**Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities**

**QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

June 6th – 7th, 2023

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

University of Texas at Tyler

The Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy

W.T. Brookshire Hall, Room 136

3218 Old Glory Parkway, Tyler, Texas 75701

Videoconference Meeting via ZOOM; registration is required

Registration for the Committee meeting:

June 6 (Day 1): <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MTNHG6lhRMWssPMYx9bLGw>

June 7 (Day 2): <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zUheJ2JjTuC9zc11v552Zg>

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Meeting Materials Available at: <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/disabilities/committee-meetings>

**Day 1 – June 6, 2023**

1. **Call to Order/** **Roll Call/** **Introductions** – Ellen Bauman, Vice Chair.
2. **Welcoming Remarks** 
   1. City of Tyler, Mayor - Don Warren
   2. University of Texas at Tyler, President – Dr. Kirk A. Calhoun
3. **Approval of Committee Member** **Absences as Submitted** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
4. **Approval of Summary Minutes for February 23 - 24, 2023** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
5. **Public Comment** (3 minutes per presentation)
6. **Listening to the Tyler Disability Community** 
   1. East Texas Center for Independent Living

Amy Evans-Gean, Associate Director

* 1. Breckenridge Village

Chelsea Owens, Executive Director

* 1. Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center

Chris Detkos, President of Board of Directors

1. **Reports from Invited Exofficio Agency Representatives, includes follow up topics from previous meetings** *(Discussion/Possible Action)* 
   1. Texas State Independent Living Council – April Pollreisz
   2. Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation – Marsha Godeaux
   3. Texas Education Agency – Kristin McGuire
   4. Texas Workforce Commission – Claudia Peden
   5. Health and Human Services Commission – Clair Benitez
   6. Department of Family and Protective Services – Cheryl Gomez
2. **Policy Recommendation Development based on the Committee’s Issue Areas** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

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* 1. *Best Practices for Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth in Child Welfare Agencies* – Michelle Niehaus, Angela Wakefield, Rachel Rodgers, State of Kentucky Agencies
  2. *Update on Medicaid Dental Benefits* – Dennis Borel, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
  3. *Complaints & Requests for Accommodations: When to Contact the HHSC Civil Rights Office* - Shontay Olson, HHSC Civil Rights Division
  4. *Coordinated Mental Health Resources for Service Members, Veterans, and their Families* – George McEntyre and Dr. Harris, HHSC Office of Mental Health Coordination

1. **Executive Director Report and Staff Updates** – Ron Lucey (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
2. **Update on 88th Texas Legislature –** Rebecca Lopez and Matt Dickens *(Discussion/Possible Action)*

***5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess***

**Reconvene Meeting Day 2 – June 7, 2023, 8:00 a.m.**

**Day 2 – June 7, 2023**

1. **Reconvene / Call to Order –** Vice Chair Ellen Bauman
2. **Public Comment** (3 minutes per presentation)
3. **Policy Recommendation Development based on the Committee’s Issue Areas** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

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1. *How Ready Are We for the Next Disaster?* - Review of results from DRTx annual Disaster Resilience Survey 2023. – Stephanie Duke Attorney, Disaster Resilience Coordinator at Disability Rights Texas
2. *Addressing the public safety needs of children with IDD and/or mental health issues who bolt –* Linda Litzinger, Texas Parent to Parent
3. **Possible Policy Recommendations from Public Comment** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
4. Planning for the GCPD Transportation Subcommittee
5. Planning for the Diabetes Subcommittee
6. Policy Recommendation to change HHSC Interest List to HHSC Waiting List for services in Medicaid Waiver Programs
7. Update on Adult Changing Tables
8. Update and discussion on Braille Literacy Policy Recommendation for K-12
9. Follow up and discussion on Veteran Suicide Prevention Policy Proposal
10. Recreation at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Current accessibility projects
11. Addressing disability issues for children with disabilities
12. Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in University Interscholastic League extracurricular activities (e.g., band)
13. Medical consent for adults with IDD who are not under guardianship
14. **Individual Member Reports on Outreach** (*Discussion*)
15. **Future Meeting** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
16. **Adjournment** –Ellen Bauman, Vice Chair

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