**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2024**

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**ZOOM**

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# 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: Christine Riggi, Chair; Maxmillian Lowe, Vice-Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Santa Perez

Committee Members Absent: Vickie Ives

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

NGCDD Staff Absent: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Christine Riggi, Executive Committee Chair at 10:01a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on January 29, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Max Lowe, Committee Vice-Chair 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. Riggi asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director stated the 2024 Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference speaker application is still open. She also stated the attendee application is open and encouraged people to apply and share with anyone interested.

# Approval of January 2024 Minutes

Ms. Riggi asked if there was a motion to approve the January 4, 2024 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the January 4, 2024 minutes as written. Santa Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion on Consumer Leadership Development Fund (CLDF) Applications

Ms. Riggi introduced this agenda item.

Ms. Riggi discussed the application received for individual out-of-state funds by Obioma Officer to attend the 2024 Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference in Denver, CO on March 17-19, 2024. She invited Ms. Nielsen to provide more information on the application and the conference. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve up to $1,750.000 in Individual Out-of-State funds for Obioma Officer. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Riggi discussed the application received for individual out-of-state funds by Alysa Marquez to attend the 2024 National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on July 22-26, 2024. She invited Ms. Nielsen to provide more information on the application and the conference. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to approve up to $1,750.000 in Individual Out-of-State funds for Alysa Marquez. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion of GiGi’s Playhouse Grant Remediation

Ms. Riggi introduced this agenda item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen gave a brief explanation of the need for remediation of Gigi’s Playhouse grant project timeline and scope of work. She discussed the meetings held to discuss these changes with Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager and with the Administration for Community Living (ACL). She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to approve the remediation of Gigi’s Playhouse grant project timeline and scope of work. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion of World Down Syndrome Day Networking Event

Ms. Riggi introduced this agenda item.

Ms. Riggi discussed the World Down Syndrome Networking Event to be held in Las Vegas on March 21, 2024 by the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN). She invited Ms. Nielsen for further information on the event. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve up to $5,000.00 to support the World Down Syndrome Networking Event. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

Ms. Riggi stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be April 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Public Comment

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

* Stacy Alaribe stated the Down Syndrome Network of Northern Nevada (DSNNN) will be hosting a Valentines Day event on February 9, 2024 in Reno, NV. She will send more information on the event to Ms. Nielsen so it can be shared.

# Adjournment

Ms. Riggi adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.