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The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) is a coalition of individuals and 40 organizations representing cross-disability needs and working together to eliminate all barriers to equal and full participation in life.

Started in 1978, CTD is the only cross-disability consumer advocacy coalition in Texas controlled by people with disabilities. Cross-disability means every disability. In 1994 CTD members decided to focus efforts on seven priority issues: personal assistance services, health care, employment, civil rights laws, affordable housing, transportation and advocacy for school-age children.

The following pages contain a summary of the resolutions passed by CTD's Delegate Assembly through the years. These summaries include the resolution subject, the submitter and the action to be taken.

Due to overlapping subjects some resolutions may seem out of place, but they do not appear twice. Please let us know if you cannot find a particular resolution or if you have any questions.

Because of space limitations we have printed only the action, the "resolved" paragraphs of the resolution. We have not printed the "whereas" paragraphs of these resolutions. The complete resolution is available upon request from the CTD central office. (512) 478-3366.

We hope that this summary will help you in formulating resolutions for this years convention. We also hope that this will help provide a picture of where CTD has been and where its going.

RESOLUTION AND BY-LAW COMMITTEE PROCESS

Adopted 1984 by CTD Board of Directors

- 1) A standard resolution form should be used by member organizations and individual members for resolutions to come before the Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly.

Date:

Subject of Resolution:

Submitted by: (Group and/or Person with Address and Phone)

Submitted to: (Board or Delegate Assembly)

Whereas:

Whereas:

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 2) Resolutions both to the Delegate Assembly and the CTD Board of Directors should be submitted to the state office in proper format at least 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- 3) The state office will send copies of these resolutions in standard and alternate format to all member organizations and Board members at least two weeks prior to the Delegate Assembly.
- 4) Emergency resolutions must be submitted on the standard resolution form in proper format. These resolutions will be considered only if accepted by the Resolution Committee and determined to be an emergency. These resolutions will be considered last.
- 5) Resolutions will be catalogued by type of meeting, month and year, subject of resolution, and resolution number.
- 6) A committee appointed by the President should review the resolutions for completeness, proper format and should group all resolutions by category for review by the Delegate Assembly.
- 7) One copy of each resolution should be available for all delegates when the resolutions are presented.
- 8) The final wording of the resolutions should be read to the Delegate Assembly before voting.

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AIDS-HIV

subject: AIDS Discrimination **87-1**
submitted by: Norah Schwartz
Resolved: that CTD advocate for: (1) laws prohibiting discrimination against persons with AIDS and human immunodeficiency virus and (2) for community education on AIDS for persons with disabilities.

subject: AIDS Discrimination **88-3**
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: that CTD advocate that the State of Texas adopt legislation prohibiting discrimination against persons with AIDS and or HIV.

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

subject: Beach Access **78-1**
submitted by: Bob Kafka
Resolved: that CTD support the members in Corpus Christi in their efforts to expand and to gain access to beaches and other recreational facilities.

subject: Amendment of the State Architectural Barriers Law **84-4**
submitted by: West Texas Assoc. For the Handicapped
Resolved: the State Architectural Barriers Law be amended so that it applies to all subject buildings in all counties of the state, regardless of population.

subject: Amendment of the State Architectural Barriers Law **84-5**
submitted by: West Assoc. for the Handicapped
Resolved: the State Architectural Barriers Law be amended so that it applies to all subject buildings in all counties of the state, regardless of population.

subject: Adoption of Standard State Building Code for Texas **84-6**
submitted by: West Texas Association for the Handicapped
Resolved: that the Texas State Legislature adopt a standard building code covering all areas of the state.

subject: Elimination of Architectural Barriers Program **85-12**
submitted by: MIGHT II of Austin
Resolved: that the CTD encourage its member organizations to actively support the "Elimination of Architectural Barriers Program" through contact with legislative representatives and other individual advocacy efforts.

subject: Accessibility to Health Care Facilities 87-10
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: that CTD work with its membership to advocate for improved access to health care facilities and to the greatest extent possible, coordinate efforts with the Office for Civil Rights Compliance Review and exercise similar opportunities for advocacy.

subject: Architectural Barriers 89-2
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: that CTD support the expansion of the provisions of the act to encompass counties of 45,000 persons or less, the expansion of the act to cover a wider range of private facilities and the funding of inspectors to adhere to the law by provisions to the office of the Attorney General of Texas.

subject: Elimination of Architectural Barriers 91-7
submitted By: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities by all legal means available to them compel the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Elimination of Architectural Barriers Program to meet its mandates for investigation and resolution of all complaints under the Elimination of Architectural Barriers Act and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

subject: Alan B Clark Jr. 80-2
submitted by: Delegate Assembly
Resolved: that CTD commends and expresses its appreciation to Alan B. Clark Jr. for his outstanding service to the disabled citizens of Texas.

subject: Support for House Joint Resolution 309 83-8
submitted by: Delegate Assembly
Resolved that all concerned delegates and member organizations contact their elected representatives to urge support for HJR 309 (the designation of Helen Keller Deaf/Blind Awareness Week during the last week of June).

subject: Jog-a-Rama/Max Arrell 83-1
submitted: Bob Kafka
Resolved: that CTD express its appreciation to TRC and Commissioner Max Arrell in a letter stating our thanks for their support of the Jog-a-Rama

subject: Joe Dusenbury 83-4
submitted by: Peg Nosek
Resolved: that CTD commend Joe Dusenbury for his courageous and historic contributions to the quality of lives of persons with disabilities during his service as chairperson of the National Council on the Handicapped.

subject: Itzak Perlman 83-6
submitted by: Peg Nosek
Resolved: that CTD formally commend Itzak Perlman for his advocacy activities and the establishment of a disability rights foundation.

subject: Convention interpreters 83-2
submitted by: Jerry Hassell and Larry Evans
Resolved: that the grateful appreciation of the delegates to the sixth annual assembly of CTD be extended to the El Paso Center of the Deaf, for coordinating all interpreting services for deaf/blind participants at the assembly.

subject: Business appreciation 83-10
submitted by: Larry Johnson and Marshall Mitchell
Resolved: that CTD express thanks to Roadway Inn and Jerry Wolfe's restaurant.

subject: Dr. Galloway 84-7
submitted by: CTD Central Office
Resolved: that CTD send a letter to Dr. Galloway expressing our sincerest appreciation for the use of the Texas School for the Deaf campus and that this delegate assembly give him a round of applause for his support of CTD and send Consumer Access Award to Texas School the Deaf.

subject: XXIII Olympics/Randy Snow 84-8
submitted by: Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association
Resolved: that CTD recognize by a round of applause all the accomplishments of all US disabled athletes, and contact USOC and IOC and complement Texan Randy Snow for his silver medal.

subject: Naming CTD Meritorious Award 84-1
submitted by: San Antonio Citizens Concerned about Handicappism
Resolved: that the first meritorious award be presented to Justin W. Dart and that with his permission all future awards be called " The Justin W. Dart Meritorious Award".

subject: Libby Doggett Appearance at Delegate Assembly 84-2
submitted by: Dennis Dildy
Resolved: that CTD go on record appreciating the appearance of Senator Lloyd Doggett's campaign team through his wife's appearance in an effort to educate CTD on current political issues affecting disabled people.

subject: J.D. Rader Award 89-1
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: that CTD confer an achievement award called the J.D. Rader Achievement Award, upon an individual or individuals when appropriate, who have contributed substantial time and effort to advance the quality of life of persons with disabilities.

CIVIL RIGHTS

subject: Opposition to Weakening of Disabled Rights 81-6

submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association

Resolved: that CTD send letters to V.P. Bush and appropriate legislators at both the state and national level stating its strong opposition to the softening or elimination of any federal regulations designed to protect the rights of disabled persons.

subject: Federal Bill of Rights for Disabled 81-9

submitted by: SACCH (now San Antonio Disability Advocates - SADA)

Resolved: that CTD go on record as supporting national efforts to encourage Congress to establish a Federal Bill of Rights for Disabled Persons and that copies be sent to the President and appropriate legislators noting such support.

subject: Enforcement of Disabled Rights 81-10

submitted by: MIGHT I of Austin

Resolved: that CTD will actively disseminate information about the laws that exist and encourage its member organizations and affiliated members to encourage compliance in order to improve quality of life opportunities for all disabled individuals.

subject: Civil Rights Law 87-4

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD advocate for a comprehensive law requiring equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities with broad coverage for setting clear, consistent and enforceable standards prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap.

subject: Civil Rights Training for Individuals w/Disabilities 87-2

submitted by: Ralph Rouse Jr.

