**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2024**

**ZOOM**

**Nevada 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/)
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# Introductions

NGCDD Members Present: Chair, Christine Riggi; Stacy Alaribe; Melissa Bart-Plange; Anna Marie Binder; Stacy Carlston; Taylor Chaney; Vickie Ives; Kathleen Kingston; Randall Owen; Ashley Price; Art Reitz; Vivian Turner

NGCDD Members Absent: Vice-Chair, Max Lowe; Lisa Bonie; Ellen Frias-Wilcox; Diana Davis; Jennifer Frischmann; Gabriel Tejada; Brynlin Thornley; Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh

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: Celeste Brooks; Mary Dehnhardt; Patty Kuglitsch; Molly Rose Lewis; Dawn Lyons; Jamelle Nance; Lagundo Sandoval (interpreter); Sabrina Schur; Benjamin Soukup; Mike Stewart; Lynda Tache; Jill Tolles; Desirae Wingerter; Jessica Wylie; Henry Yandrasits (interpreter); Belz and Case Government Affairs (no name for the record)

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Christine Riggi at 9:09 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on February 21, 2024.

**Land Acknowledgment**

Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator, 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 inquired if there was any public comment. She verified meeting information and how to submit public comments telephonically. None was given.

# Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Riggi opened the floor for discussion of the December 7, 2023 minutes.

**Randall Owen motioned to accept the December 7, 2023 minutes as written. Vickie Ives seconded the motion. The motion carried with Taylor Chaney and Kathleen Kingston abstaining.**

# Consumer Leadership Development Fund Presentations (CLDF)

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and invited Staci Petralba, Leticia Navaro, Alina Duncan, Alison Mlikan, Dena Adlish, and Mary Denhardt to present on the events they attended using the Council’s Consumer Leadership Development Funds.

Ms. Dehnhardt presented on the 2023 Deaf Engagement Conference in Las Vegas, NV on December 16, 2023 that she was able to attend using the CLDF. This item was opened for discussion.

Ms. Marquez presented on behalf of Leticia Navaro, Alina Duncan, Alison Mlikan, and Dena Adlish who also attended the 2023 Deaf Engagement Conference in Las Vegas, NV on December 16, 2023. This item was opened for discussion.

Ms. Petralba shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Charge Syndrome Conference in Orlando, FL on July 20-23, 2023. This item was opened for discussion.

# Consumer Leadership Development Applications Review (CLDF)

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and presented the CLDF application for Santa Perez for attendance at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Annual Conference. She invited Ms. Marquez for further information. Ms. Marquez stated the application was withdrawn.

# Grantee Presentations

Ms. Riggi introduced this item to the council and deferred to Ms. Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator and Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager, to introduce the grantees and open the floor for their presentations.

Ms. Marquez invited Patty Kuglistch from Global Technical Communications (GTC) to discuss the Interpreter grant for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 24. They opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas invited Meredith Levine, Mike Stewart, and Jill Tolles from the Kenny Guinn Center to discuss the Housing Grant from FFY 22 and 23, including the housing report. They opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas invited Celeste Brooks and Jessica Wylie from Best Buddies to discuss the Employment Grant for FFY 24. They opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas invited Dawn Lyons from the Statewide Independent Living Council to discuss the Transition Grant for FFY 24. They opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas discussed the second Transition Grant for FFY 24 under GiGi’s Playhouse. She opened this item for discussion.

# Presentation from Collaboration Center Foundation

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and invited Lynda Tache and Desirae Wingerter to present information on behalf of the Collaboration Center Foundation.

Ms. Tache and Ms. Wingerter shared a PowerPoint presentation on their programs and various partnerships. They opened this item for discussion.

# Presentation from Senator Jackie Rosen’s Office

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and invited Molly Rose Lewis to present information on behalf of the Office of Senator Jackie Rosen.

Ms. Lewis gave a quick presentation on the services offered and how to get in contact with the office. They opened this item for discussion.

# Executive Committee

Ms. Riggi introduced this item to the council and introduced the Executive Director Discretionary Funds Policy and the Member Attendance Policy. She invited Ms. Marquez for more information.

Ms. Marquez referred to the documents titled “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND POLICY” and “MEMBER ATTENDANCE POLICY”. She discussed the background for each position statement and gave an in-depth summary. They opened this item for discussion.

