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

**QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

October 25th, 2023

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Edinburg Conference Center at Renaissance

118 Paseo Del Prado, Edinburg, Texas 78539

Videoconference Meeting via ZOOM; registration is required.

Registration for the Committee meeting:

<https://txgov-us.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_R3GoIABBQCiJHhztsGOfxQ>

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1. **Call to Order/** **Roll Call/** **Introductions** – Richard Martinez, Chair
2. **Welcoming Remarks from Edinburg Mayor**
3. **Approval of Committee Member** **Absences as Submitted** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
4. **Approval of Summary Minutes for June 6 - 7, 2023** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
5. **Public Comment** (3 minutes per presentation)
6. **Listening to the Edinburg/RGV Disability Community** 
   1. Lifelines Mental Health Court – Judge Renee Betancourt
   2. Team Mario – Lisa Becerra, Program Coordinator
7. **Workforce Issues Relating to School Psychologists - Addressing the Statewide Shortage of School Psychologists and School Based Mental Health Service Professionals** (*Discussion/Possible Action*) –Dr. Dr. Nancy Razo, UTRGV
8. **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
      1. Update on Work Plan for WorkQuest Program Enhancement for Staffing Full-Time FTEs at State Agencies
      2. Final Report on Gulf Coast Workforce Pilot Program for Extended Supported Employment
      3. Summer Earn and Learn 2023 Update
   5. Health and Human Services Commission – Clair Benitez
   6. Department of Family and Protective Services – Cheryl Gomez
9. **Policy Recommendation Development based on the Committee’s Issue Areas** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

(Access, Communications, Criminal Justice, Education, Employment, Emergency Preparedness, Health, Housing, Transportation, and Veterans)

* 1. **2023 IDD Group Home Provider Survey Findings: *Direct Care Workforce Crisis is Impacting Access to Care & Quality* -** Sandy Frizzell Batton, Executive Director Providers Alliance for Community Services of Texas& Carole Smith, Carole Smith, Executive Director Private Providers Association of Texas
  2. **Reducing Time to Process and Improving Communication and Accountability for STAP Applications**
     1. Daniel Proudfoot, Tobii Dynavox Regional Director
  3. **Family as Paid Caregivers under Community First Choice Program**
  4. **Family as Paid Caregiver for 1915(c) Waivers**
  5. **Waiver Cost Cap Increases**
  6. **Medicaid Coverage for Interpreters**

1. **Executive Director Report and Staff Updates** – Ron Lucey (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
   1. Transportation Subcommittee – Update / Planning
   2. Diabetes Subcommittee – Update / Planning
2. **Possible Policy Recommendations from Public Comment** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Individual Member Reports on Outreach** (*Discussion*)
4. **Future Agenda Items and Meeting** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
5. **Adjournment** – Richard Martinez, Chair

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