NEVADA GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

­­­Project Status Summary

FFY’ 22 Fourth Quarter Project Status Summary

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**GOAL 1**: (In House) Individuals with I/DD and/or family members of individuals with I/DD will be able to make more informed decisions about their lives by improving access to information on services, supports and rights.

# Areas of Emphasis and identified barriers addressed: Quality Assurance, not knowing what services are available, not enough or can't access services, targeted disparity (racial/ethnic and rural communities).

## Objective 1.1

Council members and staff will provide and participate in public education activities that increase Nevadan’s awareness of disability services, policies, and practices.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* Individuals with I/DD, families and professionals will report being better informed on disability services, policies and practices thus increasing their sense of choice and control in making informed choices.
* Participation in 25 Public Awareness Events by 2026.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Self-Advocacy coordinator will create and distribute a statewide quarterly newsletter in English and Spanish via email, direct mailing and social media that provides resources, information and supports in plain language on advocacy, current policy issues, health, mental health, social services, housing, transportation, employment, education, transition, quality assurance and other subjects relevant to the North, South and Rural areas of the State.

Activity B) Self-Advocacy coordinator will regularly collect input to gauge impact and inform future newsletters.

Activity C) Council members and staff will participate in at least 5 Public Awareness Events in communities across the State to inform individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and professionals about resources and/or topics of concern identified through public input for this State Plan.

**Of Note:**

This past quarter the council staff have been involved in finding a printing source and distributing the Anti Bullying newsletter that started with listening sessions and special input and interviews with prior and current council members as well as self-advocates from the community. We have distributed the anti-bullying newsletter in various events as well as the Silver State Conference. We have also sent 300 copies of the newsletter to the NV Treasurer’s Office to which they sent out in backpacks for beginning of school year in July. This newsletter has been a great resource for families and self-advocates interested in learning about bullying and how to stop bullying from continuing. We also continue to consistently disseminate information out to the I/DD community on important dates and other important news, education, and special events that we get from other state agencies as well as any organizations. This dissemination is possible by our large list serve. Some other activities that staff have been attending and providing education and resources for are the Aktion club meeting attended by our Self Advocate and the community CAAN meetings. We have provided life stages books to the Aktion club to provide to all new members. The SAC also attended the 17th Annual Northern Nevada Buddy Walk on Sept. 10, 2022, in Reno at the Swift Sports dome. The SAC attended A Night Among the Stars prom on Sept. 11, 2022, at the Douglas County Senior Center sponsored by the Leadership Douglas County. This event was for individuals with I/DD 18 and older. At both events the SAC was able to distribute and provide education material and other in-house education. Staff also helped distribute educational flyers on monkey pox to local area state offices and organizations.

**Data:** Buddy Walk 500 attendees, 11 vendors. Night Among the Stars had 200 attendees including self-advocates and support personnel.

## Objective 1.2

Council members and staff will participate in a minimum of 6 (councils/committees/coalitions) to promote communication within and between agencies to ensure cohesive information about services and supports is available to more individuals with I/DD and their families.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* Ensure people with I/DD are represented in Statewide Councils, Committees, and Coalitions.
* Information will be shared across agencies individuals w/I/DD and their family members, ensuring a more cohesive delivery of services and supports for people with I/DD and their families.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Council members and staff will participate in statewide committees and councils comprised of multiple agency representatives.

Activity B) Council members and staff will regularly report on information gathered to Council members and self-advocates. Self-Advocacy coordinator will include this information in the quarterly newsletter.

* The Executive Director attends all the NDALC Board and the NCED CAC meetings as well.

