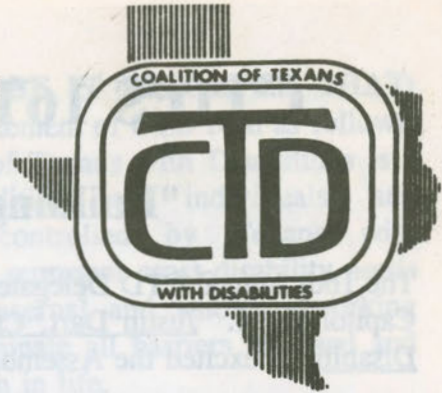


Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Newsletter



Statewide cross-disability advocacy

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WORK FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

The Health Care Reform Debate by Congress starts January 24, 1994. Blood will spill in Congress during this debate. If we do not act now, and stay organized as we did for ADA, the critical blood lost will be OURS, people with disabilities.

YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES ARE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. This is your time to ACT. Your quality of life is in the hands of people YOU elected. Visit your Congressional representatives. **LET YOUR VOICE AND THE NEEDS OF THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY BE HEARD.**

The most crucial, most fundamental requirement of the Health Care Reform package is universal access to ALL people, regardless of age or disability and with the same benefits and the same rights. Congress must understand that universal health care must be universal - we cannot be left out of a plan that is for ALL Americans. And! the plan must guarantee coverage that CANNOT be taken away.

There must be no exclusions, no waiting lists, no lifetime caps and no phase in. We must be free to choose our doctors and there must be a long term care component as part of the benefit package. None of the health care reform proposals provide all the essential reforms.

Tell your Congressional Representatives:

The disability community is your litmus test for a comprehensive and effective health care system. We embody the health care needs of the entire nation.

And, 43 Million Americans with disabilities are victims of the present health care system. Millions of us can not buy insurance for any price. The only way we can get even minimum health care is to go on welfare and often into nursing homes. This is unjust and costs Americans millions of dollars.

Ask your Congressional Representatives:

Will you go on record right now that you will support health care reform legislation in 1994 and that you will only support legislation that guarantees every American, including Americans with disabilities, comprehensive, affordable health care that can never be taken away?"

This Holiday season, work to put the gift of quality health care in every home in America. Visit YOUR U.S. Senators and Representatives or their aides to discuss health care, and make them bring home the gift of life this Spring.

A COMPLETE LIST FOR CONGRESS IS ON PAGES 12 - 14.

CTD'S 16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Building CTD Toward the 21st Century"

The 16th Annual CTD Delegates Assembly convened in Austin on November 5-7 at the Marriott at the Capitol Hotel. Justin Dart, Chairman, President's Committee on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities excited the Assembly with his keynote address at the Funder's Appreciation Luncheon.

Surprise Guest was Nora Linares, Director, Texas Lottery Commission. She unveiled the Lottery Commission's agreement to reach ADA compliance with all 15,000+ Lottery retailers in Texas. This agreement has been a two year CTD team effort with ADAPT. Advocacy, Inc. provided pro bono legal representation this past three months through their Disability Advocacy Project. This will be a major ADA compliance victory for Texans with disabilities and put us on the map nationwide (More details in January).

Supporters who have been generous and consistent in their support of disability rights were recognized by Past President Jerome Wright and CTD Director Belinda Carlton. It is for their generosity and understanding of the need for a disability rights movement that CTD applauds their contributions. Certificates were presented to:

Representative

Mike Bright

Father John Korscmar

Kathy Gallagher

Garland Jennings

Bob Mathers

Clarence Steele

Mike Spurlock

Roger Webb

Organization

Association of Retarded Citizens

Campaign for Human Development

Southwestern Bell Telephone

Texas Paralyzed Veterans Assoc. - State

Texas Paralyzed Veterans Assoc. - Greater Austin

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Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

A 5-Year strategic plan for CTD which is built from five vision statements was adopted by acclamation of the Delegates on Friday evening after discussion. A revised Mission Statement was also adopted to guide our advocacy efforts into the 21st Century. The proposed plan was adopted as presented and a minor modification was made to the Mission Statement. Resolutions and amendments to the CTD by-laws which will facilitate the strategic plan were adopted, as well as, resolutions on rehabilitation funding, hidden disabilities, do not resuscitate orders and boycotting grapes. The full text of all resolutions are found in this newsletter. As the evaluations filled out by the delegates reflected, the convention was a great success and included general sessions on skills to help CTD accomplish its visions.

