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

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**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, Santa Perez; Vice-Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega; Stacy Alaribe; Jacob Arant; Lisa Bonie; Stacy Carlston; Taylor Chaney; Kirsten Coulombe; Vickie Ives; Max Lowe; Jack Mayes; Randall Owen; Ashley Price; Art Reitz; Christine Riggi; Brynlin Thornley; Vivian Turner

NGCDD Members Absent: Regina Daniel; Diana Davis; Jennifer Frischmann; Gabe Tejada

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Self- Advocacy Coordinator; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager

Public Present: Steven Cohen; Kristina Crawford; Camilla Downs; Jennifer Gelhardt; Maricela Gutierrez-Rodriguez; Robin Kincaid; Kathleen Kingston; Dora Martinez; Carley Murray; Marisela Quintero; Fabiola Rincon; Kelli Slaughter; Sarah Still; Megan Wickland; Jessica Wylie

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Santa Perez at 9:05 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on August 25, 2022.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez inquired if there was any public comment.

* Catherine Nielsen stated the application for the Partners in Policymaking course is now open. It is an online course and open to the entire state. For further information, please contact Ellen Marquez, the Self-Advocacy Coordinator.
* Dora Martinez thanked the council for their time today. She also stated that during (REVIEW VIDEO)

# Approval of Minutes for the June and August 2022 Meeting

Ms. Perez opened the floor for discussion of the June 2, 2022 and the August 10, 2022 minutes.

**Max Lowe motioned to accept the June 2, 2022 and the August 10, 2022 minutes as written. Vivian Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# 2023 Council Calendar

Ms. Perez deferred this item to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document under tab 2 in the council packet titled “NGCDD 2023 Calendar of Events”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to accept the NGCDD 2023 Calendar of Events as written. Christine Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried with Kimberly Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

# Consumer Leadership Development Fund Presentations

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

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the Consumer Leadership Development Fund policy. She then introduced Camilla Downs, Marisela Quintero, Steven Cohen, Dora Lee Martinez, Kathleen Kingston, and Alysa Marquez who presented on the events they attended using the Consumer Leadership Development Funds respectively.

# Presentation from Nevada Care Connection

Ms. Perez deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for introductions of the presenters.

Ms. Nielsen introduced Fabiola Rincon from Nevada Care Connection.

Ms. Rincon presented on the services and resources available through the Nevada
Care Connection program. She opened this item for discussion.

# Updates on Public Health Worker Contract Position

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document under tab 5 in the council packet titled “PHWF Budget Breakdown”. She discussed the budgetary needs for the position along with the scope of work the position would be completing. Interviews for the position are being finalized within the next two weeks. She opened this item for discussion.

# Policy Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on Consumer Leadership Development Fund policy. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the Consumer Leadership Development Fund policy as written. Stacy Carlston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on the Voting Position Statement. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the Voting Position Statement as written. Jack Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on the policies for the Advancement of Travel and Commercial Transportation for Council and Non-Council Members. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the Advancement of Travel and Commercial Transportation for Council and Non-Council Members policies as written. Brynlin Thornley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on the policies on the Duties of Chair and Vice-Chair. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the Duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair policies as written. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

# Evaluation Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen discussed applications received for the Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) Grant Applications for FFY 2023 budget. She referred to the document under tab 7 in the council packet titled “FFY 23 NOFA List” for recommendations from the Evaluation Committee. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed Objective 1.3, Accessing Technology. She stated no applications were received for this objective. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to move Objective 1.3 Accessing Technology grant to in-house with future-planning. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed Objective 3.1, Transportation. She stated there was only one application for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating the recommendation from the Evaluation Committee was to move this grant in-house.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to move Objective 3.1 Transportation grant to in-house with future-planning. Ms. Carlston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed Objective 3.2, Employment. She stated there were two applications for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating the recommendation from the Evaluation Committee was to award this grant to Best Buddies.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve Best Buddies be funded for up to $60,000 under Objective 3.2 grant with the discussed changes. Ms. Thornley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed Objective 3.3, Housing. She stated there was only one application for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating the recommendation from the Evaluation Committee was to award this grant to the JUSTin Hope Foundation.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the JUSTin Hope Foundation be funded for up to $60,000 under Objective 3.3 grant with the discussed changes. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma-Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen discussed Objective 3.4, Transition. She stated there was three applications for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating the recommendation from the Evaluation Committee was to award this grant to the Family Support Council.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve Family Support Council be funded for up to $50,000 under Objective 3.4 with the discussed changes. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma- Ortega abstaining.**

