

Background:

Public Information Report:

A staff report of recent staff public information activities is enclosed for review.

Grants Staff Report:

The quarterly Grants and Projects Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. TCDD staff may also provide updates to the Committee of notable achievement or items of concern. Items included in this report are:

- TCDD Projects Training Schedule – This calendar of training events planned by TCDD grant projects during the next six months is included as general information for Committee and Council members.
- Grant Project Highlights – The quarterly Grant Project Highlights Report is enclosed for review by Committee members. This report provides highlights of grantee accomplishments for a number of current TCDD funded projects. Different grantees are highlighted each quarter.

Council Meeting

Agenda Item 11.

Expected Action:

The Council will review public information and grants reports.

Public Information Report

Strategic Communications Update

In May 2011, Public Information staff presented a Strategic Communications Outline to the Public Policy and Project Development committees. The outline was a result of Council direction given for PI staff to strategically a) create connections and b) increase awareness. The following bullets are highlights of recent efforts:

- E-mail announcement subscriber categories were redefined to better target messages to more appropriate audiences.
- The TCDD website was audited for content value; a number of broken links and outdated pages were updated.
- A live feed of TCDD Facebook posts is now featured on the website homepage.
- A review of data determined that the primary audience for the FYI newsletter is people with disabilities; efforts are being made to format the content primarily for that audience and in an electronic layout.
- Social media posts on Facebook and Twitter are more conversational.
- Materials such as the TCDD brochure are being strategically redesigned to be easily updated and used for other purposes (ie, exhibitor fairs, NACDD requests, etc).
- Materials such as the People First handout are being strategically redesigned to be double-sided to include Spanish translation.
- Guidelines were created to assist in determining TCDD representation at fairs, conferences, etc as an exhibitor. The form also includes an area for feedback and notes to be filled out after attending an event so the document may be referenced during future consideration of repeat event attendance.

Outreach Update

- Staff worked with grantee Parents Anonymous to assist in promoting the African American Family Support Conference on Great Day Houston, a local news show.
- TCDD issued news releases on two new Outreach and Development grant project awards: Light and Salt, and Barbara Jordan Endeavors Corporation.

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- TCDD strategically marketed RFPs for Higher Education, Inclusive Faith-Based Communities, Health and Fitness, and Enabling Technology. TCDD received 13 proposals for the Higher Education grant; deadlines for the other grants had not yet closed at the time of this report.
- Melissa Rosser responded to 35 requests for Information and Referral (I&R) in April through June 2011. Lucy Walker responded to 34 requests for I&R for the same period. Other staff also handled I&R calls.

Materials Update

TCDD responded to requests for 107 copies of the Next Step DVD, 691 copies of People First (English) and 590 copies of People First (Spanish). 3,000 additional copies of Next Step were ordered in anticipation of an increase in orders at the beginning of the school year. Additionally, as materials are updated, items will be strategically marketed and promoted.

