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

NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
406 East Second Street

Carson City, NV 89701

# 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; Jack Mayes; Art Reitz; Christine Riggi; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Randall Owen

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

NGCDD Staff Absent: Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Evaluation Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe at 10:02 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on November 6, 2023.

# Land Acknowledgment

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director. Ms. Nielsen provided the land acknowledgement as follows: The Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a program whose designated state agency is the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, acknowledges, honors, and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land and recognize the State of Nevada is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu, Newe, Numu and Wa She Shu. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to work alongside our Tribal partners. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in acknowledgement and continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism.

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen. Ms. Nielsen asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Ms. Nielsen stated the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference presenter registration is open. This information can be found on the council website. Attendee registration is also open and available on a first come first served basis. The conference will be August 6-7, 2024 with a networking event August 5, 2024.

# Approval of Minutes of August Minutes

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen. Ms. Nielsen asked if there was a motion to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Lisa Bonie motioned to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes with the recommended changes. Jack Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Fourth Quarter 2023 Project Status Summary Report

Ms. Alaribe deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen for a brief overview of the report.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the handout titled “DRAFT NGCDD FFY '23 Fourth Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She gave an in-depth summary of the document and the different projects and activities under each of the objectives of the council. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion on No-Cost Extension Funds

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “FFY 24 No Cost Extension Re-obligation of Funds”. She gave an in-depth summary of the document and the allocated funding categories. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Bonie motioned to recommend to the Full Council the FFY 24 No Cost Extension Re-obligation of Unspent FFY 23 Funds activities, timeline, and funding matrix. Stacy Carlston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

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* Ms. Alaribe stated she was able to attend and present at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) 2023 Conference in Washington, D.C. The main reason for her losing her voice for the meeting.
* Mr. Mayes stated that he wanted to recognize veterans with disabilities as Veterans Day is tomorrow. A lot of changes that have occurred were made for veterans with disabilities and we benefited from it as well. For instance, Vocational Rehabilitation was developed to get veterans employed. He wanted to make sure they were recognized for their contribution and sacrifice to our country.
* Ms. Nielsen stated that next Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vocational Rehabilitation will be hosting a virtual town hall via Zoom. She will be posting the information on the council’s Facebook but can also send the information directly to anyone interested in attending.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Evaluation Committee meeting is to be determined. The schedule of 2024 Full Council and Committee meetings will be finalized at the December 7, 2023 Full Council Meeting.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.