**Anna Marie Binder motioned to approve the adoption of both policies,** **the Executive Director Discretionary Funds Policy, and the Member Attendance Policy, with the recommended changes. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Evaluation Committee

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and provided the Council with information on the Town Halls planned for 2024-2025 and the timeline for the Council’s next 5-Year State Plan. She invited Ms. Marquez for more information.

Ms. Marquez discussed the documents titled “5 Year State Plan Survey”, “Statewide Town Halls Flyer”, “2026-2031 Timeline”, and “Action Plan”. She discussed the town halls that have been scheduled throughout the year in different locations statewide. She also discussed the timeline for the creation of the 5-year state plan. They opened this item for discussion.

# Council Handbook

Ms. Riggi introduced this item to the council and provided information on the new Council member handbook. She referred to the document titled “Council Member Handbook (Revised Draft)” and opened this item for discussion.

# Voting Videos

Ms. Riggi introduced this item to the council and deferred it to Ms. Nielsen for further discussion.

Ms. Nielsen gave a brief update on information on the voting and election videos created in partnership with the Secretary of State’s office. They are available on the council’s YouTube page along with the Secretary of State’s website. The Secretary of State’s office has received a lot of calls with positive feedback on the videos. The council will be working with the Secretary of State’s office on more videos to discuss topics such as “what each position means?”, “what position are you voting for?”, etc. Ms. Nielsen gave a special thank you to Secretary of State’s Mark Walachin, American Sign Language Communications, GTC, the Commission for Persons who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing (DHH Commission), and Dora Martinez for their participation in this project. Ms. Nielsen also thanked Ms. Marquez; Ms. Marquez’ daughter, Heather; Ms. Ortiz; and a self-advocate from Las Vegas, Victoria for starring in the videos.

# Policy Committee

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and deferred to Ms. Marquez and Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Marquez and Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “DRAFT Position on Health Care”. They discussed the background for this position statement and gave a summary of the recommended changes. They opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Marquez and Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “DRAFT Position Statement on Sexual Health”. They discussed the background for this position statement and gave a summary of the recommended changes. They opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to approve the adoption of the “DRAFT Position on Health Care” and the “DRAFT Position Statement on Sexual Health” with the recommended changes. Ms. Binder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously**.

# Budget Committee

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Vickie Ives, Budget Committee Chair, for discussion.

Ms. Ives discussed the document titled “Cat 10 Spreadsheet” and provided a summary. She also discussed the Certified Contract Manager course taken by MS. Nielsen and Ms. Ortiz. She also discussed the grant for GTC. The contract for GTC was concluded and was retro-dated back to October first by the Purchasing Division. It also went through the Clerk of the Board of Examiners. The council staff also completed a review of match processes with the Federal Administration on Community Living. She opened this item for discussion**.**

# First Quarter Project Status Summary for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024

Ms. Riggi deferred this item to Marisol Rivas, Project Manager, and council staff.

Ms. Rivas referred to the document titled "NGCDD FFY '24 1st Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She gave an in-depth summary of its contents. She invited Ms. Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator, and Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison, to speak on efforts and initiatives under objectives 1.3, 1.4, 2.4, and 3.1 including the current GTC grant, Partnership with the Division of Emergency Management, the partners in policymaking course, and the iCan Bike program. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas then referred to updates on the FFY ’24 grants under objectives 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 respectively under an earlier agenda item. This item was opened for discussion.

# Developmental Disabilities Network Partner Introduction

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Laura Good Introduction” and introduced the new Executive Director from the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center, Laura Good Devereaux.

# Agenda Items for Consideration

Ms. Riggi introduced this item and inquired if there were any requested agenda items for consideration for future meetings. She opened this item for discussion. Ideas presented included:

* Ideas on future funding sources for the ASL anywhere application
* Scheduling introductions of the various Regional Coordinators under the Aging and Disability Services Division
* Updates from Senator Jacky Rosen’s Office based on the discussion had under their agenda item

# Next Meeting Date

The next Full Council meeting will take place on June 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will take place via zoom.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Riggi inquired if there was any public comment. She verified meeting information and how to submit public comments telephonically. None was given.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Riggi adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.