NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2024

**ZOOM Meeting**

**Location:**

**Zoom**

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Join by Phone: 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 862 3577 0690

# 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/)
* Bolded text under a heading indicates an action taken by the NGCDD.

# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Vickie Ives, Chair; Max Lowe; Randall Owen; Ashley Price

Committee Members Absent: Santa Perez; Christine Riggi

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Alysa Marquez, Intern; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

NGCDD Staff Absent: Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vickie Ives, Budget Committee Chair at 10:02 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on August 12, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Ms. Ives 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. Ives asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to submit public comment telephonically. None was given

# Approval of Minutes from the May 2024 Meeting

Ms. Ives asked if everyone had reviewed the May 16, 2024 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Max Lowe motioned to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes as written. Randall Owen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Presentation and Recommendations on current NGCDD Council Budget

Ms. Ives introduced this item and deferred it to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, for further information. Ms. Nielsen spoke on the final costs for the Self-Advocacy Conference that took place on August 6-7, 2024. She thanked the Developmental Disabilities (DD) network, the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) and the Nevada Disability and Advocacy Law Center (NDALC) for their help in attending bags and ASL interpreter services for the conference respectively. She also spoke on the funds that were re-allocated from the objective 3.4 grant. She opened this item for discussion.

# Presentation and Recommendations on NGCDD Council Budget for FFY 25

Ms. Ives introduced this item and deferred it to Ms. Nielsen for further information. Ms. Nielsen spoke on the updates on processes from the council’s designated state agency (DSA) and on working with the DSA to get the upcoming interpreter grant completed and running. She also spoke on transitioning Kimberly Palma-Ortega’s Public Health Liaison position from contractor to full time employee (FTE) and how the DSA is working on with staff. Finally, Ms. Nielsen spoke on updates from the federal level and the possibility of meeting at level funding or slightly higher for the upcoming Federal Fiscal Years. She opened this item for discussion.

# Public Comment

Ms. Ives asked if there was any public comment.

* Ms. Nielsen spoke on the council’s statewide town halls. If anybody is available to attend them, the upcoming one will be on Monday, August 19th at 5:30 pm in Reno. That is at 925 Riverside Drive, in Reno. The following townhall will be in Carson City on Thursday, August 22nd at 5:30 pm. The one in Reno is at the Mckinley Arts and Cultural Center, and then the one in Carson City is at the community center. The ones after that in the southern half of the State are in September; along with the northeast part of the State, Elko which will be in September as well. She encouraged committee members to both attend and spread the word for anyone interested.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Budget Committee meeting is November 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.