**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2022**

**ZOOM**

**Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**808 West Nye Lane**

**Carson City, NV**

# Special Notes

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# Introductions

NGCDD Members Present: Chair, Christine Riggi; Stacy Alaribe; Melissa Bart-Plange; Lisa Bonie; Stacy Carlston; Taylor Chaney; Kirsten Coulombe; Regina Daniel; Diana Davis; Jennifer Frischmann; Vickie Ives; Randall Owen; Santa Perez; Ashley Price; Art Reitz; Gabriel Tejada; Vivian Turner

NGCDD Members Absent: Vice-Chair, Max Lowe; Jacob Arant; Jack Mayes; Brynlin Thornley

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Self- Advocacy Coordinator; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager

Public Present: Jeffrey Bloyd; Steven Cohen; Sarah Collins; Amy Dewitt-Smith; Nate Eng; Michael Lahnala; Jeanine Mooers; Cora Sutehall

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Christine Riggi at 9:02 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on November 22, 2022.

# Public Comment

Ms. Riggi inquired if there was any public comment.

* Ellen Marquez stated Partners in Policymaking course application is now closed. 24 participants have signed up and their applications were going to be reviewed. She stated it would be an exciting year.
* Stacy Alaribe stated she had traveled to Las Vegas to talk about disability advocacy. She was also able to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) 2022 conference.
* Catherine Nielsen stated that Tanglewood Productions Studios had created a full-length version of the NGCDD’s “Day in the Life” videos which included council member, Santa Perez, among three other different videos. They went out to 40 different film festivals across the entire country and were selected to screen at three of the festivals: Long Island City, New York; Moscow, Russia; and Las Vegas, NV. The Las Vegas Sin City film festival will be held December 12, 2022 and hope to have Santa in attendance. She stated she will send out the exact details such as time for the festival to the rest of the council members if they would also like to attend.

# Approval of Minutes for the September 2022 Meeting

Ms. Riggi opened the floor for discussion of the September 1, 2022 minutes.

**Santa Perez motioned to accept the September 1, 2022 with the suggested amendments. Lisa Bonie seconded the motion. The motion carried with Regina Daniel and Jennifer Frischmann abstaining.**

# Council Expectations

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen gave an in-depth explanation on the council member expectations and the role of the executive director. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion of Possible Recommendation of Removal of Council Members

Ms. Perez deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the governance policy and the role of the executive director. She then explained the recommendation of the removal/sanction of council member, Regina Daniel.

Ms. Daniel presented her information on her rebuttal to the removal/sanction.

Ms. Nielsen opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to remove Regina Daniel from the Council. Melissa Bart-Plange seconded the motion. The motion carried with Stacy Alaribe opposing and Taylor Chaney, Kirsten Coulombe, Jennifer Frischmann, Vickie Ives, Art Reitz, and Gabriel Tejada abstaining.**

**Regina Daniel formally resigned from the council.**

# Presentation on Dual Special Needs Plans

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen.

Ms. Nielsen explained the presenter for this item was unavailable. This item was tabled for the next Full Council meeting.

# Consumer Leadership Development Fund Presentations

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the Consumer Leadership Development Fund policy. She then introduced Jeffrey Bloyd, Jennifer Casselman, Reginald Daniel, Nate Eng, Michael Lahnala, and Jeanine Mooers who presented on the events they attended using the Consumer Leadership Development Funds respectively

# Updates from Public Health Liaison

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen gave a brief introduction of Kimberly Palma-Ortega, the new Public Health Liaison.

Ms. Palma-Ortega gave a brief overview of the projects, initiatives, and events she has been able to be a part of and/or present to the NGCDD as the Public Health Liaison. She opened this item for discussion.

# Executive Committee Updates

Ms. Riggi explained the need for this agenda item. She explained the recommended changes to the Council By-Laws discussed at the previous Executive Committee meeting. She opened this item for discussion.

# Policy Committee

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on Council position statements for the upcoming 2023 Legislative Session and the Developmental Disabilities Day. She opened this item for discussion.

