**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2023**

NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
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# Special Notes

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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; Art Reitz; Christine Riggi; Vivian Turner

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: Justine Adams; Bridget Bonheyo; Kristina Crawford; Camille Gabriele; Jennifer Gelhardt; Maricela Guiterrez-Rodriguez; Patty Kuglitsch; Dawn Lyons; Benjamin Soukup; Jessica Wylie; Lizy, ASL Communication

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Evaluation Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe at 10:03 a.m.

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

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically. None was given.

# Approval of Minutes of May Minutes

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Jennifer Frischmann motioned to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes with the recommended changes. Lisa Bonie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Third Quarter 2023 Project Status Summary Report

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for a brief introduction of the report and Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager.

Ms. Rivas referred to the handout titled “NGCDD FFY '23 Third Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She gave an in-depth summary of the document and objectives not covered by other staff. She invited Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison, to speak on Public Health Liaison efforts and Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator, to speak on Objectives 1.3, 2.4, and 3.1. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion on Grant Funds

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to documents titled “NGCDD Grants Manual 2023 “and “Cheat Sheet for NOFAs FFY24”. She gave a summary of the grantees that have applied and referred to the packet received by the committee members with each application. No applications were received for objective 3.3.

Ms. Alaribe discussed objective 1.3, Accessing Technology. Only one application was received for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating that representatives from Global Technical Communications (GTC) were in attendance if there were any questions.

**Santa Perez motioned to recommend to the Full Council that GTC be funded for up to $40,000 under the Objective 1.3 grant with the discussed changes. Jack Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Alaribe discussed Objective 3.2, Employment. Two applications were received for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating that representatives from Best Buddies and JustIn Hope were in attendance if there were any questions.

**Ms. Perez motioned to recommend to the Full Council that Best Buddies be funded for up to $50,000 under the Objective 3.2 grant with the discussed changes. Stacy Carlston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Frischmann, Art Reitz, and Vivian Turner abstaining.**

Ms. Alaribe discussed Objective 3.4, Transition. Two applications were received for this objective. She opened this item for discussion stating that representatives from Gigi’s Playhouse and the NV Statewide Independent Living Council (NVSILC) were in attendance if there were any questions.

**Christine Riggi motioned to recommend to the Full Council that Gigi’s Playhouse be funded for up to $30,000 and the NVSILC be funded for up to $20,000 under the Objective 3.4 grant with the discussed changes. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Justine Adams thanked the committee members and staff for their recommendation and help. She also thanked Lisa Bonie for her research on Gigi’s playhouse as a highly regarded program.
* Dawn Lyons thanked the committee for their recommendation and invited the committee to a townhall being held by the NVSILC on August 16, 2023 at 2 pm in Pahrump, NV to discuss the drafting of their new three year state plan.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Evaluation Committee meeting will be held November 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.