**Of Note:**

Council staff continues to attend all Council and Committee Meetings for NGCDD. The Projects Managers attends all White House briefings on Disabled American stakeholder calls and is a member of the DEI Advisory Group. We are also participating closely with the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity committee meetings. The last meeting was in person in Reno and was attended by Projects Manager Marisol Rivas and Executive Assistant Rebecca Ortiz. We have learned a lot from the NOMHE meetings and have developed close connections with other agencies and organizations. SAC was e-introduced earlier to Aktion club leader Gary and has continued to attend the Aktion Club of Carson Valley meetings where they inducted a new member in August where they discussed Senior Living Pen Pals and the Aktion Club National Conference in October. Our ED and SAC continue attending NACDD committee meetings regularly. We also conducted various meetings for the Conference for both virtual and live attendees to cover areas like panelist questions and training for vendors online.

The Council is also working closely with the Commission for Persons who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Speech Impaired to access interpreters and provide funding assistance to obtain interpreters for their town halls and meetings with grantees.

**Data:** Aktion Club had 22 attendees who were self-advocates and 19 family members/support personnel.

## Objective 1.3

Reduce identified barriers to accessing technology and digital information for individuals with I/DD representing racial and/or ethnic disparities, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Blind/Visually Impaired and/or those living in rural communities.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* By 2026 individuals with I/DD (including identified targeted disparity groups) will report a significant increase in their ability to access and use the technology and tools required to get the resources and information provided through digital technology.
* Council will provide best practice recommendations and work with providers to ensure best practices.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Use information gathered from Council efforts and other stakeholder input to educate technology service providers and policymakers on the barriers faced by people with I/DD and recommendations on best practice for systems change.

Activity B) Work with digital providers and policymakers to implement best practice recommendations.

Activity C) Provide ongoing, coordinated outreach to Hispanic, Blind/Visually Impaired, Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Rural communities statewide on resources and supports for accessing digital information needed to make informed decisions, and track outcomes to inform future needs.

**Of Note:**

NGCDD staff has been working very diligently to integrate accessibility in all its forms. Our SAC has been providing interpreting services to the PIP class for those needing translation. The project manager has also helped in translating things like the 5-year state plans new objectives and other documents and information needed for the PIP class and anyone needing translation. Part of the translation services transferred also to our Self- Advocacy Conference where we had translators translating for our Latinx self-advocates and their families. This accessibility helped also during the class sessions that were being provided. This was very important also at the graduation of our PIP class. Our SAC also ensured there were CART services and ASL services for our Self-Advocacy conference as well as at our town hall meetings for those individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.

We also worked closely up to the conference dates with Vfairs to offer the Self-advocacy conference to all self-advocates, professionals, and families the advantage of experiencing the conference virtually in efforts to make the conference accessible to everyone that is not able to attend in person. We worked closely with Vfairs to bring as many accessibility features to the virtual platform to make it as accessible as possible.

The ED during this period also started talks with the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing and it’s Director Obioma Officer in working with NGCDD on a future Grant. The SAC and Projects Manager worked on separate dates on ASL interpreting for meetings regarding grant awarding for GTC and its efforts in working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community and Commission. These efforts will soon be seen as GTC was awarded our Accessibility Grant and will be working on brining accessibility to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community through an application that provides communication services to those deaf and hard of hearing.

**Data:**

The day in the life videos have the following views on YouTube: *Unique is Beautiful* – 147 views, *No Disability is Easy* – 1070 views, *Is your community truly accessible?* – 147 views, *I am Santa!* – 240 views.

**Objective 1.4**

In house Council members and staff will address emerging needs of individuals with I/DD through state, regional, or local level systemic change.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* Targeted outreach to the I/DD community will address emerging needs across all levels of the state in hopes to ensure people with I/DD will report no current unaddressed emerging needs.
* Information from these efforts and community input will be utilized to direct future efforts.
* By 2026 individuals with I/DD and their family members will report having no current emerging needs or all emerging needs are currently being addressed.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Use information gathered from Council efforts and other stakeholder input to develop and implement advocacy and communication efforts in conjunction with individuals with I/DD, family members and other key stakeholders to address needed changes to statutes, rules, policies, procedures, practices, and/or funding/staffing issues that improve outcomes for individuals with I/DD.

