

Committee Members Present

Angie Panzica
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox
Jamie Thomas, *Vice
Chair*

Committee Members Absent

Andrew Crim, *Chair*

Council Members Present

Shana Halvorsen
Barbara Knighton
Lisa Marenco

Disability Community Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive
Director*
Kai Brewer
Melanie Teague
Mitchel Griffin
Genessee Klemm
Mary Bagwell
Scott Daigle
Rey Maldonado
Evan Marczynski
Koren Vogel
Cass Schnautz
Richard Rendon
Sylvia Medina
Linda Logan

Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the Westin San Antonio North, 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230, as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Vice-Chair Jamie Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were provided to the Committee.

3. Consideration of February 5, 2025, Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025, Executive Committee meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

4. TCDD Quarterly Financial Reports

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado reviewed the Summary of Funds reporting on fiscal years 2024 through 2027, detailing current obligations, projections, stipend expenditures, and grantee payments. Maldonado noted that the Operating Expense budget has been reduced by \$200,000 due to vacant positions and reduced travel expenses.

5. Continuation Grant Awards

Vice-Chair Thomas read a statement regarding Conflict of Interest prior to the consideration of funding for grant projects, reminding members, staff, and guests to excuse themselves from the conversation if a conflict of interest exists.

Grants Coordinator Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Building Strength in Loss for Families with IDD project at the Rice University (William Marsh Rice University)

MOTION: To approve up to \$124,886 in continuation grant funding to Rice University (William Marsh Rice University) for the third year of a five-year Building Strength in Loss for Families with IDD project.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Grants Coordinator Sylvia Medina presented the executive summary for the Establishing a Four Year Inclusive Postsecondary Education Program project at Texas State University.

MOTION: To approve up to \$99,923 in continuation grant funding to Texas State University for the Fourth year of a four-year Establishing a Four Year Inclusive Postsecondary Education Program project.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Meridith Silcox

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Medina presented the executive summary for the Trauma Informed Care for Transition Age Youth with IDD project at The Meadows Health Policy Institute for Texas.

MOTION: To approve up to \$100,000 in continuation grant funding to The Meadows Health Policy Institute for Texas for the fourth year of a four-year Trauma Informed Care for Transition Age Youth with IDD project.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Meridith Silcox

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Rendon presented the executive summary for the South Texas Disability Employment Collaborative project at The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL).

MOTION: To approve up to \$125,000 in continuation grant funding to The Valley Association for Independent Living (VAIL) for the second year of a two-year South Texas Disability Employment Collaborative project.

MADE BY: Angie Panzica

SECOND: Meridith Silcox

The motion **passed** unanimously.

6. Grant Activities Reports

Finance and Grants Director Maldonado reviewed the breakdown of current expenses, open projects, stipend activities, and projects in their final year.

7. Notice of Proposed Texas Administrative Code Rule Review

Executive Director Beth Stalvey reminded members that state agencies are statutorily required to review Texas Administrative Code rules that apply to their agency every four years. TCDD will need to review Texas Administrative Code Title 40, Part 21, Chapter 876 which relates to General Provisions of the Council and Chapter 877 which relates to Grant Awards. Stalvey explained the first step in the process is to post the Rule Review Plan. Future Council meetings will include review of

proposed revisions, adoption of amended rules, and re-adoption of rules without amendments.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of TCDD Rule Review Plan including posting for public comment.

MADE BY: Meridith Silcox

SECOND: Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously

8. Chair's Report

Vice-Chair Thomas reported the expected absences Amanda Miles, Scott McAvoy and Beatrice Degree. Chair Andrew Crim will be absent from only the Executive Committee meeting.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter:

1. Alexander Jewish Family Services Houston: Speaker Stipend for up to \$7,500 for the "ReelAbilities Houston Film and Arts Festival: ReelPeople" February 13, 2025, in Houston.
2. Alexander Jewish Family Services Houston: Translation Stipend Stipend for up to \$3,000 for the "ReelAbilities Houston Film and Arts Festival: ReelPeople" February 13, 2025, in Houston.
3. Children's Disabilities Information Coalition: Events Stipend for up to \$7,490 for the "36th Annual Children's Disabilities Symposium" March 29, 2025, in El Paso.
4. Children's Disabilities Information Coalition: Speaker Stipend for up to \$5,746 for the "36th Annual Children's Disabilities Symposium" March 29, 2025, in El Paso.
5. Children's Disabilities Information Coalition: Translation Stipend for up to \$1,050 for the "36th Annual Children's Disabilities Symposium" March 29, 2025, in El Paso.
6. Lone Star College System District: Speaker Stipend for up to \$4,145 for the "Untapped: Business Solutions for a Neurodiverse Workforce" May 30, 2025, in The Woodlands.

Executive Director Stalvey provided staff updates to note the vacant positions of TCDD Web Administrator, TCDD Policy Analyst position and West Texas Disability Community Coordinator.

Stalvey discussed the submission of the Annual Program Performance Report (APPR) which reported over 7,500 participants in TCDD activities and a 62% survey response rate from those participants. Other items reported in the APPR included community engagement with more than 1,800 users and a 48% opened email rate, more than 20 legislative recommendations on a variety of topics and various public comments to state agencies. The report also included specific stories from project participants.

10. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Committee Members reviewed updated conflict of interest disclosure information for Council Members and staff. No concerns were noted.

11. Other Updates

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Council meetings scheduled for August 6, 2025.

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Thomas adjourned the Executive Committee at 2:27 PM.