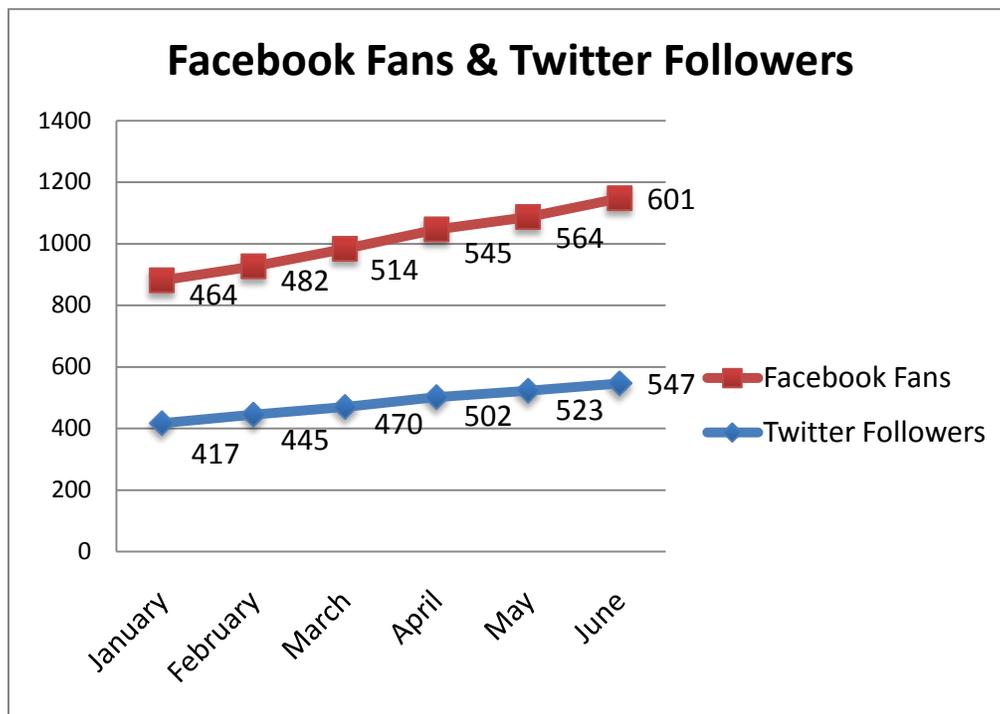
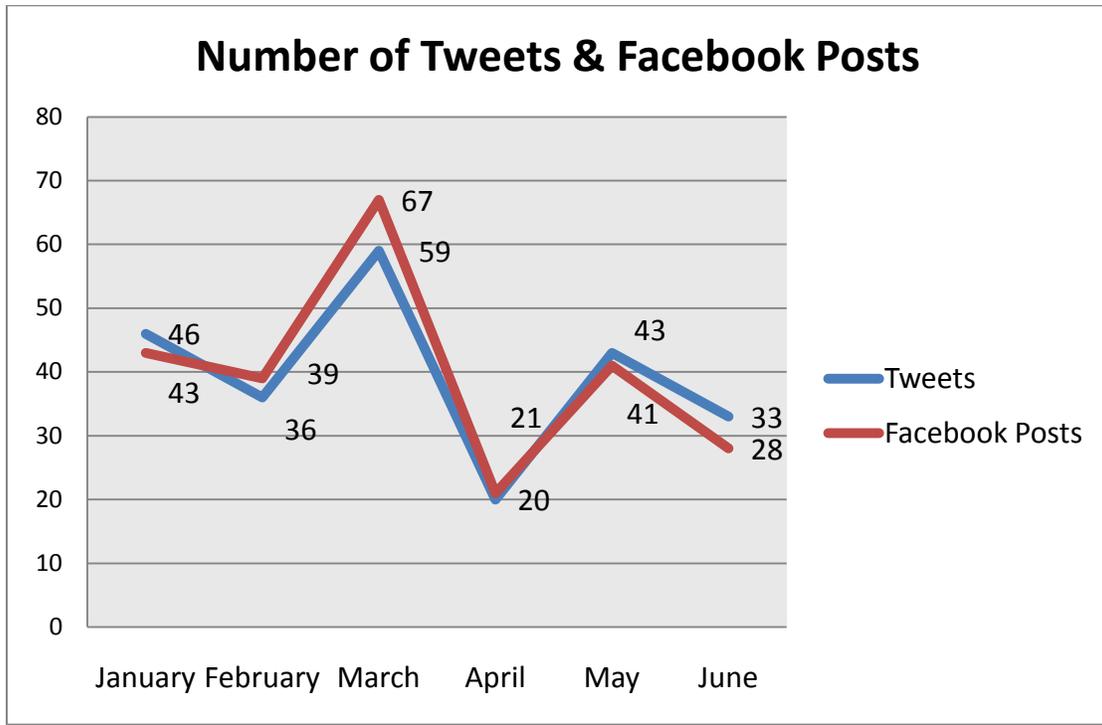
TCDD Email Update

- As of July 2011, there are 899 recipients are receiving TCDD emails.
- As of July 2011, there are 740 electronic FYI recipients; the remaining subscribers opt to receive specific information, such as TCDD News and Events. In addition, 47 individuals request the quarterly printed FYI newsletter.