Resolved: that CTD approach the commissioner of Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) with a request that RSA develop and initiate a program to provide civil rights training to disabled individuals throughout the country.

subject: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1987 87-6

submitted by: Bob Kafka

Resolved: that CTD develop a legislative strategy to promote the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1987.

subject: Amending the Human Rights Act 88-4

submitted by: Redge Westbrook

Resolved: that CTD its member organizations and individual members support inclusion of the three part Federal definition in the legislation amending the Texas Human Rights Act which is to be introduced in the upcoming legislative session.

subject: Americans with Disabilities Act

89-3

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD call for rapid passage by Congress the writing of appropriate regulations by government agencies and supports the rapid dissemination of information about the Act and the rights which it will confer upon individuals with disabilities.

subject:Development Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights

91-11

submitted by: Bob Kafka

Resolved: CTD Board of Directors write the Texas Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, Advocacy, Inc., the University Affiliated program at the University of Texas, the National Association of D.D. Councils, the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, the National Association of University Affiliated Programs, and the Administration on Development Disabilities stating that the CTD Board of Directors support the amending of the Development Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to make the following changes:

1. Development Disabilities Councils should become Planning Councils on Persons with Disabilities;
2. Protection and Advocacy Systems should be expanded to allow protection to persons with all disabilities; and,
3. University Affiliated Programs should do research for persons with all disabilities, and that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Board of directors ask the Disability Policy Consortium, Directors Association of Texas Centers for Independent Living, Association of Retarded Citizens, United Cerebral Palsy, Texas Head Injury Foundation, Institute for Disability Access, Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, Advocacy Inc., Mental Health Consumers, American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today and all other Coalition of Texans with Disabilities member organizations to support amending the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act as stated above.

subject: Legislative mandate for compliance with ADA

91-3

submitted by: CTD Legislation Committee

Resolved: that the legislative be compelled by all legal means available to them to mandate an appropriate expenditure of funds that will enable agencies and public educational institutions funded by the State Appropriations act to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that all agencies and public educational institutions must have a line item in their budgets specifically to assist them in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

subject: Americans with Disabilities Act

91-6

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that the CTD and its member organizations or individual members begin immediately after compliance deadlines to use every legal means to enforce all provisions of the American with Disabilities Act.

subject: "Do Not Resuscitate" Order

94-8

submitted by: Bob Kafka, ADAPT

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

Further Resolved: CTD's Board develop a position on the "Right to Die" movement growing in this country as it relates to people with disabilities.

subject: ADA Violations By Blockbuster Video/Alamo Dome/NBA/SPURS

95-3

submitted by: Advocacy Inc.

Resolved: that CTD member organizations who decide to do so will participate in Americans with Disabilities Act lawsuits against: (1) Blockbuster Video for violation of Title III in almost all areas and, (2) Alamodome and National Basketball Association and San Antonio Spurs for ADA violations including lack of integrated seating and interpreting and/or captioning to provide accessibility to deaf and hearing-impaired individuals.

The following organizations signed on: American Council of the Blind of Texas (ACBT - Statewide), Disabled Ability Resource Environment (DARE - El Paso), Lifetime Independence for Everyone (LIFE - Lubbock) and San Antonio Area Disability Advocates (SAADA).

subject: Enhancement of Rights of Texans with Disabilities

97-03

submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Resolved: that CTD advocate for the State of Texas Legislature to amend the Human Resources Code, Chapter 121, to reflect the full rights and benefits afforded to all people with disabilities to the maximum extent possible and include people first language throughout the entire Chapter.

CTD POLICY AND LONG-RANGE PLANS

subject: CTD Platform for Activities

78-2

submitted by: Lee Kitchens

Resolved: that CTD implement the recommendations of the 1977 White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals to establish a foundation and platform of Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, from which future specific issues and activities will be developed and undertaken, and

Further Resolved: that CTD should work in the ten areas discussed at the 1977 White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, which are:

1. Central State-Wide Coordinating Mechanism;
2. Improved funding for State Agencies that have as their sole focus services to individuals with disabilities;
3. Architectural and environment barriers;
4. Reaffirmation of State Policy;
5. Effective good faith effort to implement existing legislation
6. Employment;

7. Public awareness and acceptance;
8. Improved social services, recreational opportunities and cultural experiences;
9. Transportation; and
10. Housing;

subject: Minority Participation on CTD Board and Staff **84-3**

submitted by : SACCH (now San Antonio Disability Advocates - SADA)

Resolved: that the CTD officers, Board and staff encourage all CTD member organizations to recruit and recommend qualified disabled individuals from minority groups for consideration to run for the board and or serve in staff positions.

subject: Monthly Bulletin **84-9**

submitted by: Stephanie Thomas

Resolved: that the theme for next year's 9th annual convention be " The Political Process: Using it for Change "

subject: Long Range Plan and CTD Mission Statement **86-1**

submitted by: Marshall Mitchell/Planning Committee

Resolved: that the Long Range Plan be submitted and approved by the Delegate Assembly which includes the following goals:

1. Continue to research issues at the state and federal level and educate the membership of appropriate action needed.
2. Establish regional administrative and geographical subdivisions of CTD within the next two years.
3. Create on-going revenue sources that will sustain CTD financially for years to come.
4. Continue to work closely with local, state and federal entities to provide the best possible educational and informational opportunities for members of CTD.

subject: Lifting the Ban on CTD Meetings in San Antonio **90-1**

submitted by: Jerome Wright

Resolved: that the ban on hosting conventions or board meetings within the city of San Antonio be lifted and the January 1991 board meeting be conducted in that city and that serious consideration be given to hosting the 1991 CTD Delegate Assembly in the City of San Antonio.

subject: Reorganization of CTD **92-3**

submitted by: CTD Board of Directors

Resolved: CTD develop a team composed of the Board of Directors and expert members and/or authorities, for an organizational audit to review and revise, as appropriate, the Mission Statement, Goals and objectives, Programs, Activities, By-laws, Policies & Procedures, Funding, and Long - Range Goals, and

Further Resolved: that the results of this review and revision be disseminated to the members no less than 60 days prior to the 1993 annual Delegates Assembly for their approval.

subject: Long Range Plan

93-1

submitted by: CTD Strategic Planning Committee

Resolved: that the CTD Strategic Visions for 1994-99 shall be:

1. Strong, effective leaders provide direction and support at state and local levels.
2. CTD has stable and diversified funding sources sufficient to implement the membership's strategic plan.
3. CTD's members communicate and share needs, goals and human resources.
4. CTD is recognized as the most influential advocacy force for Texans with disabilities.
5. All progressive Texas groups whose governing bodies are composed of at least 51% people with disabilities are contributing members of CTD.

subject: CTD Mission Statement

93-2

submitted by: CTD Strategic Planning Committee

Resolved: 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 issues and concerns and who are working together to eliminate all barriers to equal and full participation in life.

Further Resolved: The CTD By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation and any future promotion materials be changed to reflect this new mission statement.

subject: Voting Powers of CTD Members

93-3

submitted by: CTD Board of Directors

Resolved: 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.

subject: CTD Member Dues Structure

93-4

submitted by: 1992-93 CTD Board of Directors

Resolved: 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.

Further Resolved: 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.

Further Resolved: A "family" membership category be created for families who have one or more than one CTD member. The family dues will be \$20.

subject: Composition of CTD Board of Directors

93-5

submitted by: CTD Nomination Committee

Resolved: 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 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.

subject: CTD Mission Statement

93-6

submitted: CTD Strategic Planning Committee

Resolved: 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 issues and concerns and who are working together to eliminate all barriers to equal and full participation in life.

Further resolved: The CTD By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, and any future promotion materials be changed to reflect this new mission statement.

subject: Seven Major issues Affecting Texans with Disabilities and Recommendations

97-07

submitted by: CTD Staff

Resolved: that the Delegates assembled in Austin on February 8, 1997, recognizing that these issues do not represent all the needs, nor all the

solutions, endorse the document in whole as the current blueprint for action on the priority issues of CTD Membership.