Activity B) Work with key stakeholders and policymakers to implement best practice recommendations.

Activity C) Provide ongoing, coordinated outreach to Access and Functional Needs communities statewide on resources and supports for emerging needs and track outcomes to inform future needs.

**Of Note:**

This goal/objective was added in response to a request from the Administration on Community Living. All State Councils on Developmental Disabilities are required to have an emerging needs objective. Throughout 2023, staff and Council Members will be working to identify any current emerging needs.

# GOAL 2: (In House) Individuals with I/DD will have the information, education, and training necessary to participate in local and state advocacy and policy making activities.

# Areas of Emphasis and identified barriers addressed: Quality Assurance, Education (school aged through college), DD Act Mandates for Advocacy, DD Network Collaboration, Youth and Leadership.

## Objective 2.1

Council members and staff will establish or strengthen a minimum of one State self-advocacy organization led by individuals with I/DD in Nevada.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* Individuals with I/DD will identify common barriers, increase advocacy, knowledge, policy activities and connections to create a stronger unified voice and educate policymakers on key issues.
* Increase strength and leadership of self-advocacy groups led by individuals with I/DD in Nevada.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Support individuals with I/DD to participate in Legislative sessions by providing information on current policy initiatives and meeting with their legislators to educate them on issues important to them.

Activity B) Provide annual funding opportunities for individuals with I/DD to attend disability-related conferences and summits to increase their knowledge and share that knowledge with other Nevadans with developmental disabilities.

Activity C) Self-Advocacy coordinator will collaborate with DD Network Partners and other DD stakeholders to facilitate a DD Network Statewide Self Advocacy Summit every other year, led by individuals with I/DD for individuals with I/DD, to identify common barriers, increase advocacy skills, knowledge, and connections to create a stronger unified voice within the I/DD community.

**Of Note:**

In continuing support and strength to our self-advocacy organizations we did keep busy this past quarter with our biggest event this past quarter which was The Silver State Self Advocacy Conference that brought together Self Advocates and professionals from within the state of Nevada and other areas to help educate, train and experience what a Self-Advocacy conference by Self-Advocates is and what our Self-Advocates are concerned about and what they are interested in learning about. Our small staff with the help of the council and self -advocates made it possible for this Conference to come together again in Las Vegas at the Palace Station.

This Conference was a success bringing together exceptional speakers and breakout sessions for self-advocates to choose and pick from as well as a large resource area where self- advocates could go and meet with different groups and organizations. We had 2 keynote speakers the first one was Lacey Buchanan mother and inspiring advocate for the disability community with two children with disabilities. The second keynote speaker was Nina G. a Stuttering Comedian and Dyslexic writer both speakers were inspirational and funny. The Conference this year was offered on August 2-4 with the last day being dedicated to our PIP Graduates.

In the process of developing this years’ Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference we have been in close contact with all our DD Networks to make sure that we facilitate all conference needs to all our self-advocates. We would like to thank our DD Network partners for helping facilitate this conference and for all the work and commitment. Currently we are not in legislative session but continue to educate on policy and how self-advocates can voice themselves and learn through our PIP classes.

This quarter we had Dora Martinez, a very known self-advocate to our council and innovating self-advocate, apply for CLDF funding to attend this year’s American Council of the Blind conference from July 5 – July 7. Dora was able to meet and interact with peers and at the same time was able to learn a lot. Dora stated that she was able to interact and network with NV peers as well as taking advantage of special treatment while traveling with her service dog. Dora would like to thank the Council for this opportunity.

**Data:** Silver State Advocacy Conference had 150 attendees.

## Objective 2.2

Council members and staff will annually support individuals with I/DD who are considered leaders, to provide leadership training to 15 individuals with I/DD who may become leaders.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* By 2026, 75 students with I/DD Statewide will have information on self-determination, advocacy, post-secondary education, employment, and other transition options before graduation in order to become better leaders once they graduate.
* Self-Advocate leaders will provide leadership training.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Self-Advocacy coordinator will annually implement curriculums such as the NGCDD Youth Empowering Students Y.E.S. peer to peer education model in a total of 3 schools throughout the state (North, South and Rural) to provide students and teachers with information on self-determination, advocacy, post-secondary education, employment, and other transition options upon graduation.