FYI: 1994 CTD BOARD MEETINGS

January 15 -16, 1994 in San Antonio

March 12 - 14, 1994 in Austin

June 18 - 19, 1994 in El Paso

September 17 - 18, 1994 in Lubbock

1994 DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

November 4-6, 1994

El Paso, Texas

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1994-99 STRATEGIC PLAN FIVE VISIONS FOR CTD

- ◆ Strong, effective leaders provide direction and support at state and local levels.
- ◆ CTD has stable and diversified funding sources sufficient to implement the membership's strategic plan.
- ◆ CTD's members communicate and share needs, goals and human resources.
- ◆ CTD is recognized as the most influential advocacy force for Texans with disabilities.
- ◆ All progressive Texas groups controlled by people with disabilities are active members of CTD.

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Resolution:

CTD MISSION STATEMENT

SUBMITTED BY: CTD Strategic Planning Committee

WHEREAS; The mission statement of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD), is reflected as the Purpose statement in the CTD Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and reads: The purpose of the Coalition is to promote the social, educational, physical, and mental well-being of Texans with disabilities, and

WHEREAS; The present Strategic Planning Committee believes that CTD's mission statement should reflect, in one sentence, the unique nature and purpose of CTD, and capture the essence of who we are and what we hope to accomplish;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The mission statement of CTD read as follows: The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations controlled by Texans with disabilities who represent cross-disability needs [issues and concerns] and who are working together to eliminate all barriers to equal and full participation in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The CTD By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, and any future promotion materials be changed to reflect this new mission statement.

Amended: Therefore Be It Resolved that...represent cross-disability issues and concerns...

Resolution:

VOTING POWERS OF CTD MEMBERS

SUBMITTED BY: CTD Board of Directors

WHEREAS; A number of organizations whose boards are not at least 51% people with disabilities demonstrate their interest in the work of the Coalition and support our goals and philosophy, through involvement and payment of membership dues, and

WHEREAS; These affiliate and associate member organizations are important to the Coalition and should be afforded a more active role in its affairs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The CTD By-laws be amended to read:

Article IV (D) Voting (1)(c):
State or Local Associate Member Organizations - Two (2) Votes
and,
Article IV (D) Voting (1)(d):
Affiliate Organizations - One (1) Vote.

Resolution:

**CTD MEMBER DUES
STRUCTURE**

SUBMITTED BY: 1992-93 CTD Board of Directors

WHEREAS; The members of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities and their organizations were surveyed by the board of directors in 1992 and 1993 regarding funding options for their Coalition, and

WHEREAS; Those surveys indicated that there should be a significant increase in the funding assistance by organizational members of the Coalition in order to maintain an effective statewide coalition presence which is controlled by people with disabilities, and

WHEREAS; the Coalition works to achieve the aspirations of all its members;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Upon acceptance of this resolution that dues for organizational members will be increased, beginning November, 1994, on the basis as follows:

Local organizational dues will increase from \$50 to \$100.

Statewide organizational dues will increase from \$100 to \$200.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Individual member dues be increased a minimal amount from \$12 to \$15 to keep membership affordable and available to all Texans with disabilities, regardless of their income.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A "family" membership category be created for families who have more than one CTD member. The family dues will be \$20.

Resolution:

**COMPOSITION OF
CTD BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

SUBMITTED BY: CTD Nomination Committee

WHEREAS; The position of Past President has not served as envisioned it would serve to smooth the transition for a new Board President, and

WHEREAS; The President-Elect position was to serve as a training position for President, and the same functions are found within the position of Vice-President, and

WHEREAS; A ten member board will reduce the cost to the CTD budget for board meeting and travel expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The positions of Past President and President Elect be eliminated, two At-Large Board positions be eliminated, and the number of elected board members be reduced from fourteen to ten. The By-Laws will be amended as follows:

a. References to Past President and President-Elect shall be deleted in: Article V(A)(2), Article VI(A), (H) (I), Article VIII (B).

b. Article V (A) (2) shall be changed to read: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Coalition, the President, who shall be chairperson, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and six elected Directors. The officers and directors shall be elected by a vote of the delegates of the Annual Convention from a slate presented by the nominating committee and additional nominations from the floor. A majority of the Board of Directors shall be comprised of persons with disabilities.

