

## Committee Members Present

Andy Crim, *Council Chair*  
Angie Panzica  
Eric Shahid  
Meridith Silcox  
Jamie Thomas

## Council Members Present

Beatrice Degree  
Shana Halvorsen  
Barbara Knighton

## Guests Present

Dianna Chavarria

## Community Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty  
Morgan Foster  
Rosa Guel  
Olu Motoni

## Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*  
Kai Brewer

Scott Daigle  
Mitchel Griffin  
Marisa Iannaccone  
Genessee Klemm  
Linda Logan  
Rey Maldonado  
Evan Marczynski  
Sylvia Medina  
Richard Rendon  
Cass Schnautz  
Melanie Teague  
Koren Vogel

## Call to Order

The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Double Tree by Hilton Dallas – Cambell Centre, 8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206. Council Chair Andrew Crim called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 May 7, 2025, Minutes**

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

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025, Executive Committee meeting as presented.

**MADE BY:** Jamie Thomas

**SECOND:** Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

### **4. TCDD Quarterly Financial Reports**

TCDD Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado reviewed the quarterly financial reports, covering fiscal years 2024 and 2025, with

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projections for 2026 and 2027. He reported that expenditures are on schedule and that a no-cost extension has been requested for the current year. He also reviewed the Stipend Expenditure report and the Current Grantee report that includes the remaining funds for each grantee in the current fiscal year.

## 5. TCDD FY 2026 Operating Expense Budget

Maldonado reviewed the proposed Operating Expense (OE) budget for fiscal year 2026 highlighting changes from previous years. The proposed FY26 OE budget is \$2,896,461.

**MOTION:** To recommend Council approval of the TCDD Operating Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$2,896,461.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox

**SECOND:** Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** unanimously.

## 6. Continuation Grant Awards

Chair Crim 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 Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy, & Self-Determination project at the Association for Texas Advocates, Inc.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$75,000 in continuation grant funding to Association for Texas Advocates, Inc. for the fourth year of a five-year Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy, & Self-Determination project.

**MADE BY:** Angie Panzica

**SECOND:** Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Grants Coordinator Melanie Teague presented the executive summary for the CTD Future Leaders and Development and Training project at the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.

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**MOTION:** To approve up to \$73,712 in continuation grant funding to the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities for the fourth year of a five-year CTD Future Leaders and Development and Training project.

**MADE BY:** Jamie Thomas

**SECOND:** Meridith Silcox

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Teague presented the executive summary for the Partners in Academic Leadership project at Paso del Norte Children's Development Center.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$75,000 in continuation grant funding to Paso del Norte Children's Development Center for the fourth year of a five-year Partners in Academic Leadership project.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox

**SECOND:** Angie Panzica

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Richard Rendon presented the executive summary for the Promoting greater health equity through the use of a comprehensive bilingual training program for individuals with IDD and their caregivers project at Texas A&M University.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$150,000 in continuation grant funding to Texas A&M University for the third year of a four-year promoting greater health equity through the use of a comprehensive bilingual training program for individuals with IDD and their caregivers project with clear instructions that address the concerns laid out to the Executive Director.

**MADE BY:** Andrew Crim

**SECOND:** Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Rendon presented the executive summary for the Project AIMS Acquiring Independent Money Skills project at Texas Tech University

**MOTION:** To not approve continuation grant funding to Association for Texas Tech University. for the fourth year of a four-year Project AIMS Acquiring Independent Money Skills project

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**MADE BY:** Andrew Crim

**SECOND:** Meridith Silcox

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Sylvia Medina presented the executive summary for A Comprehensive Approach to Ending Sexual assault Against Youth and Adults project at The SAFE Alliance.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$135,060 in continuation grant funding to The SAFE Alliance for the fifth year of a five-year A Comprehensive Approach to Ending Sexual assault Against Youth and Adults project.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox

**SECOND:** Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

Medina presented the executive summary for the Building Capacity Among Health care Professionals to Provide Inclusive Health Care Services project at The University of Houston Clear Lake.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$149,859 in continuation grant funding to The University of Houston Clear Lake for the fourth year of a five-year Building Capacity Among Health care Professionals to Provide Inclusive Health Care Services project.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox

**SECOND:** Angie Panzica

The motion **passed**. Jamie Thomas was present but did not vote.

Melanie Teague presented the executive summary for the Partnering with Law Enforcement for Inclusion and Support project at University of Texas Health Science Center Houston.