# Budget Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the documents under tab 8 in the council packet titled “FFY 21 Cat 10 Breakdown “and “FFY 22 Cat 10 Breakdown”. She discussed a quick recap for FFY 2021 funds, an update for FFY 2022 funds, and an update on the no cost extension from ACL on FAY 21/FFY 22 remaining funds. She opened this item for discussion.

# NGCDD Council Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

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

Ms. Nielsen thanked Ms. Perez for her service as Chair and Ms. Palma-Ortega for her service as Vice-Chair. Ms. Nielsen stated one member of the council submitted a self-nomination for the position of Vice-Chair, Mr. Lowe.

Mr. Lowe gave a brief introduction and his interest in the Vice-Chair position.

Ms. Nielsen opened this item for discussion and any additional nominations.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to approve the election of Max Lowe to the position of Vice-Chair of the council. Taylor Chaney seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma- Ortega abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen stated two members of the council received private nominations for the position of Chair, Ms. Chaney and Ms. Riggi.

Ms. Chaney thanked the council for the consideration but declined the nomination.

Ms. Riggi thanked the council for the consideration and accepted the nomination.

Ms. Nielsen opened this item for discussion and any additional nominations.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the election of Christine Riggi to the position of Chair of the council. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Palma- Ortega abstaining.**

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

Ms. Perez 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 Third Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She discussed the current 5-Year State Plan goals, objectives, and activities for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Third Quarter Project Status Summary including the addition of objective 1.4 Emerging Needs. She opened this item for discussion.

# Executive Committee Updates

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

Ms. Nielsen reiterated the addition of objective 1.4 Emerging Needs to the 5-Year State Plan goals and additional updates from the Executive Committee.

# Developmental Disabilities Network Partners Summary

Ms. Perez deferred to Mr. Mayes from the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDACL), Randall Owen from the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED), and Lisa Bonie from the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL).

Mr. Mayes presented information on current NDALC projects and initiatives. He discussed fiscal reporting for the end of the year being done by the center and various other community partners.

Dr. Owen presented information on current projects and initiatives being done by NCED. He discussed the services they are providing and the opening of a new location in Southern Nevada. He discussed fiscal reporting being done for the end of the year.

Lisa Bonie presented information on projects hosted/participated in by the NNCIL. She discussed the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day to be hosted by the NNCIL on October 8, 2022.

# State Agency Updates

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

Ms. Ives from Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) presented on a sensory-friendly vaccine clinic project that was partnered with the NCED.

Kirsten Coulombe from the Division of HealthCare Financing and Policy (DHCFP) presented updates to the $500 additional payment to providers and their care workers.

Megan Wickland from the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) presented information on the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waivers as they have been renewed through the Appendix K. Ms. Wickland also discussed ADSD is working with DHCFP on those additional payments.

Vivian Turner from the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation discussed the continued usage of online applications by the department and the use of a hybrid schedule for their employees.

# Parent/Family Member/Advocate Updates

Ms. Perez inquired if any representatives would like to present updates on disability related information. None were given.

# Agenda Items for Consideration

Ms. Perez inquired if anyone had anything they would like to have on future agendas. No recommendations were given.

# Next Meeting Date

Ms. Palma-Ortega stated the next Council meeting is December 1, 2022 and will be via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez inquired if there was any public comment.

* Ellen Marquez stated her daughter, Alyssa Marquez, began attending Western Nevada College this school year and shared photos of her first day with the council.
* Ms. Martinez thanked Ms. Perez and Ms. Palma-Ortega for their service and congratulated Alyssa on her first day. She also spoke on her experience on being able to assist a person with a visual impairment with a ride. She stated that transportation to outreach programs in rural communities is not always readily available. She urged services to seek out different types of living communities directly. She also stated Colorado passed a bill allowing a person to include their disability on the identification card. She is working on an equivalent bill in Nevada that would allow this to be a choice.

# Adjournment

Ms. Perez adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.