**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2018**

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**Tele-conference**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
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Carson City, NV 89703

# 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: Renee Portnell, Committee Chair; Lisa Bonie; Jack Mayes; Santa Perez

Committee Members Absent: Eric Jimenez; Brian Patchett; Stephen Schumacher

NGCDD Staff Present: Kari Horn, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant; Catherine Nielsen, Projects Manager; Marisol Rivas, Self-Advocacy Coordinator

Guests Present: Tim Brown

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Renee Portnell at 9:11 a.m. Executive Assistant, Ellen Marquez verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on August 2, 2018.

# Public Comment

Committee Chair, Ms. Portnell asked if there was any public comment.

Jack Mayes stated there was an announcement made that Governor Sandoval was getting married this weekend. The person he is marrying is Lauralyn McCarthy, who is a member of the NGCDD Council.

# Approval of Minutes from the April 19, 2017 Meeting

Ms. Portnell requested a motion be made to accept the April 19, 2017 minutes.

**Santa Perez made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2017 meeting as written.**

**Jack Mayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

# Discussion on Intellectual/Developmental Disability Issues at the State and National Level and Make Recommendations on Position Statements of NGCDD

Ms. Portnell directed the discussion to Ms. Horn. Ms. Horn inquired if Mr. Mayes wanted to begin and he stated yes.

Mr. Mayes began with the National Level stating the Trump administration is going back through regulations and stance on the Olmsted decision is being questioned now. This is not moving forward until after the elections as there are a lot of elections coming up.

Mr. Mayes shared bills that will be brought to legislation for the State. He discussed the project that effects the blind community. He discussed there is nowhere, agency/service, for blind people between the age of 22 and 55 for orientation services. Legislature may look at allocating funds from Independent Living.

Mr. Mayes went over the drafting of Supportive Decision Making as a recognized means to support and accommodate those with disabilities.

Mr. Mayes discussed the article on sterilization. His agency is looking at the statutes for guardian to approve sterilization. Right now the guardian has to go to a judge to get permission. Mr. Mayes is checking into what the judge looks at to make the determination of sterilization. His agency wants people to prove that sterilization is the only option.

Ms. Horn discussed the Supportive Decision Making as she was on the workgroup with Judge Doherty. The Council has met with Assemblyman Sprinkle and the JUSTinHope Foundation on a BDR in regards to First Responder Training for individuals with I/DD and getting that into statute.

Ms. Horn discussed the objective in the 5 year State Plan on accessibility. The State is looking at hiring a company for ADA website compliance. She has been part of the discussions along with Jennifer Frischmann to provide support on why it is needed and necessary.

Ms. Perez discussed the ban on straws. She was wondering if the Council could write something about the ban and the effect it could have on the disability community and those who rely on the use of straws in their daily living. Mr. Mayes stated an individual created a motion for single use plastic straws. It has been banned in certain communities and they wanted a State wide ban. But, there has been some push back from those with disabilities who rely on straws to drink. They are looking at you may have to ask for a straw instead of automatically getting one. Currently, there is no National movement. Mr. Mayes suggested a letter to the editor may be the way to go to get publicity for those who need straws.

Mr. Mayes suggested updating the Position Statements. Ms. Horn agreed there needs to be revisions and additions. She would like to get some Council members together to update the Position Statements. Ms. Perez stated she would like to be part of that group.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to move forward to update and adding more Position Statements of the NGCDD. Lisa Bonie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Make Recommendation on Committee Name Change

Ms. Horn discussed the recommendation to change the name of the Committee from Legislative Committee to the Policy Committee. She explained the Committee should meet on a more regular basis to discuss proposed policies in the State and Nationally.

**Ms. Perez made a motion to change the name from Legislative Committee to Policy Committee. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

# Public Comment

Ms. Portnell asked if there was any public comment.

Ms. Bonie stated NNCIL will be hiring a part-time housing specialist to assist those with disabilities find housing. When all the information is complete, she will get it out to the community.

# Adjournment

Ms. Portnell adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.