EDUCATION/TRANSITION

subject: Disabled Rights to Equal Education

79-2

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities:

1. Solicit and collect documentation of discrimination:
2. Notify:
 - A. Regional director of Health and Rehabilitation services
 - B. College and University Coordinating Board of Texas
 - C. Attorney Generals office that: Cases of discrimination exist and that the above offices be requested to notify all public and private institutions of higher education receiving Federal funds that disabled individuals may not be denied applications for student loans

subject: Implementation of P.L. 94-142

79-6

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved that CTD adopts as a major plank in its platform the prompt and effective implementation of P.L. 94-142 in Texas.

subject: Higher Education

81-2

submitted by: Handicapped Student Services of San Antonio College

Resolved: that CTD encourage Texas colleges and universities to carry the primary responsibility for the provision of support services for their disabled student population and that the administrative functions of provisions of these support services be built into the existing structure of the institution with reasonable personnel and budget assumed as an ongoing expense without primary dependence on other non-institutional funding sources;

Further Resolved: that copies of this resolution be sent to College Coordinating Board, Legislative Budget Board, and the appropriate officials of the Texas Education Agency.

subject: Schooling for Hearing Impaired Children

81-4

submitted by: Texas Association for the Deaf

Resolved that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities indicate to the Texas Education Agency its support of freedom of choice for parents of hearing impaired/deaf children to between appropriate regional and or state programs: And therefore be it further resolved that TEA be requested to encourage local school districts to send hearing impaired/deaf children to those appropriate programs which best meet the needs of such children.

- subject: Opposition to Shortening Eligibility for Deaf/Blind Education** **81-3**
submitted by: SACCH (now San Antonio Disability Advocates- SADA)
Resolved: that CTD direct its president to send a letter to the State Board of Education, notify said Board of Education that CTD's 28 state wide organizational and community members oppose any proposed shortening of the total public education time allowed for deaf, blind and deaf-blind students and that eligibility for service should remain as "birth to age 22 inclusive"
- subject: Problems with Appropriate Deaf Education/Local Districts** **81-5**
submitted by: Texas Association for the Deaf
Resolved: that CTD support a request to the Texas Education Agency to change the voting membership of the Admission, Referral and Dismissal (AWARD) Committee to require all voting members to be knowledgeable of the primary disability of the student being reviewed.
- subject: Equal Education Opportunities** **82-3**
submitted by: Delegate Assembly
Resolved: that CTD advocate for the preservation of free and appropriate education for all disabled people as established in the original regulations for all disabled people.
- subject: Shortening Eligibility for Deaf/Blind Education** **83-7**
submitted by: Jim Bruce
Resolved: that CTD direct its president to write a letter in protest to the Chair of the State Board of Education indicating CTD's opposition to the age eligibility rule change and reinstate the former rule (21 years).
- subject: Texas School for the Deaf** **84-10**
submitted by: Texas Association of the Deaf
Resolved: that the delegates to the Delegate Assembly give their full support to Texas School of Deaf as a successful educational system.
- subject: Transitional Services** **85-1**
submitted by: Gayle Owens / Advocacy Inc.
Resolved: that CTD work with this Transitional Services Task Force in anyway possible to bring about better transitional services in Texas.
- subject: Post Secondary Education** **85-4**
submitted by: Anne Williams-Lemke
Resolved: that CTD request that the State of Texas Coordinating Board of Higher Education develop a long-range policy that will assure disabled Texans have access to programs and services at post-secondary levels for long-range career development to insure that disabled Texans have access to the ever-changing job market.

subject: Retaining Schools for Deaf and Blind **86-3**
submitted by: American Council for the Blind
Resolved: that CTD go on record as being adamantly opposed to any effort to close Texas School for the Deaf or Texas School for the Blind.

subject: Long-Range State Plan for Texans w/ Disabilities **86-6**
submitted by: Peg Nosek, Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU)
Resolved: that CTD encourage local school districts to implement such programs and services mandated by 94-142 regarding the offering of more integrated forms of public instruction in order to provide the maximum opportunity for participation and equal opportunity in education.

subject: Higher Education Tuition Exemption **87-3**
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: that CTD advocate to expand Education Code sec. 54.205B to include other persons who are severely disabled.

subject: Transition Services for Learning disabled **87-5**
submitted by: Texas Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities
Resolved: that CTD support the effort of TACALD on the issue of mandating that learning disabled be allowed to receive academic credit toward vocational and life skills.

subject: Transitional Post - Secondary Services **87-7**
submitted by: Rita Webster
Resolved: CTD support transition services for individuals with learning disabilities.

subject: Increased Certification Requirements for Teachers Serving Disabled **87-9**
submitted by : Alamo Council of the Blind
Resolved: that CTD form a committee to contact TEA and universities throughout the state to recommend that students majoring in education, counseling, or social work be required to interview or associate with least three to five disabled adults.

subject: Individual Transition Plans **87-11**
submitted by : Deaf - Blind Multi-Handicapped Association of Texas
Resolved: that CTD advocate for the inclusion of the Individual Transition Plan within the Individual Education Plan with the Board of Education, the Education Agency, and the Texas legislature and CTD continue to be actively involved in the SCR123 Transition Services Task Force.

subject: Reversal of UT Dallas Decision on Special Ed. Teachers Training **87-12**
submitted by: Deaf/Blind Multi-Handicapped Association of Texas
Resolved: that CTD write a letter of concern to the Univ. of Tx. Board of Regents regarding the decision of UT Dallas and urging the board to support the reinstatement of the much-needed special education teacher training programs

subject: Transitional Services 87-13
submitted by: United Cerebral Palsy of Texas
Resolved: that CTD work with UCP of Texas and other state wide organizations for a transitional services system that can adequately address the needs of and provide services for those with physical and mental disabilities.

subject: Reinstatement of services to Head Start Children with Disabilities 95-11
submitted by: Earl Walden; ILRU
Resolved: that the Coalition of Texasans with Disabilities, in their Annual Delegate Assembly, demands the National Administration for Children, Youth, and Families restore the services provided by the RAP contract for Region VI and attendant Training and Technical Assistance to Head Start children with disabilities immediately.

subject: Special Education Funding System 97-05
submitted by: Resolutions Committee
Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities will oppose any any efforts to remove special education from the basic allotment for all students or oppose any decrease in funding to place students with disabilities in integregated settings.

subject: Accessible Textbooks 97-08
Submitted by: Resolutions Committee
Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities congratulate the Legislature of the State of Texas for their leadership in providing accessible textbooks and encourage them to continue and expand endeavors to promote education using computer software that will enable students with disabilities of all ages to be able to use it to carry out all of the same functions and to achieve the same results as individuals with similar skills and training who do not have a disability.

EMPLOYMENT

subject: Employment in Education 79-4
submitted by: Delegate Assembly
Resolved: that the CTD board be instructed to contact the state Commissioners of Education requesting information concerning the number of persons with disabilities working in educational administration in Texas and make recommendations upon evaluation of the data.

subject: Employment of the Disabled 85-6
submitted by : Southwest Athletic Association
Resolved: that CTD write letters to the Governor, Lt. Governor and appropriate heads of all state agencies stating CTD's interest in employment of persons

with disabilities in the public sector.

subject: Employment of Qualified Disabled Persons by State Agencies 89-6
submitted by : CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that all state agencies will be urges to take affirmative measures in order to hire qualified disabled persons in wide variety of capacities and do so without subverting the hiring process and after hiring make reasonable accommodations for those individuals who have been hired.

subject: Employment of People with Disabilities by State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education 91-10
submitted by : CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that the State Appropriations Act, Section on minority hiring and contracting practices be amended to include appropriate hiring percentages for people with disabilities and legally enforceable time lines for compliance, and that failure by state agencies and educational institutions funded by the act to meet the percentages and time lines found in Article V section 105 during the Sunset process, and that CTD form a state - wide committee to monitor the hiring practice and the removal of architectural barriers by state agencies.

subject: Commission on Human Rights 91-8
submitted by : CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD by all legal means available to them compel the Texas Commission in Human Rights to meet its mandates for investigation and resolution of all complaints under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title I and its complement, the Texas Human Rights Act and U.S. Fair Housing Act.

subject: Historically Under-Utilized Businesses 94-1
submitted by: CTD Resolutions Committee

Resolved: that the definitions and coverage of Historically Under-Utilized Businesses in Article IX, be expanded to encompass person with disabilities who operate their own business.

subject: Affirmative Action 94-2
submitted by: CTD Resolutions Committee

Resolved: that all Texas state agencies adopt and implement an affirmative action program for persons with disabilities similar to that mandated under article V. of the Appropriations Act for other disadvantaged minorities, and

Further Resolved: that a goal for hiring and promoting persons with disabilities be set by the state agencies which reflects the percentage of people with disabilities in the work force.

subject: Sheltered Employment 95-1
submitted by: CTD Public Policy Committee

Resolved: The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities and its members advocate that statutory language that allows for people with disabilities to be paid less

than minimum wage be eliminated and that the State of Texas affirm that people with disabilities in the workplace in Texas can be paid no less than minimum wage or above; and,

Further Resolved: That CTD and its members advocate that sheltered employment that pays less than minimum wage be eliminated and the State of Texas assure that all Texans with disabilities have the opportunity and support necessary to work in individualized, competitive employment in the community and have choices about their work and careers.

subject: Texas Workforce Commission **95-2**

submitted by: CTD Public Policy Committee

Resolved: All programs of the Texas Workforce Commission be made accessible to persons with disabilities, and

Resolved: CTD advocates for inclusion of people with disabilities in every program and service provided by the Texas Workforce Commission.