c. Article V (B) shall be changed to read: The term for officers shall be one (1) year. The term for elected Directors of the Board shall be for two (2) years, one-half (1/2) of whom shall be elected at each Annual Convention. At-large positions shall be designated as At-Large Board Position No. 1 through At-Large Board Position No. 6. Candidates for even-numbered positions shall be elected during even-numbered years. Candidates for odd-numbered positions shall be elected during odd-numbered years.

d. Article VI (B) shall be changed to read: A vacancy in any office or Board position shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term of office, except the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President.

e. Article VI (E) shall be changed to read: The Vice-President shall have such duties as the Board of Directors shall see fit to assign and shall serve as President in the absence of the President.

Resolution:

GRAPE BOYCOTT

SUBMITTED BY: United Farm Workers Union

WHEREAS; in the past 25 years, farmers have dumped over 20 billion pounds of pesticides on grape crops and soil, and

WHEREAS; some 30 years ago, when pesticides were first introduced in this country, health effects were rarely considered, but now there is no question that agricultural poisons pose health risks to farm workers and children and cause birth defects in infants, and

WHEREAS; legal pesticide residues or tolerances as set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are becoming a growing concern to scientists as being seriously flawed, and even of greater concern is that for 20 years

residue levels have been set for adults, not children, and

WHEREAS; pesticide regulation and legislation is extremely slow, and even though self-testing done by industry suggests that many pesticides now in use cause cancer and birth defects,

WHEREAS; pesticides stay on the market until health hazards are conclusively proven, and if an unsafe pesticide is considered to have major economic benefits, removing the product can take years during an appeals process, and

WHEREAS; Cesar Chavez, who died in April 1993, founded the United Farm Workers Union, and led a movement for thirty-one years to control the use of dangerous poisons on our food, by asking consumers to boycott California table grapes until that industry would decrease its use of dangerous pesticides, and

WHEREAS; the lower Rio Grande Valley has the greatest incidence of disability in Texas and is the home of thousands of seasonal and migrant farm workers and their families who in their daily work suffer from exposure to these pesticides;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: as a symbol of our solidarity with Cesar Chavez and the farm workers struggle for justice we, as individuals and organizational members, purchase no grapes for consumption and endorse the Farm Workers Union movement urging the legislature to continue reviewing the health hazards of pesticides in order that the health of Americans can be protected and pesticide-related disabilities can be prevented.

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*A Gift to You from CTD
Inside you will find a NO GRAPES Bumper
Sticker to Demonstrate Your Pledge*

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Resolution:

**FEDERAL
REHABILITATION
FUNDING**

SUBMITTED BY: The American Council of the Blind of Texas

WHEREAS; There is some interest in changing the current system for dividing Federal rehabilitation funding between the Texas Commission for the Blind and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, and

WHEREAS; Since the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is committed to cross-disability issues and does not support any actions that will harm a particular disability group;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities oppose any efforts to alter the current system for dividing Federal rehabilitation funding between the Texas Commission for the Blind and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

Resolution:

**"DO NOT RESUSCITATE"
ORDER**

SUBMITTED BY: Bob Kafka, ADAPT

WHEREAS; There is a growing move in this country to link quality of life of persons with disabilities with costs, and

WHEREAS; There is a growing move to ration health care, and

WHEREAS; There is a move in Lewiston, Maine to put a "Do Not Resuscitate" order in the public education file of 12 year old Corey Brown, and

WHEREAS; This is the first time in history a "Do Not Resuscitate" order has been put in the public education file of a severely disabled child, and

WHEREAS; This is blatant discrimination and a violation of Corey Brown's civil rights as a child with a disability, and

WHEREAS; The Lewiston, ME school board will be voting on this issue Monday, November 8, 1993;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: CTD communicate to the Lewiston, ME school board its opposition to arbitrarily putting "Do Not Resuscitate" orders in files of severely disabled people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: CTD's Board develop a position on the "Right to Die" movement growing in this country as it relates to people with disabilities.

ACTION TAKEN: CTD faxed a letter to the Lewiston, Maine School Committee on Monday, December 8, urging members of the committee to reject a policy that would allow for Do Not Resuscitate Orders to be placed in school children's files. By her mothers request, Corey Brown, a 12 year old with scoliosis and cerebral palsy, was the first to have a DNR order placed in her school file. This means school officials will not provide CPR if Corey stops breathing.

