

Background:

TCDD solicits, on an ongoing basis, qualified individuals who can serve on the Independent Review Panels that evaluate proposals received in response to Requests for Proposals (RFPs). In order to have a large enough pool of potential reviewers, a database of approved individuals is maintained. The Executive Committee biennially reviews and approves individuals to be included in the reviewer pool. Planning Director Joanna Cordry and Planning Specialist Danny Fikac will provide information about individuals who have recently submitted applications to be reviewers. This information includes names and cities of potential new reviewers, and areas of expertise of each reviewer. This information is provided behind this tab sheet.

The Executive Committee will be asked to make a final determination on the pool of potential reviewers. Staff will also ask the Committee to consider reviewing a short list of new reviewers at each meeting in order to more quickly increase the number of qualified reviewers who may be selected for review panels. Staff are in the process of initiating an outreach campaign to increase the numbers of new reviewers but do not expect more than 15 reviewers will apply and need to be reviewed each quarter.

Executive Committee — Agenda Item 12**Expected Action:**

The Executive Committee will consider this information, and make a final determination on the pool of potential reviewers presented and whether staff may bring a list of new reviewers to the Committee for review each quarter.

Council — Agenda Item 13. D.**Expected Action:**

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

New Reviewer Applications

Last Name	First Name	Home City	Qualifications (as provided by applicant)
Baskerville	Markee	Fort Worth	I am knowledgeable in employment, transportation, recreation, child care, advocacy and community organization, education and early Intervention, health/mental health.
Castillo	Elizabeth	Houston	My son is 4 yrs. old and was diagnosed with Autism. He is currently on speech, occupational and music therapy. I have tried enrolling him in the Applied Behavior Analysis program and insurance has denied it. This was recommended by his neurologist.
Inyanza	Filex	Frisco	I provide non-medical transportation to individuals with disabilities to medical appointments, picking up drug prescriptions, and running some errands.
Lewis	Elizabeth	Austin	I am a cultural and medical anthropologist specializing in cultural understandings of disability. I have conducted long-term research on family experiences raising children with disabilities, parent-led advocacy, disability rights, diagnostic trends, and health. I also have a sister with multiple disabilities, so on a personal level I am closely familiar with family experiences across the life course. Finally, I have conducted research on the experiences of (typical) siblings of individuals with disabilities.
Outlaw	Ann	Austin	I have worked on numerous National Institute for Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research projects in my role at American Institutes for Research (formally SEDL). I have more than 14 years of experience, the past four of which have been dedicated to developing expertise in disability research and knowledge translation, and getting research results into the hands of people with disabilities and practitioners. Prior to joining SEDL in 2011, I was a policy analyst at the Texas Council on Family Violence, where I focused on monitoring legislation, providing training and technical assistance on best practices of safe technology use by survivors of domestic violence, legal rights of people with limited English proficiency; and I researched trends for constituents. I also was a case manager for people with disabilities at Austin Integral Care (formally Austin Travis County MHMR) and for youth with behavioral and mental health issues at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls at Chicago.

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Smith	Jessica	Austin	I have been working in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Autism for over 4 years. I have a Master of education in special education with a focus on Autism and related developmental disorders and a specification on Applied Behavior Analysis. I am a board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) and currently work as a case manager for one of the largest ABA providers in the country. I provide 1:1 ABA therapy to individuals on the ASD spectrum and develop skills programs for their learning needs.