TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING

8:40 a.m.
Wednesday,
November 14, 2001
Room E1.028
Capitol Extension
1400 Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
SHADRICK BOGANY, Chairman
BETH ANDERSON

STAFF PRESENT:
RUTH CEDILLO, Executive Director
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MR. BOGANY: I will call to order the Programs Committee meeting of the Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, November 14, 2001 at 8:40.

Roll call, certification of quorum. Beth Anderson?

MS. ANDERSON: Here.

MR. BOGANY: Norberto Salinas?

(Not present.)

MR. BOGANY: Shadrick Bogany, here. We have two members present and one member absent, and I certify we do have, in fact, a quorum.

The next order of business is certify quorum -- or Public Comment. Anyone who wishes to speak to the committee is encouraged to do so. Members of the public can come up and speak on any issue they may wish. We will allow you to defer your comments until a particular agenda item comes up. If you would like to address the committee, participate in public comment, now is the time to submit to Delores written confirmation information, and the first witness affirmation form I have is from?

MS. GRONECK: We don't have any.

MR. BOGANY: The next item is minutes of the Program meeting, August 21. Beth, you were not there.

MS. ANDERSON: I was not a member of the board
at that time, so I don't even know if I can even move adoption.

MR. BOGANY: So we'll skip that.

MS. ANDERSON: Mr. Bogany, I move that we table that agenda item until the next Programs Committee meeting.

MR. BOGANY: Okay. So adopted.

And I apologize. This is the Programs Committee meeting, not the Board meeting; I got carried away, Mr. Jones.

The next thing on the agenda is the members to the Advisory Committee for the Support of Individuals with Disabilities. We have several people that have been nominated for this committee; we have Ann Denton, Jean Langendorf, Jonas E. Schwartz, Wilma Crain, and David Wood. I'd like to call on Ms. Cedillo to give us an explanation.

MS. CEDILLO: We collected information from the various advocacy groups for people with disabilities and we are recommending that these people be part of the committee to advise the board on the needs for people with disabilities. Now, the policies and procedures for the committee have not been adopted. Once the committee meets, there will be policies and procedures that will be developed and they can be presented to the board for
adoption.

MR. BOGANY: Okay. Can I get a motion and a second?

MS. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Ruth a couple of questions.

MR. BOGANY: Okay.

MS. ANDERSON: Of these five individuals, how many of them are with entities that receive TDHCA funding, just for my own information.

MS. CEDILLO: Right off, I know of one that does, the Texas Home of Your Own Project with United Cerebral Palsy does receive funding from the department.

MS. ANDERSON: And these names were recommended to you by members of the advocacy community?

MS. CEDILLO: Yes.

MS. ANDERSON: And I just have one other question. Was there any thought to putting a representative on the committee who is themselves a member of the community, or is there someone on this list that is?

MS. CEDILLO: Yes, there is, Mr. Schwartz.

MS. ANDERSON: Okay, great. Thanks. I move adoption of staff's recommendation to appoint these five individuals to the Advisory Committee for the Support of Individuals with Disabilities.
MR. BOGANY: Those all in favor, say aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

MR. BOGANY: The next item on the agenda is the presentation, discussion and possible approval of award resulting from an appeal of staff recommendations in the 2001 HOME funding cycle for Twin City Mission, and I'm going to refer that over to Ms. Cedillo.

MS. CEDILLO: Pam Morris, who is director for our Single Family Programs is going to address the committee on that issue.

MS. MORRIS: Good morning. I'm Pam Morris. As you recall, last month we came to you for approval for the 2001 HOME awards from our HOME cycle, and we had been contacted by an applicant actually the evening before the board meeting saying that they thought we might have made an error in the set-aside that we put them in, so we told them we would certainly look into it and we would bring it back to the board if that appeal was granted.

We did do the research and we found that what we had done is they had applied for the special needs set-aside, clearly indicated it on their application. We made an actual data entry error, said no instead of yes -- it's that simple -- and it put them in the non-special needs category whereby they did not receive an award, but they would have received an award if they had been put in the
right category because their score was high enough to have received that.

So basically that's what we're requesting is approval to award Twin City Mission $335,700 for project funds, and in addition, a 4 percent administrative fee that will go with that. Furthermore, they had asked that we look at their scores because they felt we might have made an error with regard to their cash reserves, but as the write-up indicated, we did check into that and we did not make an error with regard to that, so the score held, but their score still was high enough as it was to have received an award.

MR. BOGANY: Can I get a motion?

MS. ANDERSON: Yes. I move we accept staff's recommendation for awards to Twin City Mission.

MR. BOGANY: All those in favor?

(A chorus of ayes.)

MR. BOGANY: This passes. See, the system works.

That is all on our agenda for the Programs Committee meeting. Can I get a motion to adjourn?

MS. ANDERSON: So moved.

MR. BOGANY: We're adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon, at 8:48 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)
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