NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2025

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**ZOOM Meeting**

**Location:**

**Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/>86235770690

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; Santa Perez; Christine Riggi

Committee Members Absent: Max Lowe; Randall Owen

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

Public Present: Anna Binder; Steven Cohen; 7026069087 (unidentified)

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vickie Ives, Budget Committee Chair at 8:35 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on January 23, 2025.

# 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.

* Steven Cohen asked if there was more clarification on the council’s work program on the Interim Finance Committee’s (IFC) meeting the next day.
* Ms. Ives spoke on the memo that went out at the Federal level, impacting all Federal funding and halting distribution and asked the this be something the Budget Committee remains aware of.

# Approval of Minutes from the August 2024 Meeting

Ms. Ives asked if everyone had reviewed the August 15, 2024 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Santa Perez motioned to approve the August 15, 2024 minutes as written. Ms. Ives 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 IFC work program agenda item for the council that will be taking place the next day. This item is regarding personal cost increases, cost of living adjustments, and retention payments. She also spoke on potential projects that will be presented in the March Full Council meeting including working with the Arc of Nevada, opportunities to advocate on the hill, and the upcoming Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day events (DD Awareness). She also spoke on memo issued at the Federal level regarding Federal funding. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to schedule an additional Budget Committee meeting in the month of February. Ms. Ives seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

# Presentation and Recommendations on Consumer Leadership Development Funds for FFY 25

Ms. Ives introduced this item and deferred it to Ms. Nielsen for further information. Ms. Nielsen spoke on the approved consumer leadership development funds (CLDFs). She also spoke on the remaining CLDFs for fiscal year and how staff will be working with the designated state agency to see the possibility of how these funds will be utilized. She opened this item for discussion.

# Information on the State of the State Address from the Governor

Ms. Ives introduced this item and deferred it to Ms. Nielsen for further information. Ms. Ives also stated the State of the State address from the Governor is recorded and can be viewed directly. Ms. Nielsen spoke proposed changes in the Governor’s address and the changes specific to the council. She opened this item for discussion.

# Public Comment

Ms. Ives asked if there was any public comment.

* Ms. Nielsen stated the DD awareness events registration has closed. There will be another registration for attendees in Northern Nevada who still wish to attend opening soon. Monday March 3rd is a training day and Tuesday March 4th is the advocacy day.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Budget Committee meeting is March 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM. This is pending the motion for the addition of the February meeting.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.