

Background:

Minutes of the August 6, 2015, 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 6, 2015
FINAL DRAFT MINUTES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Gladys Cortez, Chair	Ivy Goldstein, DSHS	John Thomas
Kimberly Blackmon	Sara Kendall, DARS	Rick Tisch
Mateo Delgado	Scott McAvoy	
Mary Durham, Council Chair	David Taylor	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Crim	Dana Perry
Diana Kern	Cindy Swain, TEA

STAFF PRESENT

Martha Cantu	Danny Fikac	Beth Stalvey, Executive Director
Joanna Cordry	Fernando Rodriguez	
Cynthia Ellison		

STAFF ABSENT

Sonya Hosey	Wendy Jones	Susan Mihalik
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GUEST PRESENT

Carrie Warner

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Development Committee met on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel at 1001 East McCarty Lane, San Marcos, Texas 78666. Chair Gladys Cortez called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 May 7, 2015, Project Development Committee meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015, Project Development Committee.

MADE BY: Richard Tisch

SECOND: Scott McAvoy

ABSTENTION: John Thomas

The motion **passed** with one abstention.

4. CHAIR’S REMARKS

No comments were offered.

5. MEMBER UPDATES

Richard Tisch has been selected as a board member to The Center in Houston.

The Committee had a brief discussion about why representatives from state agencies that were not on the Project Development Committee are now on it and how this might appear to be a conflict of interest if the agency wishes to apply for a TCDD grant.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Status of New/Approved Projects

Cynthia Ellison, Senior Grant Specialist, reported that no new grants were started since the last quarter.

The following continuation awards were approved by the Executive Committee:

- A. The Arc of Texas
- B. Volar Center for Independent Living
- C. Texas Tech University

B. Projected Available Funds

Martha Cantu, Operations Director, reported that TCDD has budgeted \$645,000 for planned projects. From FY 2014 there is money that will be rolled over into FY 2015. In FY 2015 the TCDD is \$416,000 in positive. A positive balance is projected for FY 2016. There were no questions for Cantu.

C. Other Updates

The Executive Committee approved funding for “Culturally Appropriate Family Supports” for two of the six organizations that submitted applications:

- Light and Salt Association, an organization that supports Asian-American families
- Reaching Families Advocacy and Support Group (REACH), supporting and advocating for East African immigrant families

Joanna Cordry, Planning Coordinator, informed the Committee that no applications were received in response to the “Texas Faith Inclusion Network for People with Disabilities.

The following RFP are closed and proposals are being reviewed:

- TCDD Policy Fellows

7. PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cordry presented information on Partners in Policymaking. The Committee members discussed this project at some length and had several concerns about sustainability, cost and Partners involvement after the completion of the training. As a result of these concerns the Committee directed staff to research additional options for the facilitation of Partner in Policymaking that would be less expensive and result in higher measurable participation of attendees after the completion of the program.

The Executive Summary for Partners in Policymaking was not recommended for approval at this time. Staff is to gather more information and report back in November 2015.

8. FUTURE PROJECT FUNDING PRIORITIES

No changes were made.

9. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

No additional items present for discussion.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Gladys Cortez adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council

Date