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Gov. Perry Names Coleman-Beattie

Chair of Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

Also Appoints Five Members

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry has named Brenda Coleman-Beattie of Austin chair of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities and reappointed her for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2013. Five members were also appointed to the council for terms to expire Feb. 1, 2013. The council works to ensure that all Texans with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to be independent, productive and valued members of their communities.

Coleman-Beattie is CEO/principal consultant of 2Thrive4 LLC. She is a member of the Austin Project Board of Directors, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Network on Mental Health Policy Research, and University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work Advisory Council. She is also past president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Austin. Coleman-Beattie received a bachelor's degree from Drake University and a master's degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin.

Andrew D. Crim of Fort Worth is executive director of professional and continuing education for the University of North Texas Health Science Center. He is a member of the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education (CME), Society for Academic CME, and Texas Alliance for CME. He is also a member of the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County Board of Directors. Crim received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. He replaces Ed Rankin of Dallas.

Cindy Johnston of Dallas is an office assistant for Locke, Lord, Bissell and Liddell. She is a past member of the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas Board of Directors. She was the 2000 Special Olympics Area 10 Female Athlete of the year. Johnston attended Richland College. She is being reappointed.

Rene Requenez of Edinburg is an active volunteer and founder of Access Granted. He is a member of the Consumer Direction Workgroup and an accessibility tester for Adobe, the Microsoft Corporation and Ensemble Studios. Requenez received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas Pan American. He replaces Crece Palmer of Watauga.

Lora T. Taylor of Houston is a private piano teacher. She is a member of the Music Teachers National Association, Texas Music Teachers Association and National Piano Guild. She is also festival co-chair for the Memorial Area Piano Teachers. Taylor received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She replaces Susan Berkley of Alvin.

Susan Vardell of Sherman is executive director of The Rehabilitation Center: Therapeutic Solutions for Children and Adults. She is a member of the Sherman Noon Lions, Greater Texoma Health Board of Directors, and Sherman Chamber of Commerce. She is also a member of the Texoma Area Access/211 Advisory Board. Vardell received a bachelor's degree from Aurora University. She is being reappointed.

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