Committee Charge
The Texas Council on Consumer Direction (TCCD) advises HHSC on the development, implementation, expansion, and delivery of long-term services and supports through the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option. The Council is composed of CDS employers, representatives from Financial Management Service Agencies (FMSAs), representatives from managed care organizations (MCOs) and advocates for children and older adults using the CDS option.

TCCD is established in accordance with Texas Government Code § 531.012 and governed by Texas Administrative Code § 351.817 and Texas Government Code Chapter 2110.

Issues of Importance

● Electronic Visit Verification (EVV): EVV is a computer-based system that will be implemented to replace paper-based attendant timesheets. Currently, EVV is optional for individuals using the CDS option, but the federal 21st Century Cures Act requires that EVV be implemented in CDS beginning January 1, 2021.
● Increasing the percentage of individuals receiving Medicaid long-term services and supports who use the CDS option, including through efforts to increase and improve educational resources.
● Improving service authorization and renewal processes for people using CDS, including through improved information technology systems, increasing person-centered practices, and increasing training opportunities for service coordinators and case managers.

Upcoming Work
Upcoming projects and initiatives to begin in TCCD subcommittees:

● Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Subcommittee:
● Oversight of Financial Management Services Agencies (FMSAs) in Medicaid managed care programs
● Process & Expansion Subcommittee:
  ○ Expanding the CDS option to additional program services
● Training & Outreach Subcommittee:
  ○ Revising and updating informational/educational materials about the CDS option
Revising and updating resources available for CDS employers, including employer manual

New Members

- Ellen Bauman
- Nathan Coleman
- Dr. Lucinda Harmon
- Carol Sloan