Self-Advocacy Coordinator Status Summary

Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

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# Partner’s in Policymaking

Goal Summary – (Addresses education/training, cultural diversity, targeted disparity, resource knowledge & network collaboration). Increase and strengthen the knowledge of individuals with I/DD to promote/encourage informed decision making about their choices leading to improved quality of life, increase independence, productivity and full inclusion in their communities.

**Goal 1, Objective 1.1**: Partner with three Hispanic Organizations in Nevada to Provide greater access to information and services for persons with I/DD.

Project Summary:

The NGCDD has partnered with AZULBLUE to put on a Partners in Policymaking class that is set to take place in Las Vegas, NV. The class will start in January 2018 and will last until August 2018. During the Advocacy Conference in September, many people from the Hispanic community expressed interest in having a Partners in Policymaking put on in Southern Nevada. Currently, Partners in Policymaking is only offered for Nevada out of Reno at UNR. By producing this class, we will be able to serve two purposes; offering the class in Southern Nevada and translation of the course into Spanish, increasing access to the Hispanic community. We will be able to support approximately 15 attendees; 10 parents or family members of people with disabilities and 5 people with.

Over the past month, I have worked to create an application, cover sheet and started on the content for the class. We have to re-create the entire course, minus the few short classes offered online. This course will be 8 months in length, with participants attending one weekend day per month. Once the course content is complete, we will be working with the Minnesota Governor’s Council, to review the content for accuracy.

Once we have the application and cover translated, we will send out the application via email. We have an extensive email list from the attendees of the Advocacy Conference and our list of interested parties. Our partners at AZULBLUE will also be handing out the application at their meetings in November and December. The application deadline is December 10th, with notification to attendees the last week of December. The tentative dates for the in-person classes are listed below.

The class will require each student to complete homework, online courses, a one year follow up after course completion and a requirement to also complete a project after the course in finished. Please note we are only partnering with AZULBLUE for this first class. If the class is a success, we plan to continue with putting it on in the following years. This class will mainly serve to meet our requirements of Goal 1, Objective 1.1.