GOVERNOR/GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE

subject: Governors Appointment **79-11**

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD request that the Governor of Texas appoint qualified disabled Texans to all boards serving disabled Texans.

subject: Governors Committee **80-1**

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that the Texas Governors Long Range Planning Group for Texans with Disabilities and offers, upon recommendations of the CTD Board, to actively support recommendations made by the Planning Group for action in the 68th session of the Legislature.

subject: Governors Long Range Planning **82-9**

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that the Texas Governors Committee on Employment of the Handicapped employ a qualified disabled person who is an appropriate representative of the disabled community as its permanent executive director.

subject: Job Training Coordinating Appointment **83-3**

submitted by: Peg Nosek

Resolved: that CTD strongly urge Governor White to appoint at least two qualified disabled persons who represent authentic disability rights advocacy organizations as members of the coordinating council for the job Training Partnership Act.

subject: Council on Disabilities **83-5**

submitted: Peg Nosek

Resolved: that CTD urge the Governor to move with all haste to appoint and activate the Council on Disabilities and encourage them to accept the Long Range Plan for Texans with disabilities and begin its implementation.

subject: Report from Subcommittee on Deaf-Blind Multi-Handicapped **84-11**

submitted by: Deaf Blind Multi-handicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)

Resolved: that CTD communicate with the Governor either by telephone or in writing their support of the subcommittee's efforts to show the needed service delivery for deaf -blind persons within the State of Texas.

subject: Governors Committee for Disabled Persons (GCDP) **84-15**

submitted by : CTD Central Office

Resolved: that CTD endorse the continued existence of GCDP as a separate entity and to work cooperatively with GCDP to promote our common goals and objectives.

HEALTHCARE

subject: National Health Insurance **84-18**

submitted by: Amarillo Disabled In Action

Resolved: that CTD write the Congress and the Administration encourage the introduction and passage of a bill by Congress which would establish National Health Insurance.

subject: Establishment of State Health Insurance Pool **87-8**

submitted by: Dallas Area Advocates

Resolved: that CTD support the creation of a high risk insurance pool for the state of Texas.

subject: Insurance discrimination **88-1**

submitted by: Dallas Association of the Disabled

Resolved: that CTD advocate fir the state of Texas to adopt stricter statutes prohibiting insurance companies from discriminating on the basis of disability.

subject: National Health Insurance **89-4**

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD support the enactment of comprehensive national health insurance.

subject: Insurance Reform **90-2**

submitted by: CTD Legislative committee

Resolved: that CTD work for comprehensive health insurance reform which will

1. force insurance companies to end discriminatory practices that deny private insurance to persons with disabilities and other individuals who

- do not have health insurance based on socioeconomic factors.
- 2. prevent insurance companies from over charging persons with disabilities.
- 3. eliminate exclusions of pre-existing conditions.
- 4. increase penalties against insurance companies who discriminate against persons with disabilities.
- 5. promote equal access to affordable health insurance coverage for persons with disabilities.

subject: Insurance Reform

91-1

submitted by: United Cerebral Palsy

Resolved: that CTD support minimum federal requirements for health benefits with supplementary coverage through a social insurance mechanism for health related services which are not covered, and that the goals of health insurance reform should be:

- 1. to expand the definition of health from the absence of disease and impairment to include the on-going management of chronic conditions
- 2. to develop a health care financing mechanism which covers ongoing maintenance health needs.
- 3. to distribute health care costs in an equitable way throughout the population; and that: CTD work closely with other groups to develop a disability perspective on access to health care and concentrate on linking the disability community to the larger movement for universal access to health care and health insurance reform.

subject: Texas Medicaid Conversion to Managed Care

94-4

submitted by: CTD Resolutions Committee

Resolved: that The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities can not endorse the implementation of a managed care initiative to replace the current Texas Medicaid delivery system, until we feel assured the proposal will follow the safeguards and principles outlined in our position paper, "Texas Medicaid Reform - Inclusion of People with Disabilities: Principles, Components and Safeguards."

HOUSING

subject: Housing Discrimination/Governor's office

79-10

submitted by : Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD request that Governor Clements write a letter to relevant officers of government apprising of them on his position on disability rights .

subject: HUD Regulations

83-9

submitted by: MIGHT II of Austin

Resolved: that CTD ask their member organizations to contact their respective congressional representatives regarding the need for revision of HUD

regulations to demand support for an increase in the number of accessible housing units to accommodate severely disabled persons.

subject: Accessible and Affordable housing **85-5**

submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association

Resolved: that CTD join state - wide efforts to bring about affordable housing for disabled persons. And that a task force be appointed on this issue.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

subject: Services in Alternative Community Living **79-8**

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD request the DD Council to assign its agency representatives the task of bringing to the council recommendations as to how services in Alternative Community Living Arrangements can be coordinated by Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Commission for the Blind, Mental Health Mental Retardation, Department of Health, Department of Human Resources and Texas Education Agency.

subject: Semi-Independent Living Programs for Deaf/Blind **82-2**

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD recommend to the Texas legislature and the Governors office support toward the funding of TCD deaf/blind Semi-Independent Living Center in the amount of no less than one and one half million dollars over the next legislative biennium.

subject: Independent Living Centers **82-4**

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD support Texas Rehabilitation Commission's line item request of 1.35 million dollars for 84 and 1.5 million for 85 for independent living centers.

subject: Placement of Deaf/Blind in Cross-Disability **84-12**

submitted by: Deaf - Blind Multi-handicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)

Resolved: that DBMAT and CTD and its member organizations recommend to Texas Commission for the Deaf that TCD seek additional legislative mandate and funding for technical assistance to existing programs for the handicapped who are willing to include the higher functioning deaf-blind adult.

subject: Client Assistance Program **84-13**

submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association (TPVA)

Resolved: that CTD convey by letter to the CAP Advisory Committee, Advocacy Inc., and the Governors office its desire that the CAP program have the following components: (1) regional focus; (2) utilization of the independent living center network; and (3) employment of disabled persons for CAP positions.

subject: Funding Semi-Independent Living in Rural Areas, Urban and Suburban areas **84-14**

submitted by: Deaf - Blind Multi-handicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)

Resolved: that CTD recommend the development and implementation of small group home and apartment living within urban, rural, and suburban communities for deaf/blind multi-handicapped individuals.

subject: Independent Living Centers-CTD Cooperative Efforts **84-16**

submitted by: Alan Meyer

Resolved: that CTD initiate a cooperative program with all the Texas Independent Living Centers to enhance grassroots statewide advocacy and legislative efforts.

subject: Client Confidentiality Independent Living Centers **85-17**

submitted by: Alan Meyer

Resolved: that CTD support the concept of confidentiality of client records in independent living centers and to convey their position by letter to appropriate individuals in state agencies.

subject: Developmental Disabilities/Community Services **86-4**

submitted by: Spina Bifida of Texas

Resolved: that the CTD board develop a long range advocacy strategy that would result in the creation of a state wide system that would provide a comprehensive range of community based services for person with disabilities.

subject: Encouraging Least Restrictive Environment for Disabled Children **86-5**

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD advocate for (1) the expansion of Section 2 of House Bill 1154 to be a state wide program within the Texas Department of Human Services that would serve those not eligible for MHMR and (2) increase funding for all services outlined in House Bill 1154 and (3) cross disability involvement in all aspects of House Bill 1154.

subject: Pediatric Nursing Homes **90-3**

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD take action that supports the deinstitutionalization of children currently in skilled pediatric nursing facilities and oppose the development of any new such facilities or programs.