# Evaluation Committee

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document title “FFY 2023 NGCDD Activities, Timeline and Funding Matrix Updated” to discuss the changes and recommendations for plans for use of the transportation funds. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Frischmann motioned to approve the funding change of $60,000 to $55,000 under Objective 3.1 and the funding of up to $30,000 to the I Can Bike program under this same objective. Ms. Bonie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Budget Committee

Ms. Ives deferred this agenda item to Mr. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the documents titled “FFY 21 Cat 10 Breakdown “and “FFY 22 Cat 10 Breakdown”. She discussed a quick recap for FFY 2021 funds and for FFY 2022 funds. She opened this item for discussion.

# Fourth Quarter Project Status Summary for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022

Ms. Riggi deferred this agenda item to Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager for an in-depth explanation.

Ms. Rivas reviewed the document in the packet titled “NGCDD FFY '22 Fourth Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She discussed the current 5-Year State Plan goals, objectives, and activities for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Fourth Quarter Project Status Summary including the addition of objective 1.4 Emerging Needs. She opened this item for discussion.

# Developmental Disabilities Network Partners Summary

Ms. Riggi deferred to Randall Owen from the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) and Lisa Bonie from the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL). Jack Mayes from the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDACL) was not present.

Dr. Owen presented information on current projects and initiatives being done by NCED. He discussed the AUCD 2022 Conference and how Ms. Alaribe, a NVLEND program participant, was also in attendance. He stated the application for the Path to Independence program is open as it is December 1,2022. They have new facilities and amenities. He will be sharing the information to apply to the Council. He also discussed the Family Navigation Network held a webinar on First Responders and people with disabilities. They were able to record it and he will be sharing that information as well. Over the next few months, he will be grant writing for their new five-year grant due at the end of February and working on new projects with the Aging and Disability Services Division.

Lisa Bonie presented information on projects hosted/participated in by the NNCIL. She discussed how they were entering the last quarter of their vaccine grant which is focused on the rural counties. They are hosting clinics and have put out advertisements for them throughout the rural areas. She stated the scholarship for the National Center for Independent Living (NCIL) Conference would be opening soon. She spoke on their past scholarship winners. She asked the council members for help spreading the word on this application. She stated they are in the planning stages with the City of Sparks on the Mark Wellman Adventure Day sometime in June. She also discussed a Blind/Low-Vision program and I Can Connect program held by the center.

# State Agency Updates

Ms. Riggi inquired if any agency representatives would like to present updates on disability related information.

Ms. Frischmann stated ADSD is developing an Olmstead plan with the help of Dr. Owen and NCED’s Olmstead survey and results. Working with various commissions and the Public Health Liaison, townhalls will be held throughout the state. She also discussed that dental services will be covered by the ADSD waivers starting in January.

Ms. Coulombe from the Division of HealthCare Financing and Policy (DHCFP) presented updates to the I/DD waiver to introduce dental services coverage. Redetermination paperwork will be sent out shortly. She also discussed the updates to the facts and questions page on the Medicare website.

Ms. Ives from Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) gave information on the Nevada Mount States regional genetic network’s “Time for Genetics” program. She spoke on the Inter-Tribal conference to be held in December. She also discussed the sensory-friendly vaccine clinic project that was partnered with the NCED.

# Parent/Family Member/Advocate Updates

Ms. Riggi inquired if any representatives would like to present updates on disability related information.

Ms. Nielsen spoke on the Dig-It Coffee Company, a company created by Taylor Chaney. It recently opened in the Las Vegas Area and stated how council staff was able to visit in October. Photos of the visit will be share to the council.

# Agenda Items for Consideration

Ms. Riggi inquired if anyone had anything they would like to have on future agendas.

Ms. Palma-Ortega spoke on adding a discussion on allotting or updating the Public Health Liaison position to include Emergency Preparedness.

# Next Meeting Date

Ms. Riggi stated the next Council meeting is March 1, 2022 and will be via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Riggi inquired if there was any public comment. None was given.

# Adjournment

Ms. Riggi adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.