**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from July 11 2024**

**ZOOM**

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# Special Notes

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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; 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 Max Lowe, Vice-Chair at 10:04 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on July 2, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Mr. Lowe, 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 stated the Silver State Self-advocacy conference is going to be in Reno this year. It is August 6th and 7th. There is going to be a packed agenda, and they are looking forward to having everybody present. If anyone is in town the night before the conference starts, August 5th, there will be a networking night. That is taking place at the Grand Sierra Resort. Stacy Alaribe and Ms. Nielsen further clarified it is from 6pm-8pm. Registration is not required but although staff to account for numbers. They will have lot of information on starting self-advocacy organizations. There will also be a magic show by Cody Clark.

# Approval of May 2024 Minutes

Mr. Lowe asked if there was a motion to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes. He opened this item for discussion.

**Santa Perez motioned to approve the May 13, 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 Elysia Byrne to attend to attend the Association of University Centers on Disabilities Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on November 3-6, 2024. She also discussed the application received for individual out-of-state funds by Chris Ripke to attend to attend the Arc’s National Convention in Columbus, OH on November 1-3, 2024. Both applications requested stipends for travel accommodations. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve up to $2,500.00 in Family Out-of-State funds for Elysia Byrne and up to $1,750.00 in Individual Out-of-State funds for Chris Ripke. Christine Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

Mr. Lowe stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be August 1, 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.

* Ms. Perez stated that she missed seeing the members of the committee and council staff.
* Ms. Alaribe asked for the meeting date of the next council townhall. Ms. Nielsen clarified the next townhall will take place in Reno, NV at the Mckinley Arts and Culture Center on August 19, 2024.

# Adjournment

Mr. Lowe adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.