

Committee**Members Present**

Meridith Silcox,
Committee Chair

Lauren Chenoweth,
TWC

Andrew Crim, *Council
Chair*

Sara Damiano,
*HHSC/Older Americans
Act*

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Roni Jo Frazier

Shana Halvorsen

Barbara Knighton

Scott McAvoy

Amanda Miles

Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*

Katie Snelling, *TEA*

Jamie Thomas

Nina Zuna, *TCDS*

Committee**Members Absent**

Robert Schier III

Guests Present

Lauryn McNeil

Disability**Community****Coordinators****Present**

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Rosa Guel

Olu Motoni

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*

Genessee Klemm

Evan Marczynski

Sylvia Medina

Richard Rendon

Cass Schnautz

Call to Order

The Project Development Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Friday, February 9, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Austin – Town Lake, 20 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX 78701. Meridith Silcox called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.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 November 7, 2024, Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024, Project Development Committee Meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed**. Nina Zuna abstained from the vote.

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Silcox reported on the expected absence Robert Schier III.

Silcox shared her disability-related activities during the previous quarter.

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

5. Member Quarterly Activities

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

6. 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:

1. Choices Making Among Youth Age 0-14: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives
2. Medical Self-Determination
3. Culturally Competent Family Supports
4. TCDD Storytelling

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

7. Staff Reports

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado reviewed the grants monitoring report, risk assessment report, current grants report and project close out reports. Maldonado highlighted projects in their final year and noted low to moderate risk levels for grantees. No major concerns were reported.

8. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

Silcox led a discussion that revisited previously approved State Plan projects that have not been funded including Choicemaking for Youth ages 0-14, Self-Determined Health Care, and TCDD Storytelling.

The Committee discussed possible revisions for the Choicemaking for Youth RFA and asked staff to revise the RFA and bring it back to the May 2025 Project Development Committee meeting.

The Committee also discussed revisions needed for the Self-Determined Healthcare RFA including the funding amount, time frame and adding an age range to target youth aged 17 to 18 years of age. The Committee decided to revisit the revisions for this RFA at the May 2025 Project Development Committee meeting.

The Committee also discussed possible revisions to the TCDD Storytelling RFA and decided to continue the conversation at the May 2025 meeting.

Executive Director Stalvey discussed State Plan goals and objectives with the Committee and the process of creating a new State Plan for FY 2027 – FY 2031.

9. Future Agenda Items

Members did not offer topics for future discussion but were advised to contact Council staff or Chair Silcox if they have suggestions.

10. Other Discussion Items

The next Committee meeting will be held May 8, 2025.

Adjourn

Committee chair Silcox adjourned the Project Development Committee at 10:09 AM.