

Background:

Minutes of the October 24, 2013, Project Development Committee meeting are included for your review.

**Project Development
Committee**

Agenda Item 3.

Expected Action:

The Committee will review, revise as appropriate, and approve.

TEXAS COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, October 24, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Gladys Cortez, Chair
Kimberly Blackmon
Andrew Crim
Manda Hall

Diana Kern
Scott McAvoy
John C. Morris
Cindy Swain, TEA

David Taylor
Rick Tisch
Susan Vardell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristine Clark
Dana Perry

STAFF PRESENT

Jeri Barnard
Martha Cantu
Joanna Cordry
Cynthia Ellison

Sonya Hosey
Wendy Jones
Susan Mihalik

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Development Committee met on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 3401 South IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741. Committee Chair Gladys Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed minutes of the August 8, 2013, Project Development Committee meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013, Project Development Committee meeting minutes as presented.

MADE BY: Rick Tisch

SECOND: John C. Morris

The motion **passed** unanimously.

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Cortez reminded the Committee how important it is to pay attention and read the information in the binder to make sure they know what they are voting on and approving.

5. MEMBER UPDATES

The Committee received member updates from Rick Tisch and Andrew Crim.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Information Report

Planning Coordinator Joanna Cordry presented the Public Information Report, which included recent public information staff activities related to creating awareness and building connections on Twitter and Facebook.

B. Status of New/Approved Projects

Chair Cortez reported on the status of the Outreach and Development and Accessible Parking Awareness Campaign grant proposals that were approved and the six continuations that were approved by the Executive Committee. Grants Management Director Sonya Hosey reminded the Committee that there are only five Outreach and Development proposals active at any one time.

C. Projected Available Funds

Operations Director Martha Cantu reviewed staff projections of Projected Available funds for FY13-FY14.

D. Other Updates

Cordry reported on the Positive Behavior Supports efforts ending, and noted that, as planned, the Public Policy Committee discussed these and the related outcomes from the session. The Public Policy Committee recommended no new related project be developed at this time. They instead recommended publicizing and promoting Project IDEAL materials and the Region 17 Positive Behavior Support projects.

Cordry reviewed the document in the binder describing the DADS Person Centered Thinking Training Project. Chair Mary Durham informed the Executive Committee that she and Vice-Chair Andrew Crim approved funding for this project via her authority as chair.

Cordry also reviewed the FY 2012 - 2016 State Plan progress and next steps and called Committee members attention to the summary and position statement in the binder regarding the Council's work on guardianship issues and noted TCDD's Alternatives to Guardianship project is in its final year.

Cordry reported that she is currently researching possibilities around a project to increase the access that people with developmental disabilities living in the community have to high quality dentistry services that meet their needs. She hopes to bring enough information to the next meeting to serve as a basis for a discussion about whether the Council wishes to develop a project to address this issue. The Committee discussed possible pros and cons related to taking on this idea, and Rick Tisch and Manda Hall stated that they have some knowledge about the issue that might be helpful.

7. SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Committee member Cindy Swain from TEA volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. The Committee accepted her self-nomination.

8. FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR STATE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A. Accessible Transportation Project

The Committee reviewed and recommended Council approval of the Executive Summary for the Accessible Transportation Project for funding up to \$150,000 per year for years 1, 2, and 3; up to \$125,000 for year 4; and up to \$100,000 for year 5.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the Executive Summary as presented for the Accessible Transportation Project for funding up to \$150,000 per year for years 1, 2, and 3; up to \$125,000 for year 4; and up to \$100,000 for year 5.

MADE BY: John C. Morris

SECOND: Scott McAvoy

The motion **passed** unanimously.

B. Understanding Employment Options and Supports Conference

The Committee reviewed and recommended Council approval of the Executive Summary for the Understanding Employment Options and Supports project for up to \$150,000 per year for up to 2 years. The Committee also recommended that it be a requirement to have employed self advocates, individually and as a part of focus groups, involved in content creation of the project.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the Executive Summary for the Understanding Employment Options and Supports project for up to \$150,000 per year for up to 2 years.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: Susan Vardell

The motion **passed** unanimously.

C. Assistive Technology in Education

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Executive Summary for the Assistive Technology in Education. The Committee recommended Council approval of the deletion of State Plan Objective 1.4.

MOTION: To recommend Council approval of the deletion of the State Plan Objective 1.4.

MADE BY: John C. Morris

SECOND: Diana Kern

The motion **passed** with Cindy Swain opposed.

5. FUTURE PROJECT FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Committee reviewed and changed the prioritization of the Future Project Funding Priorities List to the following:

1. Understanding Employment Options and Supports
2. Self Advocate Community Organizing
3. Culturally Competent Family Support
4. Partnership with African American Clergy to Support Families
5. Accessible Transportation.

The Committee also noted that the Funders Roundtable and the Public Education and Outreach Campaign-Accessible Parking projects will be taken off the list as they are in the process of starting.

MOTION: To recommend acceptance of changing and prioritization of the Future Funding Priorities in the order of #1 Understanding Employment Options and Supports; #2 Self Advocate Community Organizing; #3 Culturally Competent Family Support; #4 Partnership with African American Clergy to Support Families; and #5 Accessible Transportation.

MADE BY: Scott McAvoy

SECOND: John C. Morris

The motion **passed** unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Gladys Cortez adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Roger A. Webb, Secretary to the Council

Date