

Background:

- **Stipends Grants Applications Approved** - TCDD Policies provide for the Executive Director to make final decisions about applications for Stipend Grants. Two stipend applications were approved during the quarter from the following organizations:
 1. Aging Disability & Transportation Resource Center of El Paso and Far West Texas: for up to \$4,566 for the *Our Lives 12th Annual Disability Conference* on October 25, 2012, in El Paso.
 2. NAMI Texas: for up to \$5,985 for the *NAMI Texas 2012 Annual Conference* on November 1-3, 2012, in Austin

- **State and Federal Affairs Update** –TCDD staff will provide updates about various state and federal matters during the meetings.

- **Attendance Report** – A quarterly summary of attendance of Council members at meetings is also enclosed.

- **Draft Social Media Guidelines** – During the May meetings, Council members discussed use of social media as an advocacy and communications strategy. Staff have developed draft “social media guidelines” for consideration by the Executive Committee to provide guidance and cautions to members about using social media in their role as a Council member.

Important Terms:

Stipends Grants: Organizations may apply for up to \$6000 to pay for conference registration, hotel rooms, attendants, respite, travel expenses, etc. for self-advocates and their family members to attend conferences and other events.

Executive Committee

Agenda Item 5. D.

Expected Action:

The Executive Committee will review the information provided and may provide guidance to staff.

Council

Agenda Item 14. E.

Expected Action:

The Council will receive a report on the Executive Committee discussion.

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 8/14/12

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 1

Organization: **Aging, Disability, & Transportation Resource
Center of El Paso & Far West Texas (ADTRC)
City, State: El Paso, TX**

**Federal: \$ 4,566
Match: \$ 1,215**

Event: Conference: Our Lives 12th Annual Disabilities Conference
Date: October 25, 2012
Hotel: Camino Real Hotel
City, State: El Paso, Texas

Previously Funded: No:
Comments: Our Lives Disabilities Conference is planned as a motivating, educational, non-threatening means of outreach and empowerment to the disability community, including persons with developmental disabilities, in the El Paso Southwest Area. Co-sponsoring with VOLAR.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:

Registration - 20 individuals (20 @ \$65.00/individual)	= \$1,300.00
Lodging -20 individuals (20 @ \$93.28+Occupancy Tax for 2 nights (double occupancy))	= \$1,866.00
Meals - 20 individuals (20 @ \$35.00/meal for 2 days)	= \$1,400.00
Total cost (federal):	= \$4,566.00
Applicant match transportation:	
Transportation - 20 individuals (20 @ \$30.37/per trip for 2 trips)	= \$1,215.00
Total cost (match):	= \$1,215.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

CONSUMER STIPENDS PROPOSALS

Date: 7/26/12

Executive Director Review

ITEM: 1

Organization: NAMI Texas
City, State: Austin, TX

Federal: \$ 5,985
Match: \$ 4,221

Event: Conference: NAMI Texas 2012 Annual Conference
Date: November 1-3, 2012
Hotel: Sheraton Austin Hotel
City, State: Austin, Texas

Previously Funded: Yes: 2009, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2002
Comments: NAMI Texas 2010 Annual Conference is an opportunity for consumers, family members, and professionals to network together to promote recovery, empowerment and inclusion in the mental health arena.

Considerations: The conference sponsors propose to provide stipends to cover:
Registration – 63 consumers
(63 @ \$95.00/individual) = \$5,985.00
Total cost (federal): = \$5,985.00
Applicant match covers dinner expenses:
Meals – 63 individuals
(63 @ \$67.00/individual) = \$4,221.00
Total cost (match): = \$4,221.00

Recommendation: Staff recommends funding. Proposal received 90 days prior to event.