subject: Performance Standards for Independent Living Centers **91-4**

submitted by: Panhandle Action Center for Independent Living Skills

Resolved: the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities recommends that the Rehabilitation Services Administration take one of the following actions: 1). Publish the indicators immediately; or 2). Issue a policy statement declaring that it will be unable to comply with the Rehabilitation Act and instead will allow independent living centers, either through the National Council on Independent Living or through state associations of independent living centers, to develop

and publish standards by which they will be evaluated by national and state monitoring organizations.

subject: Independent Living Centers Continued Funding **94-9**

submitted by: Directors Association of Texas Centers for Independent Living

Resolved: that CTD will advocate with the Directors Association of Texas Centers for Independent Living, the Centers for Independent Living, the State Independent Living Council, Texas Rehabilitation Commission and people with disabilities to guarantee continued state funding of centers for independent living and independent living services throughout the State of Texas.

subject: Independent Living Center Funding **95-11**

submitted by Directors Association of Texas Centers for Independent Living

Resolved: That CTD will support continued state funding of the Texas Centers for Independent Living and the administration of any designated independent living funds by the centers.

subject: Moving from Institutions to Communities **95-5**

submitted by: Personal Assistance Services Task Force

Resolved: That CTD advocate that the U.S. Congress and the Texas State Legislature:

- 1) Increase the number of people receiving services in the community and reduce the institutional population by redirecting funds from institutions to community options; and
- 2) Pass legislation establishing a "Community Impact Statement" to guide all policy and funding decisions of the U.S. Congress, the Texas Legislature and all health and human service agencies, with the goal of ensuring consistent policies across agencies on the development of community options that promote independence and full participation in life. The "Community Impact Legislation" must require reporting from state and federal health and human service agencies outlining their progress in decreasing their institutional populations, and steps taken to build community options. This agency report should be submitted with the agency's Legislative Appropriations Request in order to compare progress from one funding cycle to the next.

INSURANCE

subject: Tort and Insurance Reform **86-7**

submitted by: CTD Board of Directors

Resolved: that CTD advocate for the rights and needs of persons who become disabled at the fault of another party.

INTERGROUP COOPERATION-COMMUNICATION

subject: Communication in HEW

79-12

submitted by: unknown

Resolved: that CTD promote communication with other coalitions in the five states of Health and Rehabilitation Services (HEW) Region VI.

subject: Council on Disabilities

85-2

submitted by: Bob Kafka

Resolved: that CTD work with COD on issues of mutual concern to bring about greater independence for all disabled Texans.

subject: Regional Communication Among State Coalitions

85-3

submitted by: Bob Kafka

Resolved: that CTD work with other state coalitions towards developing a regional communication network among state coalitions in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

subject: Statistics on Disabled Persons

85-7

submitted by: Gayle Owens

Resolved: that CTD join with Advocacy Inc. and other organizations in requesting from all state agencies the number and type of disabled persons to whom they provide services.

subject: Cooperative Involvement

85-15

submitted by: MIGHT II of Austin

Resolved: that CTD encourage its member organizations to work cooperatively with local, state, and federal organizations to reach mutually acceptable solutions to the concerns and interests of all disabled Texans.

subject: Interpreters During the Legislative Session

85-16

submitted by : Texas Association of the Deaf and National Self Help Center for the Deaf

Resolved: that CTD work in cooperation with TAD to encourage the legislature to set up interpreter services for deaf people.

subject: Cooperation with Groups for Older Persons

85-17

submitted by : Bob Kafka/Charlotte Flynn

Resolved: that CTD actively work with groups representing older Texans on issues of common interest.

subject: Symposium on Deafness Issues

86-4

submitted by : Jerry Hassell

Resolved: that CTD support the following eleven issues

1. Request the Legislature to support the continuance of the Texas Commission for the Deaf.

2. Request the Legislature to continue to recognize and fund post-secondary education programs for the deaf and hearing impaired and support vocational rehabilitation programs which fund post-secondary programs.
3. Request the Legislature to establish and fund a state wide mental health services program to serve persons who are deaf and hearing impaired.
4. Request the State of Texas to recognize American Sign Language as a language.
5. Request the Legislature to clarify eligibility of "qualified interpreters" for civil, criminal, and formal governmental proceedings.
6. Request that the message relay services through the Texas Commission for the Deaf be expanded.
7. Recommend that the Texas Education establish the criterion of deafness as the primary handicap for admission to the Texas School for the Deaf and regional day schools for the deaf.
8. Request the Legislature to fund the Texas Commission for the Deaf to develop essential services for inmates who are deaf at the facilities under the Department of Corrections.
9. Request the Coordinating board of Texas Colleges and Universities to encourage colleges and universities with teacher training programs for the deaf to require sign language competency courses as part of their curriculum.
10. Request the Legislature to expand the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) placement project to assist elderly persons on a fixed income.
11. Recommend the Legislature and Texas Education Agency communicate to federal authorities that the Texas School for the Deaf and regional day schools for the deaf should be considered as viable options within the "least restrictive environment" concept.

subject: American Council of the Blind Participation in CTD Convention Action 90-6
 submitted by: American Council of the Blind of Texas Membership and Board of Directors

Resolved: that the American Council of the Blind of Texas support CTD's ongoing efforts to address employment discrimination against persons with physical, mental, or sensory disabilities by sending a delegate to actively participate in the Coalition's action at the convention.

subject: Client Assistance Program

90-7

submitted by: Joyce Dawidczyk

Resolved: that the President of CTD Board of Directors write a letter to the chairperson of the Advocacy, Inc. Board of Directors and their executive director supporting the regionalization of CAP services and,

Further Resolved: that CTD will work to involve consumers in shaping the CAP program and will work to see that CAP services are in an agency that will advocate for vocational rehabilitation and independent living services which

meet the needs of persons with disabilities in Texas, and

Further Resolved: that this resolution be sent to the Commissioners of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Texas Commission for the Blind, the Texas Commission for the Deaf, the Office of the Governor, the State Independent Living Council, the Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Directors Association of Texas Centers for Independent Living.

subject: Grape Boycott **94-6**
submitted by: United Farm Workers Union

Resolved: as a symbol of our solidarity with Caesar 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.

LEADERSHIP

subject: CTD Regional Forums **84-19**
submitted by: SACCH (Now San Antonio Disability Advocates-SADA)

Resolved: that the CTD board and staff work with CTD member organizations to plan and hold at least five such forums throughout the state prior to the next CTD Delegates Assembly.

subject: Mentoring Program **84-20**
submitted by: Stephanie Thomas

Resolved: that CTD pursue development of a mentor program that would give member organizations and CTD a method to help development of new leadership.

subject: Formation of CTD Advisory Committee of Business Leaders **84-21**
submitted by SACCH (Now San Antonio Disability Advocates-SADA)

Resolved: that the CTD Board and staff actively seek ways to obtain greater input from and promote interest among major private firms in the planning and implementation of CTD programs and activities.

subject: Free Mailing Privilege for Blind and Other Handicapped **84-22**
submitted by: American Council of the Blind of Texas

Resolved: that CTD express concern about this situation and encourage all CTD member organizations to conform to the regulations.

subject: Leadership Development/Theme for 1985 Convention 84-23
submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Associations (TPVA)
Resolved: that the theme for the 1985 Delegate Assembly will be Leadership Development.

subject: Texans with Invisible Disabilities 94-3
submitted by: Marita J. Heyden, Austin, TX 78753
Resolved: The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities make it a goal to educate the public about people with invisible disabilities and the importance of treating 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.

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

subject: Long Term care Services 81-7
submitted By: MIGHT II
Resolved: that CTD support the development of appropriate means to assess the need for and implement the provisions of long-term care services to disabled.

subject: Increased Funding for Attendant Care 83-11
submitted by: MIGHT II
Resolved: that CTD advocate for increased allocation of funds for programs in community care services such as supervised living and special services.

subject: Reimbursement for Attendant Care for State Employees 84-17
submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association (TPVA)
Resolved: that CTD consider the lack of legislative mandate that would allow state agencies to reimburse employees for attendant costs as a violation of the rights of these people.

subject: Respite Care 85-8
submitted by: MIGHT II
Resolved: that CTD encourage TDHS to provide funding and administrative support for the continuation and state wide expansion of respite care program.

subject: Attendant Services Task Force 85-18
submitted by: Bob Kafka
Resolved: that the CTD Attendant Services Task Force work cooperatively towards the development of statewide attendant services program.

subject: In Home Family Support 87-14
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee
Resolved: The CTD advocate for (1) the expansion of Section 2 of House Bill 1154 to be a state wide program within the Texas Department of Human

services that would serve those not eligible for MHMR services and (2) increase funding for all services outlined in House Bill 1154 and (3) cross disability involvement in all aspects of House Bill 1154.

subject: Attendant Services

90-4

submitted by: CTD Attendant Services Task Force

Resolved: that the Texas Department of Human Services Board adopt policies and programs that will: 1. redirect current institutional dollars to in home alternatives. 2. allocate all new dollars in a way that lowers the ratio between institutional program dollars and community in-home options, and 3. remove funding incentives and legislative riders that promote an economic environment that encourages institutional over community in-home alternatives.