The Lewiston School Committee received letters from organizations across the nation, and the outrage of the disability community resulted in Lewiston adopting this policy: "It is the policy of this School Department NOT (emphasis added) to comply with directives from parents or others that life-sustaining emergency care should not be provided to any particular student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of the school. Excluded from this new policy are any directives requesting that life sustaining emergency care be withheld that were approved before October 25, 1993 (Corey Brown)."

Resolution:

**TEXANS WITH INVISIBLE
DISABILITIES**

SUBMITTED BY: Marita J. Heyden, Austin,
TX 78753

WHEREAS; Invisible disabilities such as, but not limited to, mental illness, deafness, visual impairment, HIV, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, and autism affect many Texans, and

WHEREAS; Learning disabilities, perceptual problems, mental retardation and such, are treated with misunderstanding, intolerance and discrimination by everyone from clerks administering programs which are supposed to serve people with disabilities, to police providing protection which is supposed to be equal, to the general public which should be interacting with and celebrating each other's individuality.

WHEREAS; The problems these Texans face are also difficulties for people with cancer, for the elderly, for people with more recognizable disabilities and for many, many others that are not formally recognized as disabled,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities make it a goal to educate the public about people with invisible disabilities and the importance of treating all people, whether obviously disabled or not, with dignity, and providing them the necessary accommodations they need and are entitled to under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**First CTD
Disability Duncce
Honor Presented**

The first **Disability Duncce of the Year Award** was presented at the CTD Delegates Assembly to the **Texas Health Care Association**, and **Thomas M. Suehs**, Executive Director. The intent of the award is to bring attention to an individual or organization who has worked against the disability community in our fight for full participation in society.

The presentation was made in an audience interactive skit, along the lines of "Rocky Horror Picture Show." Stars were volunteer Nathan Block, as Tom Suehs; Dixie Kincaide, CTD's Bingo Hall manager, as his wife; Tom Pugh as guest moderator from El Paso, PASTF Coordinator Laura Brown, as the wild pill pusher and convention help, Steve Strubbe and Erma McCurdy, as nursing home administrators. Sherry Hurst from Lubbock and Rand Metcalfe and Dallas Patterson from Houston were loud and pushy nursing home prisoners.

The **Texas Health Care Association** is the lobbying organization for the nursing home industry and has worked firmly against community alternatives to nursing homes, particularly, the Nursing Facility Waiver that could provide comprehensive community-supports to up to 20,000 Texans who are "nursing home eligible." THCA advocates to protect its nursing homes that continue to incarcerate thousands of people with disabilities in Texas. THCA is the Texas branch of the American Health Care Association.

**Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
& Have a Great 1994!!**



COALITION OF TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES 1994 ANNUAL BUDGET

1994 BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:.....\$ 15,000 (VEATCH)

REVENUE:

Grant - PASTF.....	\$110,000
Grant - CHD Project.....	30,000
Grant - Convention Scholarships.....	4,000
Fun*Run	5,000
Convention Program Book.....	4,500
Convention Registration.....	10,000
Individual/Corporate Contributions.....	15,000
Membership Dues.....	10,000
Charity Bingo.....	30,000
Interest.....	1,500

TOTAL REVENUE:.....\$220,000

TOTAL INCOME AND FUND BALANCE.....\$235,000

EXPENSES:

Salaries

Director.....	34,000
Assistant Organizer (CHD).....	18,000
PAS Task Force Coordinator.....	26,000
PAS Admin. Asst.....	18,000
Benefits/Taxes @ 10%.....	9,600
Subtotal	<u>\$105,600</u>

Contracts

Consultant for CHD Project.....	9,000
Audit/Accountant.....	6,500

Programs

Delegates Convention.....	8,500
Convention Scholarships.....	7,000

Travel

Attendant Services Task Force.....	16,000
CTD Development & Board	8,600

Interpreters & Attendants

(not convention).....	4,200
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Copier Lease Purchase.....	2,200
Telephone.....	7,000
Printing/Copying.....	14,000
Postage.....	7,000
Office Rent.....	8,130
Insurance.....	500
Supplies.....	2,100
Subscriptions/Staff Ed.....	2,300
Contract Labor Fun*Run.....	1,500
Repairs.....	500
Subtotal.....	<u>105,030</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$210,630