Activity B) Council members will participate in the implementation of curriculums as appropriate.

**Of Note:**

Although we came close to finishing our Y.E.S. program video we have decided to cut ties with the production company as they were not providing the quality of work we needed. After 10 months of collaboration, the company failed to provide us with a final product. We are bound by contract and in discussion with the Attorney General’s Office about recouping the funds. No other information is allowed to be provided at this time.

We are currently in talks with Beken Holdings/Encore and are hoping to collaborate to bring forward a new approach to educating and training our young self-advocates transitioning from middle/high school who are looking to work or continue their education. This new collaboration hopefully will engage our young self-advocates who are looking to transition to continue school after high school or find a job they would like to do. We would like to provide them with the training needed to help them become their own decision makers and educate them on how to become self-advocates who are aware of their rights and are able to succeed after high school.

**Data:**

## Objective 2.3

Council members and staff will support people with I/DD to participate on cross-disability and culturally diverse Coalitions.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* By 2026 25 individuals with I/DD will have or will be now participating in cross disability and culturally diverse coalitions statewide.
* Individuals with I/DD will be better included and represented in their communities.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Self-Advocacy coordinator will work with Council members and advocacy groups to annually identify 5 individuals with I/DD representing North, South and Rural areas of the state who want to participate on cross-disability and culturally diverse Coalitions.

Activity B) Self-Advocacy coordinator will work with Council members to support identified individuals to find Coalitions that would best fit their interests and support education to those Coalitions on the benefits of including individuals with I/DD, and how best to include them.

**Of Note:** Currently, the Executive Director sits on the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Health (PAIMI) which covers a small portion of our cross- disability portion of this goal.

The Council partnered with the Arc of Nevada and the Commission for Persons Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to host 3 town halls entitled A Reset for Change: Meet your Commission, Highlighted Partners, and Local Grantee Service Providers. The first took place at the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference in Las Vegas (August 2), with the following two taking place in Elko (August 23) and Reno (August 25). At these events individuals from the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired community provided input on services and supports currently available, as well as what is needed in the community. At the town hall in Las Vegas, Assembly Woman Tracy Brown-May was present and answered many questions on the legislative process in the State of Nevada and how to make change in policy. There were overwhelming comments on the lack of interpreters and interpreter services available in the State of Nevada and the needs to enact legislation that increases this service.

**Data:** A total of 55 individuals (which was a mix of those with disabilities and those without) attended the town hall in Las Vegas, 19 in Elko, and 27 in Reno.

## Objective 2.4

DD Network Partners: Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) and Council members; Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED); Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC), will annually support leadership training for a minimum of 20 individuals with I/DD and/or family members of individuals with I/DD.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* By 2026 100 people w/I/DD and family members will have increased leadership abilities thus becoming better advocates for themselves and others.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Council staff will facilitate training.

Activity B) Council members will participate in trainings as appropriate.

Activity C) DD Network Partners will provide support and sponsorship as appropriate.

Activity D) DD Network Partners will recruit and promote training.

Activity E) DD Network Partners will provide staff as needed.

**Of Note:**

The SAC has been very busy teaching the PIP classes these past quarters with this 4th quarter being the last for this year. SAC held three PIP classes in July and two classes in August which included topics like, neurodiversity, waiver programs, NEIS, Quality Assurance from ADSD, Statewide Independent Living Council, and presentations on the students 2030 Vision Boards. The SAC was also very involved in busy planning the PIP graduation that would be held the last day of the Self-Advocacy Conference. Part of the efforts in educating on legislative efforts was to provide knowledge on our state policy makers like our Senator Cortez-Masto and Senator Rosen who our SAC was able to get to provide videos for the graduation congratulating them on their efforts. Also, in attendance to congratulate the graduates was Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May and Nevada PEP Director Robin Kincaid who was also in attendance and congratulated the graduates and their efforts. The graduates all received certificates of recognition from NGCDD, Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Rosen, and Assemblywoman Brown-May.

