

Background:

Executive Summaries for three (3) current grant projects that are eligible for continuation funding are enclosed for consideration by the Executive Committee. Grants monitoring strategies are noted under staff recommendations which follow the grants risk assessment report:

- A. Community Healthcore — Building Community Capacity through Collaboration.
- B. Disability Rights Texas — Guardianship Alternatives Training.
- C. Reaching Families Advocacy and Support Group — Culturally Appropriate Family Supports.

At the February meeting, staff do not expect to bring any projects to be considered for continuation funding.

Grants Risk Assessment Report (Tab 3)

The Grants Risk Assessment Report summarizes the risk assessment matrix for consideration of grant awards and provides more detail about monitoring activities for all TCDD funded projects.

Important Terms:

Continuation Grant Awards — For each grant project funded by TCDD, the Council authorizes the number of years of funding available (usually 3-5 years), but projects must reapply and be approved for funding each year.

Executive Committee — Agenda Item 10**Expected Action:**

The Executive Committee will review the information provided and consider approving funding for each continuation award.

Council — Agenda Item 12. A.**Expected Action:**

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

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ITEM: A

Date: 11/12/16

Grantee: Community Healthcore

Year: 3 of 5

Project Title: Building Community Capacity through Collaboration

Project Location: Longview (Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Upshur)

Website: www.communityhealthcore.org

TCDD RFP Intent

The project intent is to establish and/or strengthen a network of appropriately diverse organizations to develop a strategic plan to build the capacity of that community to provide community-based services that will decrease the need for individuals with developmental disabilities (IDD) to be served in an institution.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$150,000 for up to five years.

Expected Results: The East Texas Community Living Network (ETCLN) will enhance and expand community supports for people with disabilities in order to prevent and reduce admissions of people with developmental disabilities to institutions.

Project Goals for Year 1–2

Goal 1: To identify, enhance and expand community supports for people with disabilities in order to prevent and reduce admissions of people with developmental disabilities to institutions.

Project Accomplishments per Goal

The Institute for Person Centered Practices hosted a total of three two-day, Person-Centered Thinking trainings with a total of 113 participants. Thirty-two participants were trained in PATH facilitation and six PATH plans were created for individuals with I/DD in the community. As a result of the PATH training, one focus person became a secretary in a self-advocacy group, displayed less pervasive behaviors and the family increased awareness of more services and options. Through the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) initiative five individuals received support, one 7-year old child with Autism who is now building communication skills through Picture Exchange Communication Systems (PECS), toilet training, and decreasing inappropriate behaviors. The Faith-based Respite initiative built a relationship with the Diocese of Tyler, which is divided into 51 parishes, 19 missions and 3

pastoral centers with a large population of people with Spanish as their primary language. From these efforts, two faith-based programs were established and seven individuals with I/DD participated in respite and inclusive services in the church. Through the Community Leadership Team initiative three teams were developed and four mini-grants established. Examples of mini-grants include: therapeutic bible journaling workshops with an average of 65 in attendance with approximately 48 participants with I/DD; another grant Panola College Community Leadership Team conducted a children’s grief camp with twenty-eight children in attendance of which eight children with I/DD; and in Gregg County residents partnered with a music teacher for music lessons/therapy.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 3

Goal: Same as above

Objectives:

- 1) Increase the capacity of the community to better support persons who have developmental disabilities through universal positive supports;
- 2) Community leadership teams will develop projects they deem beneficial to the community;
- 3) Assist the expansion of respite through faith-based and other associational groups providing short-term respite programs; and, promote positive stories of how people are supporting people with developmental disabilities in the community.

Council Considerations

Public Policy Considerations:

Grant Management Considerations: Considerable risk monitoring (awards within awards; award amount).

Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff recommends Council to consider continued funding for this project.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
Expended Year 1 (13 months) (Consultant: \$46,523)	\$138,046/\$108,850	\$41,264/\$32,535	\$179,310/\$141,385
Expended Year 2 (9 months) (Consultant: \$13,424)	\$78,329/\$58,479	\$22,866/\$31,427	\$101,195/\$89,906

Amounts Requested for Year Three Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
1. Personnel Services	\$66,087	\$10,915	\$77,002
2. Travel	\$1,795	\$0	\$1,795
3. Purchased Services (Consultant: \$32,800)	\$46,859	\$28,924	\$75,783
4. Property/Materials	\$556	\$0	\$556
5. Rental/Leasing	\$2,136	\$0	\$2,136
6. Utilities	\$2,460	\$0	\$2,460
7. Other (Indirect Costs)	\$11,989	\$0	\$11,989
Budget period totals	\$131,882	\$39,839	\$171,721

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ITEM: B

Date: 11/2/16

Grantee: Disability Rights Texas

Year: 2 of 3

Project Title: Stakeholder Training on Guardianship Alternatives

Project Location: Statewide

Website: none

TCDD RFP Intent

The intent of the Stakeholder Training on Guardianship Alternatives proposal is for an organization to develop and provide training to promote the informed use of supported decision-making, services, supports, and existing alternatives to guardianship that assist individuals to make their own decisions, maintain civil rights, and reduce the need for guardianship.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$40,000 for up to three years.

Expected Results: The grantee will collaborate with the GRDSM stakeholders to develop training materials tailored to each audience group, including probate and county court judges; probate attorneys; individuals with disabilities, their families and supporters; and special education administrators. It is especially important to provide training to judges. The grantee will present at least four conferences hosted by stakeholder groups. The grantee will identify other local training partners and present at least four trainings, including one to education professionals and one to legal professionals. After the project ends, the grantee will be available to provide TCDD with up-to-date information and recommendations that can be used to develop further policy actions and future projects.

Project Goals and Objectives for Year 1

Goal: Disability Rights Texas (DRTX) proposes a statewide project to provide information and training to targeted audiences about alternatives to guardianship, including the new supported decision-making process. Target audiences include individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and their families; legal professionals; and school administrators and service providers.

Objectives:

- 1) Establish Project Advisory Committee (PAC);
- 2) Collaborate with Guardianship Reform Supported Decision Making (GRDSM) workgroup stakeholders to develop training;

- 3) Collaborate with GRDSM stakeholders to test and evaluate proposed training materials and presentations;
- 4) Present at annual conferences sponsored by GRDSM stakeholders;
- 5) Raise awareness of alternatives to guardianship training opportunities;
- 6) Facilitate and promote training to probate judges and county court judges;
- 7) Deliver alternatives to guardianship training to legal professionals, individuals with disabilities, their families and supporters, and special education administrators;
- 8) Evaluate quality and effectiveness of training;
- 9) Develop recommendations for future policy actions and program projects.

Project Accomplishments for Year 1

Year 1: A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was established and approved. Project staff, including the Project Director and Legal Director, began to inventory and review existing materials on alternatives to guardianship and supported decision-making. A list was provided to TCDD. Additional topics and training materials needed were determined. The grantee is partnering with several entities including ADAPT of Texas, the Arc of Texas, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, the Hogg Foundation, and Texas Advocates. Presentations to several organizations have been made, including the Breaking Barriers Conference, Ysleta ISD Transition Conference, Texas Transition Conference, ESC Regions 20 and 2, Austin Travis County Integral Care, and others. The grantee has developed webinar presentations regarding alternatives to guardianship and supported decision-making. Drafts of 2 testimonial videos were submitted to TCDD. DRTX attorneys presented trainings to Vinson and Elkins Pro Bono SDMA Clinic, Elder Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association, DRTX law clerks, and UT Law School. During year one of the project, over 1650 individuals from around the state participated in training sessions.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2

Goal: Same as above.

Objectives:

- 1) Collaborate with Guardianship Reform Supported Decision Making (GRDSM) workgroup stakeholders to review and revise training materials;
- 2) Present training sessions at annual or state-wide conferences sponsored by GRDSM stakeholders;
- 3) Raise awareness of alternatives to guardianship and training opportunities;
- 4) Facilitate and promote training to legal professionals, including probate judges and county court judges;
- 5) Deliver alternative to guardianship training to individuals with disabilities, their families and supporters, legal, education, medical and other professionals;
- 6) Train and support community partners to provide alternatives to guardianship, self-determination and supported decision-making trainings for individuals with disabilities and their families;

- 7) Evaluate quality and effectiveness of training provided;
- 8) Develop recommendations for future policy actions and program projects.

