

Committee

Members Present

Angie Panzica,
Committee Chair
Debbie Carlisle
Kyle Cox
Andy Crim, *Council
Chair*
Barbara Knighton
Katherine Layman,
HHSC Title XIX/Medicaid
Lisa Marenco
Meagan Orsag, *A&M
CDD*
Michael Peace
Eric Shahid
Lora Taylor
Kim Torres

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Members Absent

Sean Jackson, *DRTX*
Sandra Magaña, *TCDS*

Guests Present

Steven Aleman
Breanna Boyd
Toni Bryant
Matthew Dickens
Shannon Halbbrook
Simona Harry
Norman Kieke
Amy Litzinger
Katie Martin
Lightfoot

Lyn McMurry
Marsha Montegue
June Sadowsky

Staff Present

Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Linda Logan
Brianna TenBrink

Call to Order

The Public Policy Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin Street, Houston, TX, 77030, as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Angie Panzica called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

Public comment was provided by Amy Litzinger of Texas Parent to Parent, who discussed attendant care.

3. Consideration of May 2, 2024, Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 2, 2024, Public Policy Committee meeting and no additions or corrections were noted.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, Public Policy Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Michael Peace

SECOND: Debbie Carlisle

The motion **passed** without objection.

4. Chair's Remarks

- A. Member Absences: Chair Panzica noted the absence of Sandy Magaña and Sean Jackson from the Committee meeting.
- B. Chair's Quarterly Activities: Chair Panzica discussed her attendance of a presentation on transition by the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, as well as her participation in a focus group for The Arc of the United States. She also acknowledged the passing of Floyd Browning, brother of former TCDD Council Member Ronnie Browning, and mentioned Ronnie's ongoing commitment to addressing the attendant wage issue.

5. Members Quarterly Activities

Committee members provided updates from the previous quarter regarding involvement in advocacy and other activities.

6. Presentation: State Budget – Every Texan

The Committee received a presentation from Every Texan regarding the state budget, in which they took feedback from committee members on their spending priorities.

7. Legislative Update

TCDD staff provided a recap of the May 28 primary runoffs and gave an overview of the House interim charges.

8. Advocacy Training Preparatory Discussion

TCDD took input from committee members on the types of advocacy training that they would like to receive in preparation for the 89th Texas Legislature.

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9. State and Federal Policy Update

No updates were provided.

10. Future Agenda Items

The topic of Medical Interveners for the IDD population was suggested as a future agenda item.

11. Other Discussion Items

No other items were discussed.

Adjourn

The Public Policy Committee was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date
