



November 11, 1978

MINUTES OF THE CTD BOARD MEETING

Meeting Place: Earl Abel's Restaurant, San Antonio, Texas

Members Present: Pat Pound, Lee Kitchens, Bob Kafka, Don Culwell,
Larry Evans, Larry Johnson, Tom Morrison, Virginia
Roberts.

Members Absent: Larry Gardner, Ed Jenkins

Guests: Elaine Roberts, Marios, Judy , Bob Johnson, Claude
Beeson, III.

Don Culwell made the Treasurer's report (Copy A included below)
Lee Kitchens made the motion to accept - Seconded by Larry John-
son - Passed.

Minutes from the October 1, 1978 Board Meeting read by Bob Kafka.
The minutes have been amended to read:

- 1.) Virginia Roberts is to develop membership application in-
stead of being the membership chairperson.
- 2.) All memberships are to go through the Secretary.

TCOH

Elaine Roberts and Tom Morrison reported on TCOH Board Meeting
which was held in Austin on November 11, 1978.

- 1.) The Meeting lasted from 10AM until 2PM.
- 2.) Much of the Meeting was TCOH's own business.
- 3.) TCOH decided to write a letter to Governor-elect Clements
for assistance on coming up with a solution to the prob-
lems of the delivery of services to those citizens with
disabilities.
- 4.) A rough draft of the letter was read by Elaine Roberts.
- 5.) Copies of TCOH's By-Laws and Constitution were given to Pat
Pound.

A discussion followed re: CTD's writing a similar letter to Governor-elect Clements. This letter would also include:

- 1.) An implementation plan
- 2.) Reference to co-operative support of CTD and TCOH.

Tom Morrison will write the letter which will then be sent to Pat Pound.

ACCD Actions

Pat Pound requested authority to react to ACCD actions after hearing from the Board Members in a designated period of time.

Motion made by Bob Kafka: On immediate ACCD action alerts. The President, in consultation with one other officer, will take immediate action on behalf of CTD. On less urgent ACCD matters, the normal CTD Board contact process will prevail.

Seconded by Virginia Roberts -- Passed.

Board Positions

Drawings were held for Odd-Even Board Positions (Odd for two years; Even for one year)

Odd: Larry Gardner, Larry Evans, Larry Johnson
Even: Virginia Roberts, Tom Morrison, Ed Jenkins

Organizational Membership

Accepted and Paid: Texas Chapter-PVA (State)
Reclamation Inc. (Local)

Accepted on Condition of Payment: Texas Association of the Deaf
(State)
Coalition for Barrier-Free Living, MIGHT (Local)

Larry Johnson motioned to accept membership categories - Seconded by Virginia Roberts - Passed.

Implementation Plan

Discussion on who should receive the implementation plan. TCOH will send out plan to all their members. A copy will be sent to the Governor-elect, Governor, Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House. There is the possibility that a copy will be sent to all members of the State Legislature.

Funding Needs

This discussion centered around the priorities of funding needs.

The decision was made to list funding needs and then investigate the sources of funds.

Virginia Roberts made the motion for Pat Pound to appoint a sub-committee to investigate the sources of funds.-Larry Johnson seconded - Passed.

List of Funding Needs

Clerical
Duplication (Printing, Braille, Tape)
Office Space
Travel
Phone
Advocacy Training
Personnel
Office Equipment
TTY
Postage
Meeting Costs

DHR Conference

The DHR Conference will be held April 27,28,1979.

Tom Morrison made the motion for CTD to endorse and co-sponsor the DHR meeting - Seconded by Larry Johnson

The Program Committee for the DHR meeting will be held November 16. 1978. The agenda for the meeting is to solicit program and consumer input.

CTD will do whatever is appropriate to get more known at the DHR conference.

Rehab Amendments

Pat Pound discussed the need to have a strategy in regard to funds being made available to the Developmental Disabled. The reasons that a strategy is necessary are:

- 1.) DD definition has been expanded
 - a.) Before 22
 - b.) Effect a certain number of life systems.
- 2.) No more money -- More individuals are vying for the same amount of money.
- 3.) 65% of the money must be used for:
 - a.) ^SCare management
 - b.) Early Childhood Development

- c.) Alternative Living Facilities
- d.) Non-Vocational Social Development Services

4.) One or two of these can be selected as priority issues.

Larry Johnson made the motion to cooperate with ^{TCOH} other organizations in the selection of priorities. Instead of dealing with just one priority, CTD would endorse both organizations' priorities.

Analysis of information on the DD amendment will be distributed to the Board and they will send in to Pat Pound their priorities. Seconded by Virginia Roberts.

Discussion - TCOH areas of possible endorsement (Priorities):

- 1.) Early Childhood Development
- 2.) Alternative Living Facilities

Lee Kitchens emphasized the mood of the country which is in the direction of programs that are cost-effective. Realistic priority-setting should be on what will be perceived to bring about short-term savings.

Newsletter

Larry Johnson presented a three-part proposal for a newsletter:

- I. Purpose and Policy
- II. Content and Format
- III. Structure and "Periodicity". (See attachment "B")

Lee Kitchens made the motion to accept the proposal as presented with the following deletions:

- 1.) Eliminate the references to a membership chairperson (Part I)

Seconded by Bob Kafka. The target amount to be utilized for the newsletter is \$200.00.

