**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2022**

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NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
808 West Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89703

# Special Notes

* All items reviewed during this meeting are available for view on the NGCDD website; under the event created for this meeting: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/)
* Bolded text under a heading indicates an action taken by the NGCDD.

# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Santa Perez, Committee Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Dora Martinez; Max Lowe; Dora Martinez; Renee Portnell; Cindi Swanson; Jodi Thornley

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Jack Mayes; Christine Riggi; Vivian Turner

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

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by NGCDD Policy Committee Chair, Santa Perez 10:00 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on December 6, 2022.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there was any public comment.

* Cindi Swanson reminded the committee of the ZOOM meeting on December 16, 2022 at 10 a.m. held by Colorado’s Employment First Platform. Nevada does not currently have any legislation regarding employment first. She invited any who were interested to attend as it will be an open meeting.
* Ms. Swanson also stated that she is on the Olmstead steering committee hosted by the Aging and Disability Services Division. She shared her concern that there were no representatives from the Department of Education or Vocational Rehabilitation.
* Renee Portnell stated that her younger daughter was coming home from her stay in France and she was very excited for the homecoming.

# Approval of Minutes from the August 2022 Meeting

Ms. Perez asked if there was a motion to approve the November 23, 2022 Committee meeting minutes.

**Max Lowe motioned to approve the November 23, 2022 Committee meeting minutes as written. Renee Portnell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# 2023 Legislative Update

Ms. Perez deferred to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for conversation on the upcoming Legislative session and initiatives.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “BDR List for Legislative Year 2023” and opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) and a meeting that will be held on December 19, 2022 to discuss an employment first initiative in Nevada. She opened this item for discussion.

# Vision, Dental, and Hearing Position Statement

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the three draft positions statements on this subject and gave a brief summary on each of them. She opened this item for discussion.

# Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Position Statement

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Position on Transparency, Accountability and Inclusion”. She opened this item for discussion.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on January 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there is any public comment.

* Ms. Nielsen stated Colorado’s Employment First Platform will be holding a ZOOM meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m. The information and link can be found on the NGCDD’s Facebook. The meeting will also be recorded. She also reminded the committee that a meeting to discuss employment first initiatives in Nevada will be held December 19, 2022 at Betty’s Village in Las Vegas, NV.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.