

Background:

Title IV, Chapter 531, Section 531.0235 of the Texas Government Code requires TCDD, jointly with the Texas Office of Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, to prepare a biennial report on the state of services to persons with disabilities in this state. This report is due to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and commissioner of health and human services no later than December 1st of even-numbered years, prior to the beginning of each regular session of the Texas Legislature. The next report is therefore due by December 1, 2012.

Six reports have been submitted by TCDD and TOPDD to date. TCDD has tailored recommendations in each report to focus on an area that significantly impacts persons with disabilities. Key focus areas of previous Biennial Disability Reports were:

- Overview of Current Services, Supports, and Needs (2000)
- Special Focus on Personal Assistance Services (2002)
- Special Focus on Housing (2004)
- Employment (2006)
- The state’s allocation of resources to provide long term services and supports for people with developmental disabilities (2008)
- Representative profiles of the needs and situations of people with disabilities, and their families, who are waiting for services in Texas (2010)

The Council approved a special focus for the 2012 Biennial Disability Report: *The interconnectivity of education with employment for individuals with developmental disabilities, including measures of consumer satisfaction*. The Public Policy Committee will review preliminary recommendations for the 2012 Biennial Disability, receive an update on the status of Biennial Report activities, and may provide additional guidance as appropriate. Final approval of these recommendations will occur at the October Council meeting. Information will be included in meeting materials as a handout.

Public Policy Committee

Expected Action:

Agenda Item 7.

The Committee will review preliminary recommendations for the 2012 Biennial Disability, receive an update on the status of Biennial Report activities, and may provide additional guidance as appropriate. No action is anticipated.

Council Meeting

Expected Action:

Agenda Item 15. B.

The Council will receive a report from the Committee concerning activities to complete the 2012 Biennial Report and provide guidance as appropriate. No action is anticipated.