Council Considerations
Public Policy Considerations:

Grant Management Considerations: No Concerns.

Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff recommends continued funding for this project.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
Expended Year 1 (6 months) (Consultant: \$20,190)	\$40,000/\$8,230	\$13,333/\$5,207	\$53,333/\$13,437

Amounts Requested for Year Two Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
1. Personnel Services	\$0	\$1,216	\$1,216
2. Travel	\$21,092	\$1,817	\$22,909
3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$175,000)	\$18,758	\$10,301	\$29,059
4. Property/Materials	\$150	\$0	\$150
5. Rental/Leasing	\$0	\$0	\$0
6. Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. Other (Indirect Costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Budget period totals	\$40,000	\$13,334	\$53,334

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ITEM: C

Date: 11/2/16

Grantee: Reaching Families Advocacy and Support Group

Year: 2 of 4

Project Title: Culturally Appropriate Family Support

Project Location: Dallas, Collin, Tarrant and Denton Counties

TCDD RFP Intent

The project intent is to help selected organization(s) build on the work done during the previous project from TCDD to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families receive culturally appropriate community-based services and supports.

Authorized Funding: TCDD has approved up to \$75,000 for up to 4 years.

Expected Results: At least one conference or training and other activities to support at least 100 families or individuals to get their needs from service providers met; support at least 3 leaders from the individuals being trained and provide information to TCDD to change programs or policies to promote culturally appropriate services and supports; and, grow the organization.

Project Goals and Objectives for Year 1

Goal: To increase awareness, provide support and access to resources for the Ethiopian, Eritrean, and Kenyan communities residing in Dallas, Collin, Denton and Tarrant counties.

Objectives:

Project Accomplishments for Year 1

Year 1: At the time the continuation application was submitted, six monthly educational gatherings and six teleconferences were held; 36 families were supported through the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) review process; 30 families were assisted in finding occupational, speech and behavior therapy outside of school; grant staff have accompanied families to clinic visits to help facilitate health care for their children; the project director has spoken on multiple occasions on Ethiopian and Eritrean radio programs on topics such as autism, early intervention and advocacy and as result, have secured a weekly time on an Eritrean radio show to provide resources for families; a resource and awareness booth was held at an Ethiopian Day Community Celebration in which approximately 1500 families and children attended; the project collaborated the St. Michael Ethiopian Orthodox Church and Ethiopian Health Care professionals for a Children's Health Day event for the Ethiopian and Eritrean communities; and, the project collaborated

with the National Autism Association of North Texas and Education Service Center Region 10 in which 175 families and educators attended a daylong seminar on Inclusive Education.

Proposed Goals and Objectives for Year 2

Goal: Same as above.

Objectives:

- 1) Provide education and information for families/caregivers on DD/IDD related topics;
- 2) Provide information and support to faith-based communities on inclusive programs for children with DD/IDD;
- 3) Provide DD/IDD awareness in East African immigrant communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and
- 4) Provide support to East African families caring for children and adults with DD/IDD.

Council Considerations

Public Policy Considerations:

Grant Management Considerations: No concerns; moderate risk monitoring (award within awards).

Staff Recommendation: TCDD staff recommends the Council to consider continued funding.

Continuation Budget Detail Summary

Year	Federal Amount Expended	Match Amount Expended	Expended Total Amounts
Expended Year 1 (7 months) (Consultants:\$13,088)	\$70,606/\$37,680	\$23,569/\$15,197	\$94,175/\$52,877

Amounts Requested for Year Two Budget

Expense Item	Federal Amount Requested	Match Amount Requested	Total Amount Requested
1. Personnel Services	\$42,153	\$0	\$42,153
2. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. Purchased Services (Consultants: \$175,000)	\$24,003	\$24,115	\$48,118
4. Property/Materials	\$0	\$828	\$828
5. Rental/Leasing	\$3,192	\$2,600	\$3,192
6. Utilities	\$1,724	\$360	\$360
7. Other (Indirect Costs)	\$0	\$50	\$1,774
Budget period totals	\$71,072	\$24,993	\$96,065