In continued efforts with our CLDF funding we were able to fund Camilla Downs family to attend the Chromosome 18 Decoded 27th Annual Family Conference in San Antonio, TX on July 7th-9th 2022. Ms. Downs as well as Ms. Martinez both reported to the Council at our September meeting.

**Data:** We had 10 Partners in Policymaking graduates; 5 people with disabilities and 5 family members.

**GOAL 3**: Develop and strengthen systems that improve quality services and access to quality services and supports for individuals with I/DD and their families.

# Areas of Emphasis and identified barriers addressed: Quality Assurance, Employment, Health, Education (transition services in high school), Transportation and Housing, not knowing what services are available, not enough or can't access services.

## Objective 3.1 - Transportation

Create systems change through the implementation of policies to reduce the barriers to transportation for people with I/DD in Nevada.

### Transportation Grant

Organization: N4

Project Director: Amy Dewitt-Smith

Project Period: Oct 01, 2021, to September 30, 2022

Fiscal Year: FFY 22

Total Grant Funds: $ 40,000

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

* Policies will be created that promote accessible transportation that reduces barriers to transportation for people with I/DD. Measurable progress will be made in reducing barriers to transportation for people with I/DD. More people with I/DD will have prominent roles in reduction of barriers through participation on transportation boards.

**Grantee Proposal:**

N4 will partner to develop a transit association to create a model for effective, efficient, economical, and socially equitable transit system in Nevada. This will also include advocating for a voice to transit providers and community members, and advocating for dedicated state funding for transit, particularly in the rural areas where funding for operating costs is scarce.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity 1) Develop transit association comprised of various stakeholders across the state.

Activity 2) Create a model for an effective, efficient, economical, and socially equitable transit system in Nevada.

Activity 3) Advocate for funding for transit, with specific focus on the rural communities where funding for operating costs is scarce.

Activity 4) Expand on current recommendations and solutions listed in the NGCDD Transportation White Paper.

Activity 5) Work with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for a feasibility study for the State Transit Association.

Activity 6) Attend the Community Transportation Association of America’s Annual Conference in May 2022.

Activity 7) Identify stakeholders to include transit operators, state and local agencies, non-profit and for-profit organizations, community members with transportation concerns, and people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and/or their family members.

Activity 8) Identify priorities of stakeholders and draft final project materials to present and disseminate to decision-makers to create sustainable systems change and long-term advancements in transportation.

Activity 9) In October of 2021, the Statewide Mobility Leadership Circle (MLC) will convene a Statewide Mobility Leadership Circle (MLC) virtual meeting to review human-centered design process and project plan for the development of a state transit association and related white paper recommendations and proposed solutions.

Activity 10) In November/December 2021, research various state transit associations and present at the ITS America.

Activity 11) In January 2022, host Statewide Mobility Leadership Circle virtual meeting.

Activity 12) In February/March of 2022, create draft initial report and findings from MLA meeting and state transit association outreach activities. This will include an exchange of data with NDOT’s consultant for the State Transit Association Feasibility Study.

Activity 13) In April 2022, host Statewide Mobility Leadership Circle virtual meeting.

Activity 14) In May/June 2022, attend CTAA’s Annual Conference and finalize project materials for dissemination.

Activity 15) In July 2022, Statewide Mobility Leadership Circle virtual meeting.

Activity 16) In August/September 2022, conduct face to face meeting and presentations with elected officials and transportation decision-makers across the state; distribute project reports and materials.

**Of Note:**

This last quarter N4 continued their efforts in developing a transit association by conducting a statewide Mobility Leadership Circle (MLC) virtual meeting in September to review human-centered design process and project plan for the development of a state transit association. N4’s MLC has brought engagement from the community, and it is shown through their participation and attendance as well as getting attention from other community partners wanting to join.

