**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from November 23, 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/)
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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Santa Perez, Committee Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Regina Daniel; Jennifer Frischmann; Max Lowe; Dora Martinez; Jack Mayes; Renee Portnell; Cindi Swanson; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Christine Riggi; Jodi Thornley

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Alysa Marquez, Intern; 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 November 18, 2022.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there was any public comment.

* Cindi Swanson stated on December 16, 2022 at 10 a.m. a ZOOM meeting will be held by the people that structured Colorado’s Employment First Platform. It is going to be hosted by Dawn Lyons and Rachel O’Niell. It is a board program that includes stakeholders, self-advocates, etc. She invited any who were interested to attend as it will be an open meeting.
* Stacy Alaribe stated that she was a part of the Nevada Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (NvLEND) training program. Through the program, she was able to travel to Washington, D.C. and attend the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) 2022 Conference.
* Ellen Marquez stated the Partners in Policymaking class of 2023 has 21 applicants so far although none that have applied are in the Hispanic community. She invited the Committee members to share to the community or any interested parties as the application will be closing November 30, 2022.

# Approval of Minutes from the August 2022 Meeting

Ms. Perez asked if there was a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 Committee meeting minutes.

**Max Lowe motioned to approve the August 18, 2022 Committee meeting minutes as written. Renee Portnell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jennifer Frischmann abstaining.**

# 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 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day which will be held at the Legislature on March 6-8, 2023. She opened this item for discussion.

# Council Potential Position Statements

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

Ms. Nielsen discussed the nine current positions statements held by the Council. She opened this item for discussion.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on December 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there is any public comment.

* Ms. Perez stated she wanted to start a movement to ensure the developmental disabilities’ voice is heard.
* Regina Daniel wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.
* Mr. Lowe wished the Committee a happy Thanksgiving and stated he will be moving December 1, 2022.
* Ms. Palma-Ortega stated she was thankful for each of the Committee members and hoped they enjoy time with their families along with sending lots of hugs from her family to theirs.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.