**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2023**

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/)
* The recording of the meeting may be requested for detailed information by emailing [rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov)
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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe; Vice Chair, Santa Perez; Lisa Bonie; Stacey Carlston; Jennifer Frischmann; Jack Mayes; Randall Owen; Christine Riggi; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Art Reitz

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

Public Present: Meredith Levine, Alysa Peacock, Bailey Ramirez

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Evaluation Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe, at 10:01 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on February 1, 2023.

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was any public comment.

* Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, stated registration for the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day on March 8, 2023 has closed but is still open to any locals who still interested in attending. If any committee members are still interested in attending, please contact Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant.
* Ms. Alaribe stated that as part of the NV Lend program, they will be doing a presentation on why people with mental health needs aren’t getting their services. She is hoping to present to the NGCDD in April as well as different entities. Ms. Nielsen included that the presentation can be scheduled into the Full Council meeting in June. There will also be the opportunity to present at different committee meetings.
* Jennifer Frischmann stated that the Aging and Disability Services Division will be kicking off their Olmstead plan. Workshops will be held throughout the state with the help of Social Entrepreneurs. February 21st in Reno. February 21st in Fallon. February 22nd in Winnemucca. February 23rd in Elko. February 27th in Mesquite. February 28th in Pahrump. March 1st in Las Vegas. There will also be two virtual workshops. More information can be found on the ADSD website.

# Approval of Minutes from the November Meeting

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was a motion to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes.

**Santa Perez motioned to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes as written. Randall Owen seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jack Mayes abstaining.**

# Update on Guinn Center and JustIn Hope Foundation Grants

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen.

Ms. Nielsen presented information on concerns from the Justin Hope Foundation and Guinn Center grants referred and the need for a no cost extension for the Guinn Center. She invited Meredith Levine to address any questions. She opened this item for discussion.

**Dr. Owen motioned to recommend to the Full Council the approval of the no cost extension of the Kenny Guinn Center grant under objective 3.3. Lisa Bonie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# First Quarter 2023 Project Status Summary Report

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager.

Ms. Rivas referred to the handout titled “NGCDD FFY '23 First Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She gave an in-depth summary of the document. She opened this item for discussion.

# Update from Public Health Liaison

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen provided a brief explanation on additional funding sources for this position and an introduction for Kimberly Palma-Ortega.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega gave a brief summary on the goals and projects in progress for the Public Health Liaison grant. She opened this item for discussion.

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was any public comment.

* Ellen Marquez gave an update on the 2023 Partners in Policymaking class. The class started with 27 and is currently at 21 students. The class is full of great students that are very engaged. Most of the class will be at the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day in March.
* Ms. Nielsen stated that the Legislative session has begun and council staff will be busy attending meetings throughout the next couple months. If you cannot reach the staff by phone, please feel free to reach out by email.
* Ms. Palma-Ortega stated that Heather Lafferty from the NV Division of Emergency Management will be attending the DD Awareness Day so if any members would like to meet her, she will be available. They will also be co-presenting at partners in policymaking.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Evaluation Committee meeting will be held May 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.