**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2024**

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**ZOOM**

Join by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>82776920507

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Meeting ID: 827 7692 0507

# 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; Stacy Alaribe; Santa Perez; Vickie Ives

Committee Members Absent: Maxmillian Lowe, Vice-Chair

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

NGCDD Staff Absent: Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Christine Riggi, Chair at 3:01 p.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on May 6, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Ms. Riggi, 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. None was given.

# Approval of April 2024 Minutes

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

**Christine Riggi motioned to approve the April 4, 2024 minutes as written. Vickie Ives seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion on Consumer Leadership Development Fund (CLDF) Applications

Ms. Riggi 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 Veronica Fiscus to attend to attend the 52nd Annual National Down Syndrome Congress Convention in Phoenix, AZ on July 25-28, 2024. She also tabled Elysia Byrne’s application as her event will be taking place in the next fiscal year. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Riggi motioned to approve up to $2,500.00 in Family Out-of-State funds for Veronica Fiscus. Santa Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion of Plans for FFY 25 Goals and Activities

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

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “FFY 2025 NGCDD Activities, Timeline and Funding Matrix Executive Committee Discussion 1” and gave a in-depth overview of each goal and objective. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion on Projects of Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada (DSOSN

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

Ms. Nielsen provided information on the plans to support the projects and activities of the DSOSN. She discussed an event in Los, Angeles, California for Straight Up Abilities and an event in Las Vegas, NV. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to approve up to $9,000.00 in participant support for the event in Los Angeles, CA and up to $2,000.00 in planning support for the event in Las Vegas, NV for the DSOSN. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

Ms. Riggi stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be July 11, 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. None was given.

# Adjournment

Ms. Riggi adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.