**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from April 4, 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; Vickie Ives

Committee Members Absent: Santa Perez

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, Projects Manager

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Max Lowe, Executive Committee Vice-Chair at 10:03 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on March 27, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Mr. 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

Mr. Lowe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director stated the next 5-year state plan for the council is being worked on. Surveys to gather information from the public have been created and sent out. She urged committee members to share the survey with anyone in the intellectual and developmental disability (I/DD) community that would be interested in participating. 100 responses have been received so far and she is hoping to exceed the last planning period count of 500 responses. She also shared information on the iCan Bike camp that will be held on June 17-21, 2024 in Reno. It is open to anyone who is interested in participating as they still have sign-up spaces available.

# Approval of January 2024 Minutes

Mr. Lowe asked if there was a motion to approve the February 1, 2024 minutes. He opened this item for discussion.

**Christine Riggi motioned to approve the February 1, 2024 minutes as written. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion on Consumer Leadership Development Fund (CLDF) Applications

Mr. Lowe introduced this agenda item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen for further discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the application received for family out-of-state funds by Camilla Downs to attend the Chromosome 18 Registry and Research Society Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC on July 7-10, 2024. She also discussed the application received for family out-of-state funds by Jeanette Shoemaker to attend the 52nd Annual National Down Syndrome Congress Convention in Phoenix, AZ on July 25-28, 2024. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to approve up to $2,500.00 in Family Out-of-State funds for Camilla Downs and up to $2,500.00 in Family Out-of-State funds for Jeanette Shoemaker. Vickie Ives seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion of Childcare and Personal Care Attendant Services for Non-Council Members Policy

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Childcare and Personal Care Attendant Services for Council Members and Non-Council Members Policy” and gave a brief overview of the changes made. She opened this item for discussion.

**M. Lowe motioned to approve the Childcare and Personal Care Attendant Services for Council Members and Non-Council Members Policy with the recommended changes. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion of World Down Syndrome Day Networking Event

Mr. Lowe introduced this agenda item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen for further discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the World Down Syndrome Networking Event to be held in Las Vegas on March 23, 2024 by the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN). Runners finished a course that went from Los Angeles, CA to Las Vegas, NV to raise money and awareness for World Down Syndrome Day. She was also able to present a declaration on behalf of Governor Lombardo. She gave a special thanks to Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Max Lowe, and Steven Cohen for attending different portions of the event with her. Peter Whittingham of DSOSN sent his gratitude to the council. She opened this item for discussion.

# Next Meeting Date

Mr. Lowe stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be May 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Public Comment

Mr. Lowe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Stacy Alaribe inquired about the Self Advocacy Conference schedule in August. Ms. Nielsen stated the tentative agenda and referred to the council website for further information.

# Adjournment

Mr. Lowe adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.