

**Project Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

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**Background:**

Minutes of the August 7, 2014, 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, AUGUST 7, 2014  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Gladys Cortez, Chair | Manda Hall, DSHS    | Cindy Swain, TEA |
| Kimberly Blackmon    | Ivy Goldstein, DSHS | Rick Tisch       |
| Andrew Crim          | Diana Kern          | Susan Vardell    |
| Gina Fuller          | Scott McAvoy        |                  |

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

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| Kristine Clark | Dana Perry   |
| John C. Morris | David Taylor |

**STAFF PRESENT**

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| Martha Cantu    | Sonya Hosey   | Fernando Rodriguez |
| Joanna Cordry   | Wendy Jones   | Joshua Ryf         |
| Cynthia Ellison | Susan Mihalik |                    |

**ATTENDANTS**

Gina Fuller

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Erick Fajardo, Sunset Commission Staff  
Carissa Nash, Sunset Commission Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Project Development Committee met on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at the Hilton Austin Airport at 9515 Hotel Drive, Austin, Texas 78719. Chair Gladys Cortez called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

**1. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS**

Committee members, staff and guests were introduced. Grants Director Sonya Hosey introduced Fernando Rodriguez, the temporary Project Management Assistant.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were offered.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee reviewed minutes of the May 8, 2014, Project Development Committee meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014, Project Development Committee meeting with no changes.

**MADE BY:** Scott McAvoy

**SECOND:** Diana Kern

The motion **passed** unanimously.

**4. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Chair Cortez was complimentary of the presentation made by Council member Stephen Gersuk about the struggles and successes he has experienced with care for his son. She thanked other members for being respectful of his struggles. Additional members commented on the importance of family involvement and were sympathetic to the struggles families' experience.

New Communications Coordinator Joshua Ryf was introduced.

**5. OTHER MEMBER UPDATES**

No member updates were announced.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Public Information Report**

Planning Coordinator Joanna Cordry referred Committee members to the Public Information report found in the meeting materials.

**B. Status of New/Approved Projects**

Grants Management Director Sonya Hosey reviewed grant project highlights presented at the Committee of the Whole, and updated the committee that the two DD Policy Fellows projects, awarded to The Arc of Texas and to the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities and the Outreach and Development project approved to Growing Roots, started August 1. The Outreach Development project, awarded to Nuevo Horizontes de Starr County will start September 1.

Hosey reported that the Executive Committee did not approve Travis County and Access Empowerment for Accessible Parking Awareness Campaign projects. The Executive Committee agreed to consider a revised proposal from Access Empowerment at its next Council meeting should the organization be interested and address the concerns provided by the Executive Committee.

Hosey also reviewed continuation awards approved for Community Healthcore, Helpful Interventions, Texas Tech University, Arc of San Angelo, the Arc of Greater Tarrant County, and Volar Center for Independent Living.

**C. Projected Available Funds**

Operations Director Martha Cantu reviewed the financial projections for FY 2013 and 2014.

**D. Other Updates**

Planning Coordinator Joanna Cordry reported that the independent review panel for the Self-Advocate Community Organizing RFP suggested the Council should be made aware of three ideas that came out of the proposals:

- To repurpose a State Supporting Living Center campus into an arts district with an affordable live-work artist residency that could result in the development of inclusive community that would meet housing needs of people with disabilities.
- To develop a peer-to-peer support model in which self-advocate Navigators connect with and help individuals with developmental disabilities who are living in nursing homes to explore community living options.
- To conduct activities that might be necessary precursors to the larger grassroots work.

**6. FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR STATE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Ms. Cordry presented information on the “Leadership and Advocacy Project.”

**A. Leadership and Advocacy Projects**

**MOTION:** To recommend Council approval of the Leadership and Advocacy Executive Summary as written with funds of up to \$75,000 per project, per year, for up to 4 projects, for up to five years.

**MADE BY:** Rick Tisch

**SECOND:** Scott McAvoy

The motion **passed** unanimously

**B. Training and Informational Materials**

**MOTION:** To recommend Council approval of the Executive Summary for Targeted Online Training with funds of up to \$10,000 for the development of the template and guide, to buy necessary technology (hardware and software a necessary,) and to pay for any necessary training: and to approve up to \$15,000 per year, total, for development of products using the template.

**MADE BY:** Susan Vardell

**SECOND:** Diana Kern

The motion **passed** unanimously.

**7. FUTURE PROJECT FUNDING PRIORITIES**

The Committee reviewed the current list of projects and added the newly approved projects as listed below:

1. Targeted Online Training
2. Understanding Employment Options
3. Culturally Competent Family Support
4. Leadership Development and Advocacy Training Projects
5. Partnership with African American Clergy
6. Accessible Transportation Project

**MOTION:** To reorder the TCDD Future Funding Activities Priority List as listed above.

**MADE BY:** Susan Vardell

**SECOND:** Diana Kern

The motion **passed** unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Cortez adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

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Roger A. Webb, Secretary to the Council

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Date