Further Resolved: that the DHS Board set goals and specific timetables by which community in-home options will be the major focus of the agency.

Further Resolved: that the DHS Board direct the Commissioner, Office of Strategic Planning and the Federal-State Relations offices to be proactive in developing new initiatives and to advocate for implementation of new federal policies that will change our long-term care system from one that promotes the institutional model to one that supports people in their homes.

Further Resolved: that the DHS Board direct the Office on Disabilities in conjunction with the Aged and Disabled Advisory Committee to develop recommendations to start this process for the 1992-93 Legislative Appropriations Request and all future appropriations requests.

subject: Attendant Services

91-2

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that the Texas Legislature adopt programmatic, administrative, and budgetary actions which support development of a system of community based services; and that the system for individual community services:

1. Is based on individual functional need;
2. Is available to people with disabilities, regardless of age, disability, sex, race, religion, political affiliation, or sexual preference;
3. Serve people with disabilities and provide support to their families at home, work, in community, and in school;
4. That offer persons with disabilities and their families maximum opportunities for choice and control;
5. That recognize and allow for changing needs and circumstances over time;
6. That promote independence and interdependence;
7. That develop incentives that create and maintain self-reliance and productivity;
8. That include options for cost sharing;
9. That are available throughout the state, in rural and urban areas; and,

10. That promotes maximum individual choice and self-determination by the person with the disability.

subject: Change Definition and Name of Personal Attendant to Personal Assistance Service

94-5

submitted by: CTD Personal Attendant Services Task Force

Resolved: that CTD define PAS as follows: Personal Assistance Services are any actions to assist a person with a disability in accomplishing activities of daily living which include, but not limited to the following activities: bathing, dressing, feeding, toileting, transferring, mobility, cooking, cleaning, laundering, dispensing of routine medications (including injectibles) and delivery of health-related tasks by unlicensed persons, school and educational services, child care assistance, on-the-job assistance, assistive technology, respite, interpreting and reading services and monitoring and cognitive assistance like reminding a person to take his/her medicine, helping to balance a checkbook or to pay bills.

subject: Guiding Principles for Personal Assistance Services

94-7

submitted by: CTD Personal Attendant Services Task Force

Resolved: The Guiding Principles for Personal Attendant Services passed by the CTD Delegate Assembly in 1991 be Guiding Principles for Personal Assistance Services and be amended to now read:

1. Programs should serve people with disabilities on the basis of functional need, not medical diagnosis.
2. Programs should be available to people of all ages.
3. Programs should allow for maximum choice and control of the service by the person with the disability (Independent living model).
4. Programs should provide for the recruitment and training of attendants.
5. Programs should provide for 24 hour, 7-day-a-week service availability with provisions for back-up and emergency service.
6. Services should be community-based, non-institutional, portable, should be available where persons with disabilities need them, such as: home, work, in the community, school and during recreational activities.
7. Programs should offer people with disabilities options for employer/employee relationships that include agency-delivered, individual provider, and voucher systems. An income tax exemption for personal assistance services should be available to people with disabilities.
8. Programs should be adequately funded, available to people of all income levels on a co-pay or sliding fee basis, and should not be a disincentive of employment.
9. Programs should provide for the training of persons with disabilities on attendant recruitment and management skills on a voluntary basis.
10. Attendants should earn a reasonable wage and or receive other benefits that promote their ability to provide attendant services.
11. People with disabilities should have significant involvement in the program design and policy development.

12. Programs should provide personal assistance with a non-medical philosophy, allowing for unlicensed attendants to perform health-related tasks.
13. All people with disabilities (and their self-designated or legal representatives if applicable) shall be informed about their rights and options related to personal assistance services in accessible format, and appropriate languages. All levels of personal assistance services should respect the privacy and confidentiality of the user.
14. Programs should provide for an independent and uniform appeals procedure.

subject: Benefits For Personal Assistants

95-4

submitted by: Personal Attendant Service Task Force
Recruitment, Retention and Training Workgroup

Resolved: that CTD advocate that

- 1) The Texas 74th Legislature direct the Texas Department of Human Services and all state agencies providing personal assistance services develop an appropriate and definitive percentage of every unit rate contract to be expended on wages and benefits for direct services staff;
- 2) Contractors develop an array of benefits, such as, health insurance, sick leave, vacation and bonuses for longevity and outstanding performance;
- 3) Wages for personal assistants be commensurate to experience and/or training of the personal assistant and the skill level required by the consumer.

submitted: Vouchers for Long-Term Personal Assistance Services

97-01

submitted by: Personal Assistance Services Task Force

Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans will work vigorously to gain the support of their individual legislators for passage of the bill.

subject: Community Attendant Services Act of Texas (CASA)

97-04

submitted by: ADAPT of Texas

Resolved: that The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities meeting in session February 1997 supports the Community Attendant Services Act of Texas as it conforms to the principles of the CTD PAS Task Force.

subject: Create bill to protect rights of Recipients of Long-term Personal Assistance Services

97-10

submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities supports legislation that would identify the rights of those individuals receiving long-term personal assistance services and supports in any environment in which the service is being provided.

subject: Long-Term Services Agency 97-11

submitted by: CTD Personal Assistance Services Task Force

Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities will advocate that the 75th Legislature should start a review process for combining all long term home and community based services into a single agency; and that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities will advocate that the 75th Texas Legislature direct the Sunset Commission to incorporate this issue into their interim review of the health and human service system.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES

subject: Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) 79-14

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD request that the Public Utilities Commission and all Texas telephone companies adopt policies which 1. Make teletypewriter equipment installation and monthly rates equal to standard equipment rates 2. Provide a 75% discount rate to all long distance calls using teletypewriter equipment.

subject: Bell Rate Increase Request 83-12

submitted by: MIGHT and Austin Resource Center for Independent Living

Resolved: that CTD actively oppose the rate hike request of Southwestern Bell before the PUC of Texas.

subject: Public Utilities Commission rate hike limit 84-25

submitted by: Austin Resource Center for Independent Living

Resolved: that CTD actively support the efforts of consumer groups and the PUC to control and limit rate hikes or policies that would adversely affect poverty impaired individuals with disabilities.

subject: Message Relay 87-15

submitted by: Rosemary Stapp

Resolved: that CTD should work with the appropriate entities to establish and fund a state - wide message relay system to serve deaf and hearing impaired persons.

subject: Access To Telecommunications Technology and Services 95-12

submitted by: Richard Villa - American Council of the Blind of Texas

Resolved: That CTD and its members will advocate for the U.S. Congress to pass legislation and implement regulations that will ensure that high quality telecommunications services are available, accessible, and usable by people with disabilities.

TEXAS STATE AGENCIES

subject: Texas Rehabilitation Commission Extended Rehab Services 79-1

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD express concern in a letter to the TRC commissioner on the following points

1. Clients should not be expected to pay for any portion of transportation costs to and from job sites.
2. Production output should not be a criteria for eligibility to remain in the program.
3. Personal/ Social adjustment training should be included as a part of the six-hour work day.
4. More attention should be given to housing needs and other support services.

subject: Dept of Human Resources subcommittee for aged and disabled 81-8

submitted by: SACCH (Now San Antonio Disability Advocates - SADA)

Resolved: that CTD encourage the administration of the Texas Dept of Human Resources to support the subcommittee and widely disseminate its findings.

subject: 84-85 Appropriations request 82-1

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD urge its members to contact their legislature delegation and other elected officials urging full funding of the TRC appropriations request.

subject: Texas Department of Human Services 82-6

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that

- 1) TDHS provide for an effective method of disability coordination at the state office level.
- 2) Each TDHS region develop an effective disability coordination method which is compatible with the above mentioned State Office Method.
- 3) Each TDHS Region ensure appropriate communication with urban and rural citizens with disabilities.

subject: Extended Rehabilitation Service 82-10

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD support Texas Rehabilitation Commission line item request of 3.1 million and 3.5 million for 85 Extended Rehab Services.

