

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
Executive Committee**

Date: 08/03/11

Review of Proposed Activities & Budget

ITEM: B

Grantee: Parents Anonymous, Inc.

Year: 2 of 3

Project Title: Gulf Coast of Texas African-American Family Support Conference

Project Location: Houston

TCDD RFP Intent:

The primary goal of this project is to establish an African-American Family Support Conference modeled on the *Central Texas African-American Family Support Conference (CTAAFSC)* hosted annually in Austin by Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC). The project is responsible for hosting a yearly regional conference, free to people with disabilities and their families, and sponsored by community partners from both public and private sectors. The conference will strengthen family and individual awareness of available health care services (behavioral and physical) through culturally sensitive education supports, and partnerships. TCDD has approved funding of up to \$50,000 for year one; \$35,000 for year 2; and \$15,000 for year 3 for funding up to three years.

Project Goals and Accomplishments for Year 1:

Goal : To coordinate one Regional Texas African- American Support Conference annually for up to 150 individuals for three years; to increase persons with disabilities and their family members capacity to advocate and receive quality care for mental, physical health and have access to wellness information and resources in their communities.

Accomplishments per goal: The Gulf Coast of Texas African-American Family Support Conference (GCTAAFSC) is scheduled for August 4, 2011; titled "Keeping it Real: Resources to Empower Consumers, Youth and Families." The conference keynote speakers are Representative Garnet Coleman, District 147 and King Davis, Ph.D., School of Social Work, University of Texas; and conference content areas include: 1) Understanding Health Disparities; 2) Making Connections with Providers; 3) Building and Sustaining Faith-based Linkages; and 4) Effective Community Outreach to African-American Families and Rural Populations. As of July 11, 2011, the project has 105 people registered, 29 exhibitors, and 13 co-sponsors and supporters.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2:

Goal: Same as above

Objectives: To hold a 1-day conference with 150 participants; to maintain up to 10 Ad Hoc representatives from the Houston and Gulf Coast area including minority and culturally diverse individuals with developmental disabilities and/or their family members, professionals, funders and other relevant stakeholders.

Council Considerations: Public Policy considerations: none noted. TCDD grant staff concerns: No organizations have offered funding support, only in-kind resources. Project did not agree to charge a nominal fee for non-profit exhibitors; social media launched in April not effectively utilized; more than 10% of TCDD grant specialist time on this project alone; out-of-state project (staff) prohibits effective coordination with Houston network in terms of sustainability. TCDD grant staff recommend maintaining funding investment in future Houston area AAFSC events but through a different mechanism. Staff thus recommends not approving this continuation award.

Sustainability: The grantee did not maximize the opportunity in Year 1 to secure funds generated by grant-supported activities necessary to expand the project. (e.g., conference and exhibitors fees).

Administrative Oversight: The proposed budget for year 2 includes three staff each on TCDD grants funds at 5% time on project; salaries and fringe benefits total \$17,282; consultant services are proposed for \$5,000; and out-of-state travel for \$2000 for a total of \$24,282 of the funds available, or 70% of the total budget.

Community Presence: The grantee does not have a physical presence in the Houston area to effectively build capacity (e.g., proposed one face-to-face meeting with various committees and potential funders during the 2nd year).

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Continuation Budget Detail Summary

	Federal	Match	Totals
Amount expended in year 1 (\$13,940 consultants) (Based on 8 months \$50,000 awarded.)	\$26,194	\$9,088	\$35,282
Amount requested for next year budget:			
I. Personnel services	17,282	0	17,282
II. Travel	2,000	0	2,000
III. Purchased services (\$5,000 consultant)	5,000	8,500	13,500
IV. Property/Materials	0	500	500
V. Rental/Leasing	7,500	0	7,500
VI. Utilities	0	0	0
VII. Other	2,718	0	2,718
Budget period totals \$	\$34,500	\$9,000	\$43,500