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### **Lighthouse Employee to serve on Texas Action Committee**

February 19, Tyler, TX – Ann Phillips, Children’s Program Administrator of The Lighthouse, will serve on the Texas Action Committee for the Education of Students with Visual Impairments. The committee is a Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSVBI) Outreach Program.

“Serving on the statewide committee allows the Lighthouse to have a voice in future planning for services to children with visual impairments in Texas.” said Ann. “We will be developing a new state plan for education of these students and I’m happy to be a part of this and making sure the needs of students in the more rural areas of east Texas are considered.”

The Texas Action Committee will have a meeting at TSVBI from 9:00am – 3:30pm, Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together state leaders in the field of visual impairments in order to identify issues, establish lines of communication and address concerns regarding education of programs and services for students who are blind or have visual impairments.

"How will Texas spend all the new WIOA moneys for Pre-Employment Services for youth? How will we get more students into meaningful real lives post school? These are issues that I think the Lighthouses are really well placed to help us with" stated Cyral Miller, Director of Outreach Services at Texas School for the Blind.

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**About East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind**

Created in 1976 to serve the needs of the blind and visually impaired the mission of The Lighthouse is to empower blind Americans through rehabilitation, education, training, and employment leading to a fully independent lifestyle. To accomplish that, The Lighthouse offers a wide range of programs and services through Client Services and Horizon Industries. For more information, visit [www.tylerlighthouse.org](http://www.tylerlighthouse.org)