subject: Texas Department of Human Services 84-26

submitted by: Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD actively pursue a legislative mandate that directs TDHS to increase the range and funding of services for the non-elderly disabled.

subject: Independent Commission for the Blind in Texas 84-27
submitted by: American Council for the Blind in Texas
Resolved: that CTD join with ACBT in advocating and supporting the retention and improvement of the Texas Commission for the Blind as a separate and independent agency.

subject: Expansion of Texas Rehabilitation Commission Extended Rehabilitation Services Program 84-28
submitted by: Bob Kafka
Resolved: CTD petition the Consumer Consultation Commission of TRC to review the current Extended Rehabilitation Services (ERS) program and to state that CTD believes the present focus of the ERS program model needs to be expanded to include independent living.

subject: Texas Commission for the Deaf 84-29
submitted by: Texas Association for the Deaf
Resolved: that CTD support TCD and advocate for it to continue as an independent state agency serving deaf people.

subject: TRC and Deaf/Blind Services 85-9
submitted by: Deaf-Blind Multi-Handicapped Assoc. of Texas
Resolved: that CTD continue to be supportive of issues affecting persons who are deaf-blind and their families and assist them and TRC in the development and implementation of a comprehensive service delivery system which includes a continuum of appropriate life-long services.

subject: Support for an Independent Texas Commission for the Blind 86-2
submitted by: American Council of the Blind of Texas
Resolved: that CTD reaffirm and strongly emphasize its position supporting the continuation of TCB as an independent state agency.

subject: Restructuring Health and Human Services 88-2
submitted by: Durward McDaniel
Resolved: that CTD 1. Support distinct specialized service delivery agencies be and is hereby reaffirmed 2. A new position be and is hereby established opposing the costly expansion of the Health and Human Services coordinating council and the undesirable enlargement of its authority over the functions of existing State Health and Human Service Agencies.

subject: Deaf Accessibility to MHMR 89-5
submitted by: Legislative Committee
Resolved: that CTD support the efforts of deaf Texans in conjunction with the Texas Commission of the Deaf to ensure that all appropriate measures are taken to make the services of MHMR accessible to persons who are deaf.

subject: Texas Department of Human Services Handicapped Affairs 89-7
submitted by: Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD support the creation and implementation of an Office of Handicapped Affairs which coordinates programs and assists persons with disabilities in obtaining appropriate services from the Department of Human Services.

subject: Qualifications of Health and Human Services Commissioner and Retention of Boards of Directors of Individual Health and Human Service Organizations. 91-5
submitted by: Panhandle Action Center for Independent Living Skills

Resolved: that CTD demand that the Health and Human Services Commissioner be a person who has knowledge of, and a background in, health and human service delivery, and that CTD endorse the retention of separate governing boards for the various departments and insists that these boards have rule and policy-making authority, and that the membership of all governing boards of the health and human service agencies in Texas must consist of a majority of persons who are consumers of those agencies.

TEXAS STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

subject: CTD Legislative Efforts 85-19
submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD continue its legislative efforts and adopt a plan to direct these efforts in the following areas:

1. Developing and implementing a plan to hire a legislative staff person during the next legislative session to work on disability issues.
2. Continuing development of network strategies by;
 - a. polling the member organizations for input on legislation they feel is needed, and
 - b. creating means to foster member organizations interactions with their legislators between sessions.
3. Improving the implementation of existing laws that can positively impact the lives of disabled Texans.
4. Working on federal issues of importance to disabled persons including the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985, the Chaffee Bill, the reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act, etc.
5. Investing the leadership role of CTD in 1987 " Disability Rally Day " activities and further be it resolved that the CTD treasurer prepare a plan to finance the above activities.

subject: Sunset Process 85-20
submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association

Resolved: that CTD monitor the Sunset process of Texas Department of Human Services, Texas MHMR, and Texas Commission for the Deaf and prepare a position paper on each agency after consultation with interested CTD members

to submit to the Sunset Commission.

subject: Sunset Process

85-13

submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association

Resolved: that CTD convey by letter to the members of the Sunset Commission and the Governors office its position that accessibility and employment for disabled Texans be included in the Sunset evaluation criteria.

subject: Raising State Revenues for Human Services Programs

86-12

submitted by: CTD Board of Directors--1986

Resolved: that CTD support no cuts in human service funding and that CTD supports increased funding for services which increase the independence of disabled persons.

subject: Sunset of Council on Disabilities

90-5

submitted by: CTD Legislative Committee

Resolved: that CTD support the idea of moving the mandates of the Council on Disabilities over to the Governors Committee for Disabled Person, and abolishing the Council on Disabilities.

subject: Need for Texas Legislature to Allocate More Funds for the In-Home and Family Support Programs

91-9

submitted by: Marianne Harty

Resolved: that because the Legislature has frozen funding for the In-Home and Family Support Program Services, the CTD should have a press conference and demonstration on this issue. Ctd needs to lobby the legislature for more money for this program.

subject: State Funding Priorities for Texans with Disabilities

97-12

submitted by: Resolutions Committee and PAS Task Force

Resolved: that CTD advocate for the state of Texas 75th Legislature to take decisive steps to ensure that funding is allocated to maintain current cross-disability programs, services, and benefits to Texas citizens; and that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities members will advocate for funding to be appropriated to provide services to those currently on waiting lists for community-based health and human services. Funding to the following programs/services should be a priority:

TRANSPORTATION

subject: State Wide Eligibility Criteria for Transportation Services

79-3

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD actively encourage changes in legislation and regulation to offset the disproportionate effect that inflation, gas shortages, and government policies concerning transportation needs has on mobility impaired individuals are exempt from gas rationing; and that tax credits are enacted to ameliorate the

disproportionate economic effects on mobility impaired Texans.

subject: Legislation to Offset Cost of Transportation 79-13

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD actively encourage changes in legislation and regulation to offset the disproportionate effect that inflation, gas shortages, and government policies concerning transportation needs has on mobility impaired individuals and efforts should include but not be limited to insuring that mobility impaired individuals are exempt from gas rationing; and that tax credits are enacted to ameliorate the disproportionate economic effects on mobility impaired Texans.

subject: Percentage of Accessible Buses 81-1

submitted by : SACCH (San Antonio Disability Advocates)

Resolved: that CTD send a letter to the Governor and legislators in support of a bill that would require at least 1/5 of new bus purchases be adapted for use by disable persons.

subject: Lack of Accessible Transportation 82-7

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD urge the Governor and legislature to establish a mechanism and guidelines to provide for greater accountability of transit systems to the public, in general, and to disabled ridership; and that a study be made in order to develop a long-range plan to address those needs.

subject: Transportation and Employment 83-13

submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association

Resolved: CTD support a multi-modal system of transportation for the disabled.

subject: Accessible Transportation 84-30

submitted by: Amarillo Disabled in Action

Resolved: that CTD encourage the American Transportation Association to

1. Go on record as calling for 100% accessibility on all public transit systems,
2. Serve notice to all bus manufacturers that its members will buy only accessible buses, and
3. Urge the federal government to reinstate the 524 regulations mandating that all public transit system buses be accessible.

subject: Public Transportation 84-31

submitted by: Jim Parker

Resolved: the CTD support the building of only 100% accessible mass transit vehicles and that CTD take measures to halt the purchase by any entity using public tax dollars of inaccessible to disabled persons.

subject: Accessible Public Transportation 85-21

submitted by: Handicapped Access Office of San Antonio

Resolved: that the following steps should be taken:

1. All major public transit systems in Texas make a written long range policy commitment to provide 100% accessibility for disabled persons through a multi-modal approach: combining 100% fixed route access and continued operation of limited para-transit;
2. That all major transit systems in Texas proceed toward fulfillment of the above commitment by purchasing each new bus with wheelchair lift equipment and continuing the para-transit system currently in use to provide services to that small number of disabled people who are unable to use main-line systems in Texas; and,
3. That all major public transportation systems in Texas integrate accessibility into all new components of transit programs at the programming and planning stage and follow through into construction and actual operation.

subject: Accessible Public Transportation: APTA meeting **85-11**
submitted by: ADAPT of Texas

Resolved: that CTD before the APTA meeting send all CTD transportation resolutions to Texas APTA members.

subject: Accessible Public Transportation Legislation **85-14**
submitted by: ADAPT of Texas

Resolved: that CTD pursue the passage of state legislation that will require all transit systems to be fully accessible to disabled persons.

