**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2023**

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**Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**808 West Nye Lane**

**Carson City, NV**

# 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

NGCDD Members Present: Chair, Christine Riggi; Vice-Chair, Max Lowe; Stacy Alaribe; Melissa Bart-Plange; Anna Marie Binder; Lisa Bonie; Stacy Carlston; Taylor Chaney; Diana Davis; Jennifer Frischmann; Vickie Ives; Jack Mayes; Randall Owen; Santa Perez; Ashley Price; Art Reitz; Gabriel Tejada; Brynlin Thornley; Vivian Turner; Julie Weissmann-Steinbaugh

NGCDD Members Absent: Jacob Arant; Kathleen Kingston

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

Public Present: Kristina Crawford; Karen Garrison; Maricela Gutierrez-Rodriguez; Shirley Gaw; Jen Gelhardt; Meredith Levine; Dora Martinez; Cindi Swanson; Dan Upton; Craig Wilcox

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Christine Riggi at 9:01 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on February 23, 2023.

# Public Comment

Ms. Riggi inquired if there was any public comment.

* Catherine Nielsen stated the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day is next week and she is excited to see everyone. She addressed the concerns about the weather conditions and stated if the conditions are severe, it will be switched to an virtual platform.
* Ms. Nielsen also stated that herself and council staff are available to call and text. The staff will be accessible as much as possible but reminded the council to remain mindful of work hours.
* Cindi Swanson stated her screen reader will be on during the council meeting as she waits to present her Consumer Leadership Development Fund. She also commended Catherine as she has been following lots of legislation during this legislative session.

# Approval of Minutes for the December 2022 Meeting

Ms. Riggi opened the floor for discussion of the December 1, 2022 minutes.

**Jack Mayes motioned to accept the December 1, 2022 as written. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried with Anne Marie Binder abstaining.**

# Updates from Public Health Liaison

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison.

Ms. Palma-Ortega gave an in-depth summary on events she has been able to attend and the projects she is currently working on. She also discussed her partnership with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. She opened this item for discussion.

# Presentation on Dual Special Needs

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen who introduced Craig Wilcox from My Insurance Solutions INC.

Mr. Wilcox presented on dual special needs plans. He opened this item for discussion.

# Consumer Leadership Development Fund Presentations

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

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the Consumer Leadership Development Fund policy. She then introduced Judith Dreyer, Karen Garrison, Shirley Gaw, Lucy Pierce, Christopher Ripke, and Cindi Swanson who presented on the events they attended using the Consumer Leadership Development Funds respectively.

# Policy Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on Council position statement on charter schools. She referred to the document titled “Draft Position on Charter Schools”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Santa Perez motioned to approve the position statement on Charter Schools with the recommended changes. Julie Weissmann-Steinbaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**.

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates and recommendations on Council position statement on dental care. She referred to the document titled “Draft Position on Dental Care”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Jennifer Frischmann motioned to approve the position statement on Dental Care with the recommended changes. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**.

# Evaluation Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen presented recommendations for a no-cost extension of the Guinn Center grant from the Evaluation Committee meeting. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to approve the no-cost extension for the Kenny Guinn Center grant under objective 3.3. Randall Owen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Executive Committee Updates

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the documents titled “CHILD CARE AND PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT SERVICES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS POLICY”, “PT 58 Fee Schedule 10\_2022”, and “COUNCIL MEMBER STIPENDS POLICY”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to approve the policy on Child Care and Personal Care Attendant Services for Council Members and the policy on Council Member Stipends with the recommended changes to both. Lisa Bonie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the documents titled “COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP POLICY” and “COUNCIL MISSION POLICY”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Weissmann-Steinbaugh motioned to approve the policy on Council Membership and the policy on Council Mission with the recommended changes to both. Ms. Frischmann seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Mayes abstaining**.

# First Quarter Project Status Summary for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023

Ms. Riggi deferred this agenda item to Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager for an in-depth explanation.

Ms. Rivas invited Kristina Crawford, Maricela Gutierrez-Rodriguez, Jen Gelhardt, Meredith Levine, and Dan Upton to present updates on their respective grants. This item was opened for discussion.

Ms. Rivas reviewed the document titled “NGCDD FFY '23 First Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She discussed the current 5-Year State Plan goals, objectives, and activities for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 First Quarter. She opened this item for discussion.

# Budget Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen discussed the status of the Council’s budget to accomplish objectives for 5-Year State Plan and the no-cost extension for the Guinn Center grant. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to approve the no-cost extension for the Guinn Center grant under objective 3.3. Ms. Ives seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Developmental Disabilities Network Partners Summary

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

Mr. Mayes discussed his departure from the NDALC after his 25-year anniversary. He will not be leaving until he is able to find a replacement and will continue working in the community as an advocate. He will be working independent living initiatives. He also presented updates from the NDALC. They have increased monitoring on facilities in regard to concerns from COVID-19. They also are continuing tracking bills through the legislative session.

Dr. Owen presented information on current projects and initiatives being done by NCED. He submitted the NCED’s new five-year grant. They will also be working on projects with the Aging and Disability Services Division.

Lisa Bonie presented information on projects hosted/participated in by the NNCIL. She discussed how they were hosting a new NVDA voice-over software training class with four sessions available. You will need to pre-register and the first class has been filled. She also spoke on the Blind/Low-Vision peer group hosted. It has become a statewide initiative. They will be also starting a beginner iPhone course for those that are blind or low vision. Along with this course, they will be beginning life skills training courses including budgeting meals and housing trainings. The program has also started offering a sexual education course including how to navigate dating applications and social media. In the spring, they will be collaborating with Diana Rovetti to host the I Can Bike Program in Douglas County and collaborating with the city of Sparks to host the Mark Wellman Adventure Day. The Statewide Independent Living Council is also collaborating with the NNCIL to provide scholarships for attendance to the National Center for Independent Living conference in Washington, D.C. Last year, they were able to send two students and two teachers. Lastly, they are working with Vocational Rehab in Carson City to put on a pre-employment camp this summer for students that are looking to enter the workforce.

# State Agency Updates

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

Ms. Frischmann stated dental services have been added to the Aging and Disability Services Division intellectual and developmental disabilities waivers. Brochures with more information can be found on the ADSD website and she will be sharing the information with the council.

# Parent/Family Member/Advocate Updates

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

# Agenda Items for Consideration

Ms. Riggi inquired if anyone had anything they would like to have on future agendas.

Ms. Frischmann asked if the council could have a representative from welfare present to the council.

# Next Meeting Date

Ms. Riggi stated the next Council meeting is June 1, 2023 and will be via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Riggi inquired if there was any public comment.

* Stacy Alaribe stated that she had a presentation coming up on inequalities faced by children and families of color with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She will be sharing the flyer with the council.
* Ms. Perez thanked the council for everything as she will be leaving the council in June. She hopes to run for office someday.
* Ms. Weissmann-Steinbaugh stated that the ADSD Olmstead planning committee will have two virtual meetings in March. She encouraged the council to come out and submit public comments. She will be sharing further information with the council. She also wanted to thank the council as she is excited to be a new member.
* Ellen Marquez stated that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Nevada Legislature will be held April 10, 2023. This is hosted by the Nevada Commission on Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She asked the council to come and show their support at the event.

# Adjournment

Ms. Riggi adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.