

XI. Additional Information

- A. Texas Government Code, Sec. 325.0075 requires agencies under review to submit a report about their reporting requirements to Sunset with the same due date as the SER. Include a list of each report that the agency is required by statute to prepare and an evaluation of the need for each report based on whether factors or conditions have changed since the statutory requirement was in place. If the list is longer than one page, please include it as an attachment.**

TCDD is required to prepare a biennial disability report, jointly with the Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, on “the state of services to persons with disabilities in this state” and submit to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, and Executive Commissioner of Health and Human services by December 1 of each even-numbered year. (Tex. Gov. Code Ann. § 531.0234 (West 2013)) This Biennial Disability Report is expected to include recommendations concerning:

- (1) fiscal and program barriers to consumer friendly services;
- (2) progress toward a service delivery system individualized to each consumer based on function needs;
- (3) progress on the development of local cross-disability access structures;
- (4) projections of future long-term care service needs and availability; and
- (5) consumer satisfaction, consumer preferences and desired outcomes.

Requirements for the Biennial Disability Report were included in S.B. 374 passed by the 76th Legislature (99 (R)) relating to the provision of certain long-term care services, to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department on Aging, and to the eventual consolidation of the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Department on Aging into a new agency on aging and disability services. As part of that measure, the Texas Department on Aging and the Texas Department of Human Services were jointly required to jointly conduct statewide needs assessment for long term care services as part of the State Plan required under the Older Americans Act. The Biennial Disability Report was seen as a companion related to service and support needs of individuals with disabilities. Subsequent Legislatures have reorganized the structure of health and human services in Texas under the Health and Human Services Commission. As such, the requirements for the Biennial Disability Report are largely redundant with responsibilities of the Health and Human Services Commission in its Strategic Plan and needs assessment processes.