Approved: yes no _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

**TCDD QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETINGS
ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 2010 – July 2012**

Council Member	7/12	5/12	2/12	11/11	8/11	5/11	2/11 meeting cancelled	11/10
H. Adkins	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	P
K. Blackmon	EA	P	P	P	EA	P	NA	P
K. Clark	P	EA	P	P	P	EA	NA	EA – Th P - Fr
G. Cortez	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	NA	NA
K. Cox	P	P	P	EA	P	P	NA	EA – Th P - Fr
A. Crim	EA	P –Th EA – Fr	P	P – Th EA – Fr	EA	P	NA	P
M. Delgado	P	EA	EA	P	P	P	NA	P
M. Durham	P	P	EA	P	EA	P	NA	EA
S. Gersuk	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
C. Johnston	P	P	P	P	P	EA	NA	P
D. Kern	EA	P	EA	EA	P	EA	NA	P
S. McAvoy	P	P	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
J. Morris	P	EA	P	P	P EA -Fr	P	NA	P
D. Perry	P	P	P	EA	P	EA	NA	P
J. Rivas	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	P
D. Taylor	P	P	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
L. Taylor	P	P	P	P	EA	P	NA	EA
R. Tisch	P	P	P	EA	P	P	NA	P
S. Vardell	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	EA
DRT (AI)	P	EA	P	P	P	P	NA	P
UT CDS	P	EA	P	P	EA	EA	NA	EA
A&M CDD	P	EA	P	EA	P	EA	NA	EA
DADS	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	P
DARS	P	EA	P	P	P	P-Th EA-Fr	NA	EA
DSHS	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	P
HHSC	P –Th EA-Fr	P	P	P	P	P	NA	EA
TEA	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	EA

Key: P = Present
A = Absent
EA = Excused Absence
NA= Not Applicable

Discussion Draft

Recommendations for Council Members regarding Social Media

As members of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities appointed by the Governor of Texas, Council members operate as representatives of the Council and its reputation in Texas and across the country.

Council members are cautioned to monitor their presence and activities on any social media sites, social networking sites, online forums, or any other sort of public communication on the Internet, as a function of acting as respectful and responsible representatives of the Council.

Social Media refers to the different means by which people, enabled by digital communication technologies, connect with one another to share information and engage in conversations on topics of mutual interest. Social media is an umbrella term describing a variety of communication mediums and platforms, with social networking being the most well known.

Social Networking shall mean the use of a variety of websites that allows users to share content, interact, and develop communities around similar interests.

While specific mediums, platforms, and technologies may change over time, the overall trend of people connecting with other people by using technology only increases.

Examples of social media and social networking include but are not limited to:

- Social Communication sites (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, etc.)
- Forums
- Weblogs (blogs, vlogs, microblogs, and presence applications)
- Wikis
- Social Bookmarking
- Podcasts
- Photos
- Videos (video, vlogs, and live casting)
- Real-Time Web Communications (chat, chat rooms, and video chat)

While personal social media accounts are not prohibited, Council members should be mindful about using personal accounts in a manner that gives the impression of representing or sharing information **on behalf** of TCDD.

This is especially important if you identify yourself as a current or past Council member on any online public profile, but is still important even if you do not. Council members' names are listed on the TCDD website and publications, and are a matter of public record. Thus, members are expected to serve as public representatives of the values and mission of the Council.

TCDD asks that members take the following items into consideration as they participate in any social media sites, social networking sites, online forums, or any other sort of public communication on the Internet:

- If making public statements about matters related to developmental disabilities or state policies regarding disabilities, consider acknowledging the opinions expressed are personal and not the official positions of TCDD.
- Avoid making any statements that contradict the values of the Developmental Disabilities Rights and Assistance Act, as this is the guiding document behind the mission of Councils on Developmental Disabilities.
- Be mindful of all content you share and the tone of your communications with others, as Council members should strive to be responsible and respectful citizen representatives of TCDD's reputation.
- TCDD is an office of state government and members who serve on the Council have been appointed by the Governor to represent the community of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Texas. Members making public comments about politics, especially regarding state government and state officials, should strive to keep comments and conversations respectful and appropriate.

TCDD appreciates members' consideration of these recommendations when utilizing social media sites, social networking sites, online forums, or any other sort of public communication on the Internet. If members have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the TCDD's Communications Coordinator Melissa Loe at melissa.loe@tcdd.state.tx.us or (512) 437-5441.