**MOTION:** To not approve continuation grant funding to University of Texas Health Science Center for the fourth year of a four-year Partnering with Law enforcement for Inclusion and Support project.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox

**SECOND:** Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** unanimously.

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Teague presented the executive summary for the Collaborative Oral Health Care for Persons with IDD in Texas project at the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$150,000 in continuation grant funding to the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston for the fourth year of a five-year Collaborative Oral Health Care for Persons with IDD in Texas project.

**MADE BY:** Angie Panzica

**SECOND:** Eric Shahid

The motion **passed** unanimously.

## 7. Grant Activities Reports

Finance and Grants Director Rey Maldonado provided updates on grants and projects, including project closeouts, and risk assessments. Dallas Metrocare was highlighted for ending their project early due to sustainability concerns. The Committee was informed that all projects are currently at moderate or low risk, with ongoing monitoring.

## 8. Texas Administrative Code Rule Review

The Committee reviewed TCDD's sections of the Texas Administrative Code: Title 40, Part 21, Chapter 876 on General Provisions and Chapter 877 on Grant Awards. Both chapters are due for rule review based on the 4-year cycle. The Committee also recommended minor revisions to Chapter 877 that clarifies grant limits and updates terminology in the application and review process. The rule review and suggested revisions need to be posted for comment period in the Texas Register.

**MOTION:** To recommend Council approval of the posting for public comment of the review TCDD rules in the Texas Administrative Code as well as recommended revisions to Chapter 877.

**MADE BY:** Jamie Thomas

**SECOND:** Angie Panzica

The motion was **passed** unanimously.

## 9. Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Agency

Stalvey reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Education Agency (TEA), which oversees various administrative

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functions for the agency, including human resources and compliance with state law.

**MOTION:** To recommend Council approval of the TCDD Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Education Agency.

**MADE BY:** Meridith Silcox

**SECOND:** Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** unanimously.

## 10. Chair's Report

Chair Crim provided updates on Council member attendance at the meetings, noting several members attending virtually and a vacancy in the Maternal/Child Health programs representative role.

## 11. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Beth Stalvey reported stipends awarded during the quarter:

1. Manifest Academy for "The Self Determination Camp 2025" June 28-30,2025, in San Antonio (Events Stipend - \$7,500)
2. Manifest Academy for "The Self Determination Camp 2025" June 28-30,2025, in San Antonio (Speaker Stipend - \$6,205)
3. Manifest Academy for "The Self Determination Camp 2025" June 28-30,2025, in San Antonio (Translation Stipend - \$3,000)
4. Texas Parent to Parent (Tx P2P) for the "20th TxP2P Statewide Parent Conference" July 18-19, 2025, in San Marcos (Events Stipend - \$7,480)
5. Texas Parent to Parent (Tx P2P) for the "20th TxP2P Statewide Parent Conference" July 18-19, 2025, in San Marcos (Speaker Stipend - \$7,500)
6. Texas Parent to Parent (Tx P2P) for the "20th TxP2P Statewide Parent Conference" July 18-19, 2025, in San Marcos (Translation Stipend - \$3,000)
7. Black Down Syndrome Association for the "Black Down Syndrome Family Reunion Conference" November 7-9, 2025, in Grand Prairie (Events Stipend -\$5,000)

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8. Associates for Texas Advocates Inc. For the “Texas Advocates – Stepping into the Future” August 8-9 in Denton (Events Stipend \$7,400)
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Director Stalvey provided staff updates including two vacancies, and the status of federal funding

Updates were provided on state plan work groups and the upcoming Sunset review, with staff working diligently to prepare data and documentation. The internal audit process was discussed, with consideration given to possible changes in Audit Committee responsibilities and the requirements of internal audits.

## 12. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

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

## 13. Other Updates

The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Council meetings scheduled for November 5, 2025.

## 14. Executive Session – Annual Review of TCDD Executive Director

Chair Crim announced: The Executive Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities will meet in closed session pursuant to Section 551.074 of Government Code related to Personnel Matters. A quorum of the Committee is present. The time was 5:02 PM.

Executive Committee members and Council Business Director Koren Vogel remained in the room for this discussion.

The Executive Committee did not take any action during its closed meeting discussion on personnel matters.

## Adjourn

Chair Crim adjourned the Executive Committee at 5:31 PM.