**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2024**

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

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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/)
* The recording of the meeting may be requested for detailed information by emailing [rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov)
* Bolded text under a heading indicates an action taken by the NGCDD.

# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe; Vice Chair, Santa Perez; Lisa Bonie; Stacey Carlston; Jennifer Frischmann; Randall Owen; Art Reitz; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Christine Riggi

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

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

Public Present: Celeste Brooks; Jen Gelhardt; Christen Gerhart; Justin Magram; Jessica Wylie

# 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 February 5, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Santa Perez, Committee Vice-Chair 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 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 still open. This information can be found on the council website. Attendee registration is also open and available on a first come first served basis. Travel funds are available. The conference will be August 6-7, 2024 with a networking event August 5, 2024.

# Approval of Minutes of November Minutes

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was a motion to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Lisa Bonie motioned to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes as written. Stacy Carlston seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jennifer Frischman and Randall Owen abstaining.**

# First Quarter 2024 Project Status Summary Report

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the handout titled “NGCDD FFY '24 1st 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 invited Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator to speak on the Partners in Policymaking course and the Global Technical Communications grant. She also invited Jessica Wylie and Celeste Brooks to speak on the Best Buddies grant under objective 3.2. She opened this item for discussion.

# 2026-2031 5 Year State Plan Town Halls

Ms. Alaribe introduced this item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen for further information.

Ms. Nielsen provided information on the process for the next 5 Year State Plan, including information on the town halls being scheduled to gather public input. These town halls will take place throughout Nevada including Carson City, Reno, Las Vegas, Elko, Fallon, Pahrump, and Mesquite. There will also be three virtual town halls held via Zoom. She opened this item for discussion.

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* Ms. Nielsen apologized for the confusion in the agenda. The item numbers and date under agenda item 4 were listed incorrectly. These will be checked and corrected in future agendas.
* Ms. Bonie stated The Mark Wellman adventure day that is co-hosted with the City of Sparks is scheduled for the first Sunday of June, 6-2-24, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Sparks Marina. In addition to adaptive bikes, kayaks, the climbing wall, and other sorted outdoor events and equipment; they also have lots of information available about programs, services, and groups in the community. It's a really terrific event. They had 83 vendors last year. She stated that they are actively looking to expand, especially the recreational side.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Evaluation Committee meeting will be held May 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.