Appendix D: Highlights of BCDD Community Advisory Council’s Work 2008 through 2012

The following highlights of CAC meetings are condensed from CAC meeting minutes due to space requirements for this proposal.

2008:
- Bylaws were revised and adopted by the full CAC through work of a small committee
- Regular meetings of the Operations Committee helped with planning
- Meeting format of full CAC and the smaller Operations Committee was streamlined
- Members provided input on Autism grant and Hispanic Outreach initiative
- CAC conducted an in-house evaluation of the BCDD website

2009:
- Election of new officers
- Added new members from east TN
- New Family Faculty Coordinator was hired
- Conducted a CAC retreat and completed a PATH for the CAC

2010:
- Membership and recruiting new members to CAC was a topic of focus
- A page on the BCDD website was created to highlight members and activities
- CAC members participated in a WESTAT DDPIE visit
- Conducted a survey for CAC interests and priorities for members

2011:
- Added ten (10) new members from across the state to CAC
- Entertained a presentation from a self-advocate in Arkansas on Mock Legislatures
- Conducted an orientation for new members
- Members participated in the Tennessee Alliance for Self-Advocates (TASA) initiative

2012:
- Started gathering input and discussion on the next AIDD grant
- Began using Adobe Connect for distance participation
- New officers were elected
- New members rotated on from agency representation
- TASA efforts continue

2013 (schedule):
- January 24, 2013 (Executive Committee meeting)
- March 20, 2013
- August 21, 2013
- October 16, 2013

2013-2018:
- Four meetings of the full CAC per year will be scheduled each year.
- A full-day retreat is planned usually once each year.
- Web-conferencing and face-to-face meetings will optimize participation.
- Committees work through conference calls, web-conferencing and email.