subject: Transportation **85-22**
submitted by: MIGHT II of Austin

Resolved: that CTD encourage its member organizations to work with their local disabled consumer groups to develop the most effective and practical transportation system to meet the varying needs of all disabled transit users.

subject: Minimum Fines for Parking in Disabled Spaces **86-8**
submitted by: Amarillo Disabled in Action

Resolved: that CTD encourage its member organizations to work with their local disabled consumer groups to develop the most effective and practical transportation system to meet the varying needs of all disabled transit users.

subject: Minimum Fines for Parking in Disabled Spaces **86-9**
submitted by: Amarillo Disabled in Action

Resolved: that CTD pursue legislative remedy of the problem through a bill or amendment to the current law reinstating the previous minimum fine of \$ 50 dollars for the violation.

subject: ID Stickers for Licensed Deaf Drivers **86-10**
submitted by: Panhandle Council for the Deaf

Resolved: that CTD support any Texas State proposed legislation or supportive measure to have a recognized deaf emblem be made available to deaf consumers to place on motor vehicles for approaching law enforcement officers.

subject: Transportation **86-11**
submitted by: ADAPT-EI Paso
Resolved: that CTD demand that Commissioner Max Arrell request that Texas Attorney General review the Transportation component of Texas Human Resources Code.

subject: Disabled Drivers Resolution **87-16**
submitted by: Jackie Mason
Resolved: that CTD contact the Department of Public Safety and work on eliminating the practice of requiring disabled drivers to take behind the wheel tests when renewing their drivers license.

subject: Commitment to Public Transportation **89-8**
submitted by: Resolutions and By-Laws Committee
Resolved: that CTD will not hold any convention, board meeting, or consumer gathering in any city that does not have commitment to multi-model transportation.

subject: San Antonio VIA Transit ADA Compliance **95-6**
submitted by: San Antonio Disability Advocates
Resolved: that the membership of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities join in the support of the membership of San Antonio Area Disability Advocates in their efforts to insure that VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority strictly adheres to the rules, regulations and guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

U.S. CONGRESS ACTIONS

subject: Social Security Disincentives **79-7**
submitted by: Delegate Assembly
Resolved: CTD take any appropriate actions to encourage removal of present or proposed disincentives to financial independence in the Social Security Program.

subject: Federal Rehabilitation Funding **93-7**
submitted by: The Americans Council of the Blind of Texas
Resolved: 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.

subject: Medicaid Block Grants **95-7**
submitted by: CTD Public Policy Committee
Resolved: That CTD oppose efforts to convert Medicaid into a block grant unless: 1) appropriate funding is designated to meet the need, 2) access to Medicaid health and long-term services are guaranteed to those eligible, 3) a federal definition of disability emphasizing functional needs, not medical label is maintained, and) broad federal guidelines are kept in place to ensure

statewide availability, comparability, choice of providers, and coverage of at least the same services currently being offered; and

Further Resolved: That the CTD Personal Assistance Services Task Force establish a committee to develop a position for consideration by CTD delegates at the next assembly on the definition of disability as it would relate to accessing long-term services.

subject: Proposed U.S. Congress Budget Cuts **95-8**

submitted by: CTD Public Policy Committee

Resolved: That CTD advocate that Congress address deficit reduction by examining means to eliminate fraud and abuse, reduce profiteering, and non-essential institutional spending; and

Further Resolved: That CTD continue to advocate for the increase of community-based service options and the shift of dollars from institutions to community-based services.

subject: Medicaid Block Grants **95-9**

submitted by: CTD Public Policy Committee

Resolved: That CTD oppose efforts to convert Medicaid into a block grant unless: 1) appropriate funding is designated to meet the need, 2) access to Medicaid health and long-term services are guaranteed to those eligible, 3) a federal definition of disability emphasizing functional needs, not medical label is maintained, and 4) broad federal guidelines are kept in place to ensure statewide availability, comparability, choice of providers, and coverage of at least the same services currently being offered; and

Further Resolved: That the CTD Personal Assistance Services Task Force establish a committee to develop a position for consideration by CTD delegates at the next assembly on the definition of disability as it would relate to accessing long-term services.

subject: Definition of Disability **97-09**

submitted by: CTD Personal Assistance Services Task Force

Resolved: that CTD actively work toward efforts to maintain the current Federal SSI definition of disability and with significant input from disability advocates nationwide, should be revised immediately to reflect a functional need for services.

subject: President Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial **97-02**

submitted by: Americans with Disabilities Vote

RESOLVED: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities in conference held on February 1997 in Austin, Texas hereby officially supports the historically accurate depiction of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as he actually was, an American President whose great work has been unmatched, and who deserves to be depicted as the dignified, heroic man he was; a man in a wheelchair; and

that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities formally calls upon that the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission to correct the inaccurate and unacceptable Memorial plans laid out for FDR National Monument.

VISTA

subject: VISTA Program 82-8

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD and its member organizations contact the appropriate governmental agencies in support of the VISTA program and for its continuance past April 1983.

subject: VISTA Continuation 83-14

submitted by: Jerry Hassell

Resolved: that CTD urge Congress and the president to appropriate funds for the continuation and expansion of VISTA.

subject: Strengthening Member Unity by Promoting VISTA 84-32

submitted by: VISTA volunteer

Resolved: that CTD move its annual delegate assembly back one calendar month to coincide with the closing of the Federal fiscal year and schedule 3rd quarter ACTION funding all CTD VISTA's to attend the CTD delegate assembly.

subject: On-site Project Supervisor Workshop 84-33

submitted by: Dave DiElsi

Resolved: that the on-site project supervisors of the VISTA program shall attend a workshop to be held at the site of the CTD delegate assembly where they will get information on the VISTA/ACTION program and how it relates to their supervision of the VISTA volunteer.

subject: Appreciation of VISTA's 85-10

submitted by: CTD Central Office

Resolved: that the CTD board and staff develop a means to show our appreciation to past and present VISTA volunteers.

VOTING/ELECTIONS

subject: Legislative Candidate Questionnaire 79-5

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that the CTD board develop a questionnaire to be sent to candidates for Legislative and Congressional offices and other state wide officials to determine their position regarding concerns of Texans with disabilities and the compiled responses be distributed to CTD members.

subject: Voting Access 79-9

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD urge prompt preparation and passage of legislation at the state level which would effectively guarantee full accessibility for disabled voters throughout Texas in all elections...municipal, county, state and or federal.

subject: Voting Slogan 83-5

submitted by Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD will utilize the "Disabled but Able to Vote" stamp on all correspondence connected with CTD activities.

subject: Accessible Polling Places 84-34

submitted by: Amarillo Disabled in Action

Resolved: that CTD write the Texas legislature and administration encouraging the introduction and passage of a bill in '85 legislative session requiring all polling places, both private and public, to be architecturally and communicationally barrier free.

subject: Disabled and Able to Vote 84-24

submitted by: Stephanie Thomas

Resolved: that in future use this slogan "Disabled But Able to Vote" be changed to "Disabled and Able to Vote".

subject: Dual Primaries in Texas 84-35

submitted by: Jim Parker

Resolved: that CTD oppose continuation of the 'dual primary' through whatever steps necessary including filing suit in Federal District Court.

subject: Voting Access 84-36

submitted by: Jim Parker

Resolved: that CTD take whatever steps are necessary, i.e., filing suite in federal court, if necessary to halt discriminatory practices.

subject: Involvement of Disabled in the Political Process 84-37

submitted by: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association

Resolved: that CTD endorse the amendment to the Democratic Party of Texas and continue their efforts to include people with disabilities in the political process in a bipartisan manner.

subject: Voting 85-23

submitted by: Pat Pound

Resolved: that CTD and the member organizations work toward successful implementation of state and federal disability voting legislation in cooperation with other entities.

**subject: Implementation of NVRA by Disability Agencies
Receiving State Funds**

95-10

submitted by: Delegate Assembly

Resolved: that CTD accept the offer of the General Counsel of the Texas Secretary of State to act as liaison to CTD on the National Voter Registration Act (Motor Voter) compliance and proceed from there as needed.

subject: Voter Registration

97-13

submitted by: Americans with Disabilities Vote

Resolved: that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities work vigorously to enforce the National Motor Voter Law; and

Further resolved: that CTD lead a non-partisan voter education campaign and encouraging service agencies in a non-partisan way to educate their consumers in the importance of voting, ensure that all polling places are accessible, train consumers on the actual voting apparatus, provide transportation to the polls when necessary, and conduct non-partisan voter turnout campaigns.