC Older Americans Act*  
Juan Carlos Lopez  
Scott McAvoy  
Amanda Miles  
Meagan Orsag, *A&M CDD*  
Angie Panzica  
Eric Shahid  
Meridith Silcox  
Lora Taylor  
Jamie Thomas  
Kim Torres  
Nina Zuna, *TCDS*

**Council Members Absent**

Maverick Crawford  
Michael Peace  
Robert Schier III

**Guests Present**

Vahid Behzadi  
Floyd Browning  
Mario Contreras  
Beatrice Degree  
Ashley Ford  
Rebecca Japko  
Christopher Jenkins  
Linda Litzinger  
Lauryn McNeil  
John Nicks  
June Sadowsky  
Aubri Simpson  
Katie Snelling  
Samantha Spencer

**Regional Coordinators Present**

Morgan Foster  
Rosa Guel

**Staff Present**

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*  
Kai Brewer  
Scott Daigle  
Lauren Gerken  
Crystal Goodwin  
Genessee Klemm  
Linda Logan  
Evan Marczynski  
Richard Rendon  
Cass Schnautz  
Melanie Teague  
Brianna TenBrink  
Rey Valldejuli  
Koren Vogel

## **Call to Order**

The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Friday, May 3, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin St., Houston Texas, 77030, as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. A quorum was present.

### **1. Introductions of Committee Members, Staff and Visitors**

Council Members, staff and guests were introduced.

### **2. Public Comments**

No public comment was given.

### **3. Consent Items**

Chair Durham reviewed consent items including the minutes from the February 8, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting, the February 9, 2024, Council meeting and the expected absences of Maverick Crawford, Robert Schier III, and Michael Peace.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting, the February 9, 2024, Council meeting, and the expected absences of Maverick Crawford, Robert Schier III, and Michael Peace.

**MADE BY:** Jamie Thomas

**SECOND:** Andrew Crim

The motion **passed** unanimously.

### **4. Chair and Executive Director's Report**

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey provided updates on two staff vacancies, including the Public Policy Analyst position and the West Texas Regional Coordinator position.

Stalvey reported 12 stipends approved during the last quarter and highlighted activities on leadership, public policy and upcoming events and initiatives, including Mental Health Awareness Month and Older Americans Month. Stalvey reported on the youth ambassador program and its engagement in various projects, including collaboration with Wellpoint on transition to adult medicine. Stalvey discussed the

upcoming Technical Assistance Institute hosted by iTACC and noted that sessions were available for Council member participation.

Director Stalvey provided updates on ongoing projects, such as the Bridging Aging Disability Network grant and the public health workforce expansion project, set to conclude in August.

## **5. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation**

### **1. Choice Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives**

Project Development Committee Chair Meridith Silcox reported on the Committee discussion of the executive summary for Choice Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives. Silcox reported that funding is recommended for one project for up to \$300,000 per year for up to five years and noted the additions to the executive summary given by the Committee.

**MOTION:** To approve funding the executive summary for choice Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives for up to \$300,000 per year for up to five years with the additions from the Project Development Committee.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox for the Project Development Committee (Motions from committee do not need a second)

The motion **passed** unanimously.

### **2. Future Project funding Priorities**

Silcox reported on the Committee's recommended revisions of the Future Project Funding Priorities List.

**MOTION:** To approve the Future Project Funding Priorities List as follows:

1. Choices Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives
2. Medical Self-Determination
3. Culturally Competent Family Supports
4. Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses: Medical and Therapeutic Professionals

5. Prevention and Response to Sexual Offenses: Criminal Justice  
Response to Cases Involving People with IDD

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox for the Project Development Committee  
(motions from committee do not need a second)

The motion **passed** unanimously.

## **6. TCDD Public Policy Priorities**

Public Policy Committee Chair Angie Panzica reviewed the workgroup recommendations for revisions to the TCDD Public Policy Priorities as presented in the Council meeting materials. She then reported Committee discussion that a one-page list of four topics that provided a concise view was needed.

**MOTION:** To accept revisions to the TCDD Public Policy Priorities.

**MADE BY:** Angie Panzica for the Public Policy Committee (motions from Committee do no need a second)

The motion **passed** with Elizabeth Danner abstaining from the vote.

## **7. Executive Committee Report**

Chair Durham reported the Executive Committee's approval of continuation grant funding for three projects as well as new grant funding for one project. Durham also reported that 12 stipends were requested and approved.

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Valldejuli reviewed the quarterly financial report, current grantee projects report, and the stipend expenditure report.

Council Business Director Koren Vogel discussed updates to the Conflict-of-Interest report.

## **8. Project Development Committee Report**

Project Development Committee Chair Silcox reported that the Committee received a presentation from the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Board for People with Disabilities and the discussion of new potential projects and how they would fit into the State Plan. Silcox also noted that the Committee discussed ideas surrounding generational advocacy and how self-advocacy may look moving forward.

## **9. Public Policy Committee Report**

Public Policy Committee Chair Angie Panzica reported on Committee activities. She noted that the Committee received a panel discussion regarding accessible child care followed by discussions of TCDD's legislative efforts on accessible child care.

Panzica further reported on the Committee's discussion on legislative updates from members of staff. Panzica highlighted the Texas Promoting Independence Stakeholders Summit, a group to increase independence for people with disabilities.

## **10. Older Americans Month Highlight: Interdisciplinary Tele enabled Health Homes for Aging Adults with IDD – The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**

Dr. June Sadowsky discussed her project that focuses on establishing health homes for aging adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Texas. Sadowsky highlighted major accomplishments, including statewide workshops on intellectual disabilities and dementia, caregiver support networks in rural areas, and partnerships with various stakeholders. Sadowsky's team has identified barriers to healthcare access for aging individuals with IDD and aims to address them through interdisciplinary health homes, training programs, and Project Echo, an online platform facilitating knowledge exchange among healthcare professionals.

Sadowsky reported that with a focus on sustainability, the project aims to establish a statewide network of trained professionals to continue providing support beyond the grant period, ultimately enhancing the quality of life and healthcare outcomes for aging individuals with IDD in Texas.

## **11. Agency Reports**

The Council received updates from Elizabeth Danner from Texas Education Agency, Meagan Orsag from A&M Center for Disability and Development, Nina Zuna from University of Texas Center for Disability Studies, Lauren Chenoweth from Texas Workforce Commission, Sean Jackson from Disability rights Texas, Katlyn Le from Health and Human Services Commission Older American's Act of 1965, Kate Layman from Texas Health and Human Services Commission Title XIX/Medicaid, and

Koren Vogel read updates submitted by Ivy Goldstein from Department of State Health Services Maternal & Child Health Services.

### **12. Future Agenda Items**

Council Members were encouraged to Contact Chair Durham or Executive Director Stalvey with suggestions for future agenda items.

### **13. Announcements and updates**

Council members discussed the date of the next meeting on August 7-9, 2024.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Durham adjourned the Council Meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council*    Date