

1                   **Appointment to Fill a Vacancy on the Advisory Committee of the**  
2                   **Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program**  
3                   **Discussion Paper**

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5   **Background**

6 Texas Human Resources Code §122.0057(a) authorizes TWC’s three-member Commission  
7 (Commission) to establish an advisory committee to assist the Commission in establishing  
8 program performance goals and criteria for certifying community rehabilitation programs (CRPs)  
9 to participate in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD) program.

10 Per §122.0057, the advisory committee is composed of 13 members, as follows:

- 11       • Four representatives from CRPs that participate in the program administered under this  
12       chapter
- 13       • Four representatives from organizations that advocate for individuals with disabilities
- 14       • The executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission or  
15       designee
- 16       • Four individuals with disabilities, of whom two are employed by a CRP that participates  
17       in the program administered under this chapter

18 Members of the advisory committee serve at the will of the Commission and serve staggered  
19 four-year terms. A member may not serve more than two terms.

20 Section 122.0057(f) requires a vacancy on the committee be filled in the same manner as the  
21 original appointment for that position.

22   **Issue**

23 The committee has a current vacancy in the individuals with disabilities category. Specifically,  
24 the vacancy is in one of the two seats held by individuals with disabilities not working for a PPD  
25 CRP. Two individuals applied for the vacancy, both of whom meet the criteria for consideration.  
26 Staff has reviewed the candidates’ stated qualifications and experience serving on boards and  
27 committees and supports the appointment of the candidate with experience serving on boards and  
28 committees.

29   **Decision Point**

30 Staff seeks direction on the appointment of Kathy Williams of Austin to the PPD advisory  
31 committee for a four-year term in the category of People with Disabilities Not Working for a  
32 CRP.