TOTAL INCOME (EXPENSE)..... \$ 24,370

* * 1993 CTD MEMBER SURVEY * *

You may recall that the 1992-3 Board members surveyed our member organizations in order to determine the efficacy and future of CTD, the issues of importance and ideas for preventing the cyclical funding shortage and frequent staff turnover. The survey results were considered by the Strategic Planning Committee in developing the CTD 1994-99 Five-Year Strategic Plan. These results were also used by the Resolutions Committee to develop many of the 1993 Resolutions which were considered by the Delegates at the Annual Assembly. The following information represents the results of 41 CTD member Organizations who responded to the survey. The member organizations who responded have 0-130 members and 400-20,000 clients and 1-13 average staff. Survey responses:

1. Priority issues for the 41 member organizations surveyed in ranked order were:
Funding for services, PAS, Employment, Support Services, Transportation, Accessibility and Legislative Action
2. Ranked importance of CTD current activities:
Cross-disability legislative advocacy
Community organizing
Cross-disability consumer watchdog of state agency services, policies and funding
Leadership development
Organizing to improve personal assistance services
Information and referral
ADA training and technical assistance
CTD Annual Convention and Delegates Assembly
Information dissemination
3. If we were to drop one activity the majority felt CTD should drop Information & Referral.
4. The ranked five activities suggested for suspension until adequate funding is available were:
CTD Convention, Information & Referral, ADA Training, Consumer Watchdog, Leadership Development
5. Areas listed that some CTD members believe we are not addressing that we should be: Working with established groups, Services for the Blind and Statewide Networking.
6. Areas listed that some CTD members believe CTD is addressing that we should not be: Children, Information & Referral, ADA Training and PAS.
7. Suggestions on how CTD can fund its current activities: Increase Membership dues, Corporate Fund Raising, Grants, Continue Bingo and Fee for Service Projects.

The Relay Texas Newsletter is set for publication this December, 1993. The goal of the newsletter is to educate the public about Relay Texas. It will feature articles about the Relay Texas Advisory committee, "tips" from relay agents and such. If you would like to be sure you are on the mailing list, or need to change an address write to:

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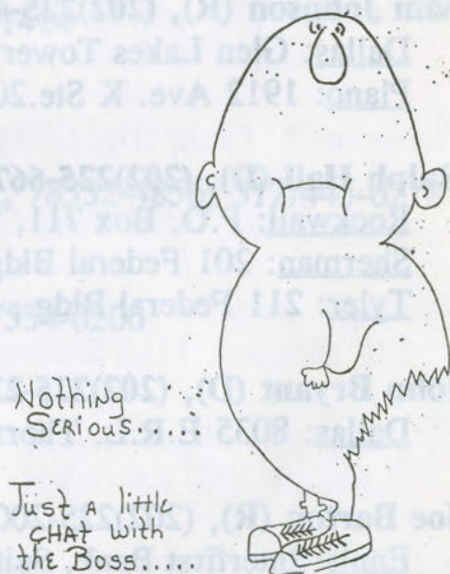
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Texas Governor Elected by Disabled Texans

If you are reading this article, the headline evidently caught your eye. Although Texans with disabilities electing a Governor may seem a bit futuristic, it is not at all impossible. In 1994, our Governor, Lt. Governor, and all state legislators are up for re-election. Are you tired of having to beg every legislative session for limited state funds for necessary programs providing services to Texans with disabilities? United, the 1.9 million voting age Texans with disabilities could elect the Governor and the state legislature.

For this to happen, all eligible disabled Texans must register to vote, be informed about the issues and cast their votes for a Governor and legislators who are knowledgeable and progressive on disability issues.

The "Disabled and Able to Vote" project was developed by CTD over ten years ago. Promoting public recognition that there are 1.9 million Texans with disabilities able to vote is a task that remains critical today. If you take the steps to vote and become active in the political process, then the day may not be so far away when we read the headline "Governor Elected by Disabled Texans."

Enclosed is a "Disabled But Able to Vote" bumper sticker. These stickers were given to CTD recently by Justin Dart. Yes, we know they say But and not And which is the current slogan BUT the most important words on the bumper sticker are Able to Vote. Let's let Texas know we have voting power. And thank you, Justin Dart for always thinking of your Patriots in Texas.

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