N4 has continued to provide free ride vouchers through its statewide transit project, which are being provided for free to urban and rural communities. N4 is also continually looking for transit funding and has recently applied for FTA’s Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility Funding and are awaiting on awarding. N4 has provided a white paper report to NGCDD that has been reviewed and revised by N4 and stakeholders which include individuals with I/DD. This white paper will be beneficial and providing information to future stakeholders and decision makers.

After waiting for approval from NDOT for a consultant for their feasibility study they have not been able to staff that position and the efforts for a feasibility study have not been able to come about. N4s operations manager attended the CTAA Conference in May where she was able to bring back valuable information about STAs to share with the MLC. This information was received well by the MLC participants. N4 has also been able to identify stakeholders and community stakeholders by continuing MLC meetings that continue to grow because of the increase in people. N4 has also become a point of contact for dissemination of transportation information for partner agencies while continuing to advocate. In the last months N4 has also conducted face to face meetings with elected officials like Senators Cortez-Masto’s office and Senator Jacky Rosen’s office. Both Senators offices were attentive and supportive.

## Objective 3.2 - Employment

Educate individuals with I/DD, their families and community-based employers/employer groups on National best practices, and the benefits of hiring individuals with I/DD.

### Housing Grant

Organization: The Garden Foundation

Project Director: Cora Sutehall

Project Period: Oct 01, 2021, to September 30, 2022

Fiscal Year: FFY 22

Total Grant Funds: $ 40,000

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

At least 20 individuals with I/DD and/or family members of those with I/DD will be educated on employment rights and options. At least 30 community-based employers will be educated on National best practices and the benefits of hiring individuals with I/DD. People with I/DD will report an increase in employment options available to them and in information/access to integrated and competitive wage jobs.

**Grantee Proposal:**

The Garden Foundation will provide coordinated education and outreach to both employers/employer groups and individuals with I/DD and/or their family members. This will also include providing education on inclusive hiring, a virtual workshop, creating a seal of approval for qualified inclusive employers, and building inclusive awareness through social media.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Provide coordinated education and outreach to employers/employer groups.

Activity B) Provide coordinated education and outreach to individuals with I/DD.

Activity C) Present inclusive hiring presentation to businesses in Nevada.

Activity D) Develop and present a comprehensive employment virtual workshop for individuals with I/DD and their families.

Activity E) Partner with the Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities to create a “seal of approval” and/or reputable certification for qualified inclusive employers and businesses.

Activity F) Build inclusive awareness through a social media campaign tied to World Inclusion Day on October 10, 2021.

**Of Note:**

The Garden Foundation has been working on providing coordinated education and outreach by sending email communications to Nevada Businesses about the availability of a free diversity & inclusion business training. The response to these communications brought three businesses to show interest in the education/training. The three businesses that signed up for the training are KSD Ventures, ForeverGreen Tech and Zahn Group. All three businesses attended the training and were provided training materials developed by TGF in partnership with the Colorado Office for Employment First. All three businesses showed interest in the training by engaging and asking questions and expressing internal value on the information presented. They were sent home with valuable information on diversity and inclusiveness. NGCDD’s Project’s Manager was presented with a “Seal of Approval” checklist which was checked thoroughly and approved in house by TGF and NGCDD. This checklist’s purpose is to create a “I am Inclusive Business” Seal of approval to create change on how Nevada business hire, treat and train employees. Surveys were completed for all three business who participated and 2 of the business were thankful for the training and helpful information. In the same effort to educate individuals with I/DD The Garden Foundation will be presenting a virtual training in October to approximately 30 individuals with disabilities.

**Objective 3.3 - Housing**

Improve access to quality housing options and supports for individuals with I/DD Statewide.