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Social Media Update



TCDD Projects' Training Schedule

August 2011 – January 2012

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| 2 | Region 17 ESC PBS Disproportionate Project
Behavioral Response to Intervention Tier 1 – A Whole Classroom Approach #1
Region 17 Education Service Center
1111 West Loop 289 (Lubbock)
9:00am-4:00pm
Contact Val Meixner at (806) 281-5879
Open to the Public – Registration Required
Free |
| 3 | Community Healthcare Self Employment Project
Customized Self-Employment Training and Business Development
Percolator
1002 Texas Blvd. (Texarkana)
9:00am-3:00pm
Contact Mary Evans at (903) 237-2333 or Mary.evans@communityhealthcore.com
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| 4 | Parents Anonymous, Inc.
Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference
Keeping it Real: Resources to Empower Consumers, Youth and Families
Houston Marriott North Hotel – For Hotel Reservations contact (281) 875-4000
255 N. Sam Houston Parkway East (Houston)
8:00am-5:00pm
Contact Sandra Williams at (888) 841-9711 ext 216 or
swilliams@parentsanonymous.org
Open to the Public – Space is Limited
Free |
| 4 | Brighton School, Inc.
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One For Autism – English/Spanish
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Community Healthcore
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Richard Milburn Academy PBIS Training
RMA
2333 50th (Lubbock)
9:00am-4:00pm
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Open to the RMA Faculty and Staff Only
Free
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Richard Milburn Academy PBIS Training
Science Spectrum (Lubbock)
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- 11** **Region 17 ESC PBS Disproportionate Project**
South Plains Academy PBIS Training
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9:00am-4:00pm
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- 15-16 Region 17 ESC PBS Disproportionate Project**
O'Donnell Elementary Schoolwide PBIS Training
O'Donnell Elementary (O'Donnell)
9:00am-4:00pm
Contact Val Meixner at (806) 281-5879
Open to O'Donnell Faculty and Staff Only
Free
- 17 Region 17 ESC PBS Disproportionate Project**
Teaching on the Flipside: Strategies for Alternative Settings
Region 17 Education Service Center
1111 West Loop 289 (Lubbock)
9:00am-4:00pm
Contact Val Meixner at (806) 281-5879
Open to the Public – Registration Required
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- 18 VSA Arts of Texas**
Arts and Disability Discussion Group
3701 Guadalupe St. (Austin)
11:30am-1:00pm
Contact April Sullivan at (512) 323-6626 or april@vsatx.org
Open to the Public – RSVP required
Free
- 18 SER – Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.**
Basic Advocacy Training
201 Broadway (Houston)
9:00am-3:30pm
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Classroom Management for Substitute Teachers
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Collaboration with To Be Determined
United Way of League City (Clear Lake)
Self Determination, Self Advocacy, Person Centered Planning (Life after School) – Possible Adult Panel
Trainers: Norine Jaloway and Ricky Broussard, Imagine Enterprises and Laura Buckner, UT Center for Disability Studies
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**TCDD Project Highlights
August 2011**

Baylor College of Medicine

Project Title: Transition Medicine Program
Project Location: Houston

Year: 3 of 3
TCDD Budgeted: \$100,000

RFP Intent: The primary goal of this project is to expand the Baylor Transition Medicine Clinic (TMC) to deliver a medical home, family centered services for patients, ages 14-25, with chronic childhood illnesses/disabilities who need assistance transitioning services from pediatric health care to adult health care. TCDD approved funding of up to \$100,000 per year for up to 3 years.

Accomplishments: The project, which ended February 2011, collaborated with the Texas Children's Hospital, St. Luke Episcopal Hospital, Shriner Hospital, the Arc of Texas, and adult service agencies.

1,246 patients transitioning from pediatric to adult healthcare received physician/social work consultative services; 661 people with disabilities, family members, community organizations, and health care providers received social work services for linkage to formal and informal community supports; and 99 health professional and community providers were trained in Transition Medicine services (e.g., Texas Pediatric Neurological Society and the University of Chicago).

Sustainability:

Due to the interest in the project the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Leadership Education in Adolescent Training grant, provided funds to hire another physician and an adult primary care resident to work in the Baylor Transition Medicine Clinic; Philanthropic support of \$75,000 helped fund the salary of a registered nurse; and the Hearst Foundation provided another \$75,000 to fund physician salaries.

Products:

None

Syracuse University

Project Title: Advocacy "U" Resource Center
Project Location: Statewide

Year: 3 of 3
TCDD Budgeted: \$ 75,000

RFP Intent: The project intent is to develop and maintain an online clearinghouse that is accessible to individuals and advocacy organizations. The website will include listings of ongoing advocacy, leadership, and community organizing training programs around the state and training opportunities for people of all ages. It will provide training materials, resources, and curriculum organized as modules for use by individuals/organizations as well as speaker information. The project will also be responsible for reviewing and updating, as needed, training modules and resources, and it will gather, review, and develop necessary additions to, adaptations of, curriculum or training approaches. TCDD approved funding of up to \$75,000 per year for up to 3 years.

Accomplishments: The Advocacy "U" Resource Center will end August 2011. The project completed the final design and development work on the website which includes training materials, resources, and curriculum; developed a partner instruction manual to train partners on how to access and add new content to the secured-site; and prepared a draft administrator manual to support site management and administration during the post-project period.

Sustainability: Following the third year of funding, the Center on Human Policy will fulfill the function of site administration, maintaining the website for an 18-month period. During this period, the site will be transitioned to one or more of the stakeholder partners. A simple and cost-effective solution to sustain the website would be for partner participants to support annual administrative and server related expenses, which could be accomplished through an equitable fee structure.

Products:

Website - <http://advocacyu.org>, Instruction Manual, Administrator Manual and collection of training modules from current and past TCDD grant projects.