

## Committee Members

### Present

Meridith Silcox,

*Committee Chair*

Andy Crim, *Council Chair*

Sara Damiano, *HHSC*

*Older Americans Act*

Roni Jo Frazier

Shana Halvorsen

Barbara Knighton

Abby Maddux

Sandra Magaña, *TCDS*

Wendy Maurer

Scott McAvoy

Robert Schier III

Jamie Thomas

## Committee Members

### Absent

Elizabeth Danner, *TEA*

Amanda Miles

Jonas Schwartz, *TWC*

### Guests Present

Dianna Chavarria

Laurie Maddux

### Community

### Coordinators Present

Erin Fogarty

Morgan Foster

Olu Motoni

Alexandra Venegas

## Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, *Executive Director*

Mitchel Griffin

Genessee Klemm

Rey Maldonado

Evan Marczynski

Sylvia Medina

Richard Rendon

Cass Schnautz

Melanie Teague

Brianna TenBrink

## Call to Order

The Project Development Committee of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Wednesday, August 7, 2025, at the Double Tree by Hilton Dallas – Campbell Centre, 8250 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206. Meridith Silcox called the meeting to order at 1:36 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 8, 2025, Minutes**

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

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025, Project Development Committee Meeting as presented.

**MADE BY:** Jamie Thomas

**SECOND:** Robert Schier III

The motion **passed** without opposition. Wendy Maurer was present but did not vote.

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Silcox reported on the expected absences of the representatives from Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and Amanda Miles.

Silcox shared her quarterly activities including participation in a citywide celebration of the ADA and ongoing conversations about the evolving landscape of disability advocacy.

#### 5. Member Quarterly Activities

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

#### 6. Staff Grant 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 noted that two new projects started on August 1, 2025, and highlighted that TCDD was on track to expend all fiscal year funds. He noted that appropriations for future years are still pending but with level funding, expected funds to be available for new grants in the second half of FY 2026.

Maldonado provided updates on the status of new projects, ongoing projects, and project closeouts. Several projects were ending or in their final year. The Dallas Metrocare project was ending early due to capacity issues, not lack of success. Risk assessments indicated that most grantees were at moderate risk or lower, with compliance issues resolved.

#### 7. Future Activities for State Plan Implementation

Executive Director Beth Stalvey reviewed the revised new project executive summary for Choicemaking Among Youth Age 5-11

**MOTION:** To recommend Council approval of the Choicemaking Among Youth Age 5-11 project at \$300,000 per year for up to three years.

**MADE BY:** Scott McAvoy

**SECOND:** Jamie Thomas

The motion **passed** without opposition. Wendy Maurer was present but did not vote.

TCDD Leadership and Advocacy Program Manager Brianna Tenbrink gave a presentation about her recent experience with Youth Leadership Forum hosted in Louisiana. TenBrink also gave an overview of six peer support projects, three in community settings and three in institutions. The presentation highlighted successes, lessons learned, and challenges related to sustainability, stakeholder engagement, and effective program design. The Committee discussed the need for ongoing training, stakeholder buy-in, and strategies for sustaining peer support models beyond the project period.

Chair Silcox reviewed a newly developed decision tree for Project Development designed to help members assess project ideas with alignment to the state plan, identify responsible entities, and determine the type of change needed.

### **8. Future Project Funding Priorities**

The Committee evaluated the Future Project Funding Priorities list. Members reviewed the list as provided by staff and made no changes:

1. Choices Making Among Youth Age 5-11: A Foundation for Self-Determined Lives
2. Medical Self-Determination
3. Culturally Competent Family Supports
4. TCDD Storytelling

### **9. Future Agenda Items**

The committee discussed the need to revisit sexual assault prevention projects and sustainability strategies in future meetings. Members expressed interest in continuing conversations about youth leadership, peer support, and resource dissemination.

### **10. Other Discussion Items**

The next committee meeting will be held November 5, 2025.



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### **Adjourn**

Committee Chair Silcox adjourned the Executive Committee at 4:52 PM.