### Housing Grant

Organization: Kenny Guinn Center

Project Director: Meredith Levine

Project Period: Oct 01, 2021, to September 30, 2022

Fiscal Year: FFY 22

Total Grant Funds: $ 44,380

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s):**

At least 30 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities will be educated on housing options and supports available. People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities will report an increase in options, supports, and access to affordable and accessible housing.

**Grantee Proposal:**

The Kenny Guinn Center (in a joint effort with the Nevada Housing Coalition) will seek to expand housing options for Nevadans with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. They plan to do so by studying current housing options available to people with I/DD, including but not limited to affordable housing options, group homes, etc. The grantee will also conduct a focus group to gather input on challenges faced in accessing housing options and the resources available. The grantee intends to describe the need for expanded housing options for people with I/DD and will prepare a resource guide that describes the options available/ways to access them.

**Activity Summary:**

Activity A) Study current housing options available in Nevada to people with I/DD. This will include all housing options and will not be limited.

Activity B) Conduct (1) focus group to gather information from individuals with I/DD and/or their family members about some of the challenges faced when accessing housing options and the resources available currently.

Activity C) Identify gaps/needs of current supply of available housing options for people with I/DD.

Activity D) Analyze policies other states/areas have undertaken/implemented to help individuals with I/DD access housing options (specifically affordable housing options).

Activity E) By April 2022, prepare a resource guide that describes available options for housing for people with I/DD.

Activity F) By June 2022, host at least (1) public event to share information from study and resource guide. If possible, (2) events will be held (1 in Northern Nevada, 1 in Southern Nevada).

**Of Note:**

The Guinn Center continues its study of housing options to the I/DD community In Nevada with continued research, data collection, interviews with subject matter experts in housing for individuals with I/DD and their families. As part of their preliminary research endeavor, the Guinn Center interviewed agency officials from the ADSD and DHHS. Conversations with subject matter experts and stakeholders throughout the last quarters allowed the Guinn Center to develop a more comprehensive data and information request for ADSD in this last quarter. The Guinn Center has continued to identify, collect, and document housing option for individuals with I/DD. The information collected is expected to provide understanding of housing options available in Nevada to individuals with I/DD. In this fourth quarter The Guinn Center has reported no changes in identified gaps/needs of current supply of available housing options for individuals with I/DD from the previous reporting periods. The Guinn center hopes to include this information in their landscape policy report to provide the first steps in policy processing. They are hoping for state agency officials, stakeholders and other individuals take the data and information in advisement for designing an appropriate design for policy.

In other research efforts The Guinn Center has started identifying subject matter experts in “leader states” and has been conducting interviews to identify housing options that are being pioneered in other states and that may be possible in Nevada. These interviews continue and will help when it compiles information and data for the landscape analysis policy report that will include all activities for all quarter reporting and any public events held.

# Glossary Of Terms

**Activity Summary** = A summary of a grantees progress on their activities for that period. Information is summarized from grantee reports and from Project Manager meetings with grantee.

**Best Practice:** A practice that incorporates methods or techniques that has consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means, and that is used as a benchmark.

**Deliverables Summary:** Specific measurable outcomes the grantee said they would accomplish in their application.

**Goal(s)** = Over-all goal(s) identified by the Council in their current five-year state plan that the grantees are helping the Council accomplish through their grant award. Several grantees can be working toward the same goal but through different objectives.

**Grantee Proposal** = What the grantee said they would do to in their application.

**NGCDD Expected Outcome(s)** = What the Council expects to see as a result of grantee efforts.

**Objective(s)** = What the grantees have specifically agreed to accomplish during their grant period and how they said they would accomplish it.

**Of Note** = Any concerns, issues and/or additional information the Council needs to know. Will include any previous recommendations from the Council and the grantee’s progress toward those recommendations.

**Performance Measures** = Specific number of people effected by Council efforts.

**Promising Practice** = A practice with an innovative approach that improves upon existing practice and positively impacts the area of proactive. The practice should demonstration a high degree of success and the possibility of replication in other agencies or settings but has not been tested.