



MOTION ON TACFS BYLAWS CHANGE

Motion submitted to the Membership of TACFS by Susan McDowell, Membership Committee Chair, to change the TACFS Bylaws to allow TACFS CEO and staff to approve all membership applications.

The current TACFS Bylaws state that only the TACFS Board can approve new members. TACFS staff continuously build relationships with community organizations all over Texas through our work and are actively seeking out organizations that would benefit from TACFS membership. This motion would allow the TACFS CEO and staff to approve all new membership requests.

Current Bylaws text:

Section 2.3 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. All prospective members must complete an application confirming their eligibility for membership. Applications for Full and Associate For-profit membership must be approved by two-thirds majority vote of those Board members present at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the board.

Proposed revision:

Section 2.3 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. All prospective members must complete an application confirming their eligibility for membership. Applications for Full and Associate For-profit membership must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer after vetting by the staff and Board notification.

All members must support the TACFS mission statement and adhere to the TACFS code of ethics.

TACFS Mission Statement

Our mission is to strengthen and continuously improve the services, practices, and care for at-risk children, youth, and families. We achieve this mission through research and education, collaboration, and advocacy.

TACFS Code of Ethics

As members in good standing, we will do everything in our power to uphold the principles in the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services Code of Ethics. These are to:

- Protect children from harm by creating and maintaining an organizational environment that safeguards children from abuse, maltreatment, economic exploitation, malnutrition, and unsafe environments;
- Offer child-centered, family-focused quality services that include the child and family in all case planning and decision-making;
- Provide high-quality therapeutic care to physically and emotionally challenged children;
- Clearly define our service populations and provide appropriate services;
- Strive to instill a sense of self-worth, empowerment, and individuality to each child and family by respecting their race, culture, language, and religion;
- Promote and improve the personal and professional development of our staff;
- Broaden the cultural and humanitarian sensitivities and competencies of our staff;
- Advocate to improve the social conditions of children and families; and
- Advocate to develop and expand resources beneficial to children and the strengthening of family life