Letter from Chris Cole

The letter from Chris Cole touched on three points:

- 1.) The benefits of the Governor's Coordinating Office on the Visually Handicapped.
- 2.) Do the benefits justify the expenses?
- 3.) Should the office be expanded to include all the handicapped?

The discussion centered on what would be the best approach for CTD to take and how best to answer the letter in an informal way.

Tom Morrison made the motion to authorize Pat Pound to respond to the letter after polling blind organizations.- Seconded by Lee Kitchens

The letter is to include a copy of CTD's implementation plan which addresses the issues of an advocacy system. The letter will also make reference to the newness of CTD and how, at the present time, cost-effective information is beyond our capabilities.

Membership

Pat Pound requested that each Board member submit a list of organizations that they would be willing to contact for membership. This list should be submitted to Pat by December 2, 1978. No contacts should be made until the lists have been evaluated. This is to avoid duplication of contacts.

Cover Letter

Attached cover letter ("C" below) was submitted for Board approval. It was approved unanimously as presented.

Motion for adjournment by Virginia Roberts at 10:15 PM.

(A)

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

Treasurer Report 10-1-78 to 11-11-78

Receipts:

Conf. Registration + Membership	\$ 387.00
NIGHT	15.00
Texas PVA Membership	50.00
Texas PVA Contributions	250.00
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	\$ 702.00

Expenditures:

El Tropicans - Conf.	\$ 273.03
Secretary of State - Inc.	25.00
Bob Kafka - Printing	316.07
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	\$ 614.10

Balance on hand \$ 87.90

Don S. Culwell
Treasurer

CTD NEWSLETTER

I. PURPOSE AND POLICY

The primary function of the CTD newsletter shall be to serve as a communication link between organizational members, individual members and the officers and board of the Coalition. Copies of the newsletter should go to all dues-paying members as well as to prospective members (as determined by the membership chairperson). Individuals not wishing to become members of CTD may subscribe to the CTD newsletter at the annual cost of \$5.00.

II. CONTENT AND FORMAT

The newsletter should be produced in two formats: print and on recorded cassette. The print version shall be on 11 by 14 inch legal size bond folded and stapled with self-addressing space on back page. (This is to avoid envelope cost.) Material should either be type set or prepared on IBM Selectric for clarity and good presentation.

A recorded version of the newsletter shall be done for the blind on 60-minute returnable cassette. These are to be mailed postage free.

As general guidelines for the content of the newsletter the editorial staff is directed to include the following:

A. Information on activities of local and state organizational members as these activities relate to the general policy and platform of the Coalition. Information should be culled from organizational publications such as the "Deaf Toman", the CHFL newsletter, etc. as well as from reports submitted by organizations directly.

B. Reports on specific instances of cross-disability efforts being made by individuals and/or organizations either within or outside of our state. The purpose of this section is to stimulate and advance the idea of cross-disability cooperation and to provide some practical workable examples. This is especially important to include during the newsletter's first year of operation.

C. Recommended strategies to organizational members on how to deal with specific problems in themselves. This column should rotate among different writers and should concentrate on a single problem area for each issue.

D. Report on all official action taken by the president or board of the Coalition as well as on progress made concerning matters requiring an on-going effort. This section to include summary of resolutions adopted at board meetings, review of pertinent federal and state legislation, written responses and/or recommendations to public administrators, private business leaders and the like.

IV STRUCTURE AND PERIODICITY

The frequency of the newsletter for 1979 shall be quarterly, moving to a bimonthly schedule in 1980. To be relevant and timely its date of issuance should closely follow the scheduled quarterly board meetings. The proposed dates, therefore, would be: Jan., Apr., July and Oct. 1979.

The structure to follow for easiest implementation is creation of a staff of at least four persons: one Managing Editor and three Associate Editors to divide up and be responsible for a certain aspect or portion of the newsletter. Associate editors need not necessarily be members on the board. The Managing Editor should be until such time as a paid professional person may be employed.



Approximately one million Texans are disabled by physical, mental, and/or emotional impairments. That these people, despite their different disabilities, encounter similar problems is the central conviction from which the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities emerged. The first task of CTD is to bring together people and organizations who, in the past, have scarcely talked to each other much less cooperated closely on common issues. Communication, coordination, and cooperation are goals of the Coalition. A united front is necessary to obtain such goals as improved education, expanded rehabilitation services, accessible housing, effective transportation, civil rights, enhanced employment, consumer participation, and integration into the mainstream of Texas life. CTD is striving to

build a model which enhances its members interests while channeling their resources and which involves disabled and non-disabled individuals and organizations of and for disabled persons in a joint effort. The building of this broad constituency facilitates representation of disabled Texans to the government, the private sector, and the general public.

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is an organization of organizations. It brings together statewide and local organizations representing various different disability groups as well as individuals interested in the work of the Coalition. At the annual CTD Delegate Council representatives of member organizations and individual members unite to determine overall policies of the Coalition and to elect officers and board members. The Board of Directors of CTD meets quarterly to further define CTD's policies. Qualifications for membership are explained in the attached form. CTD's strength lies in its organizational and individual members. Through them, CTD offers a ready resource to programs and activities seeking to serve disabled people, and to provide a convenient link of Texas organizations of and for disabled individuals. As a statewide consumer-based organization the Coalition requires active participation from its members. Consumer involvement itself is an important goal of CTD and the channel through which CTD attempts to help disabled Texans to help themselves. Come, join with us in this effort for a higher quality of life for Texans with Disabilities.