

Committee Members Present

Meridith Silcox.

Committee Chair

Lauren Chenoweth,

TWC Vocational Rehab

Maverick Crawford

Sara Damiano, *HHSC*

Older Americans Act

Beatrice Degree

Roni Jo Frazier

Ivy Goldstien, *DSHS*

Maternal Child Health

Shana Halvorsen

Scott McAvoy

Amanda Miles

Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*

Jamie Thomas

Committee Members Absent

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Robert Schier III

Guests Present

Lauryn McNeil

Deborah Wallace

Regional Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

Alexandra Venegas

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*

Crystal Goodwin

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 Wednesday, August 8, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Houston Medical Center, 7329 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77030 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Meridith Silcox called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comment was given.

3. Consideration of May 2, 2024, Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, Project Development Committee Meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** without opposition

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Silcox reported on the expected absences of the representatives from Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Silcox shared her quarterly activities including attending the national ADA symposium in Minneapolis, and chairing the Houston Commission for People with Disabilities for the mayor's office in Houston.

Silcox also shared information presented in the Executive Committee, including reports, continuations, and discussion topics.

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 reviewed the grants monitoring report, risk assessment report, current grants report and project close out reports. Valldejuli noted that no new projects started this quarter and highlighted projects in their final year of funding. High risk grantees have been moved to moderate over the quarter.

Beth Stalvey reviewed two Project Closeout Summaries for projects that Have ended during this past quarter. The project closeout summaries for Family to Family Network and Literacy United were reviewed by the Committee for further discussion.

7. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

TCDD Executive Director Beth Stalvey reviewed the new project executive summary for Next Generation Engagement: How Experience Influences Advocacy.

MOTION: To recommend for Council approval of the Next Generation Engagement project at \$250,000 per year for up to two years.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** without opposition.

Stalvey reviewed the new project executive summary for Enhancing Statewide Community Engagement.

MOTION: To recommend for council approval of the Enhancing Statewide Community Engagement project at \$200,000 per year for up to three years.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** without opposition (Lauren Chenoweth – TWC and Sara Damiano – HHSC Older Americans Act were present but did not vote.)

Beth Stalvey led a discussion about the FY 2021 – FY 2026 TCDD State Plan and asked the 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 Committee each quarter to see what projects are beginning, ending, or which goals and objectives should be focused on at the next meeting. The discussion emphasized health care and oral health initiatives. The Committee reviewed previous conversations regarding literacy and oral healthcare including recommendations to explore behavioral training for dentists to enhance patient experiences.

Another key topic was the recent Department of Justice regulations related to accessibility in health care for people with disabilities. There was a consensus on the importance of educating individuals on their rights in health care settings. The Committee agreed on the necessity of strategic collaboration and further research to enhance health care services for underserved populations.

The Committee reviewed unsolicited ideas submitted by members of the public and did not recommend further action.

8. Future Project Funding Priorities

The Committee evaluated the Future Project Funding Priorities list. Members reviewed the list as provided by staff and made the following changes to the Future Project Funding Priorities list:

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

2. Medical Self-Determination
3. Enhancing Statewide Community Engagement
4. Next Generation Engagement: How Experience Influences Advocacy
5. Culturally Competent Family Supports

MOTION: To Recommend for Council Approval of the Future Project Funding Priorities List

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Roni Jo Frazier

The motion **passed** unanimously.

9. Future Agenda Items

Members requested future discussion topics on issues discussed during the meeting including oral healthcare and revisiting items that were removed from the Future Project Funding Priorities List.

10. Other Discussion Items

The next Committee meeting will be held November 7, 2024.

Adjourn

Committee chair Silcox adjourned the Executive Committee at 4:21 PM.

Beth Stalvey, *Secretary to the Council* Date