

The Sunset Commission Staff Report on Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities dated October 2014 was very interesting.

The report has many valid statements but the review did not go far enough.

TIBH subcontracts the actual functions to other non-profit organizations such as Lighthouse for the Blind, Goodwill and Peak Performers.

While some comments were made about how little some of the workers with disabilities are paid audits should have been performed of the subcontracted non-profit organizations to see where the dollars actually go.

A question as to why so little money goes to the actual worker would have been easily answered. What you will find is much of the money is going to the non-profits board of directors.

There is one organization that a board member has put his children through private colleges , built a big home, owns a race car, pays his recruiters \$100-110,000 per year, gives lavish Christmas gifts to staff and takes the staff on Mediterranean cruises if they meet their gross margin goals.

It has not been determined what the correct dollar amount is that a board member should be allowed to make, but this does not appear to be right.

The disability groups would probably be very unhappy if they were to find out how much money goes to the board members of some of these non-profits in the name of "helping" people with disabilities. In addition, the media would have a field day if they were to available to them provided to them.

A solution would be to create a formula to determine as to what a non-profit should be allowed to make net from each product sold or worker placed. In addition, a method of checks and balances should be created. The non-profits should also fall under the CPA's audit authority if they want to participate in the program.