**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from December 19, 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: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Committee Chair; Lisa Bonie; Jack Mayes; Brian Patchett; Santa Perez; Jodi Thornley

Committee Members Absent: Renee Portnell

NGCDD Staff Present: Kari Horn, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant; Catherine Nielsen, Projects Manager

Guests Present: Javier Fernandez

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega at 9:00 a.m. Executive Assistant, Ellen Marquez verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on December 12, 2018.

# Public Comment

Ms. Palma-Ortega, Committee Chair, asked if there was any public comment. None was given.

# Approval of Minutes from the November 2018 Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega requested a motion be made to accept the November 14, 2018 minutes.

**Santa Perez made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2018 meeting as written.**

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

# Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Ms. Palma-Ortega inquired if someone was interested as being the Vice Chair of the Policy Committee. Jodi Thornley stated she was interested. Ms. Palma-Ortega appointed Ms. Thornley as the Vice Chair for the Committee.

# National and State Intellectual/Developmental Disability Updates

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred the discussion to Kari Horn and Jack Mayes.

Mr. Mayes reported at the National level, not all the budgets got passed and there is a rumor of a partial Government shut down. He stated Congress did pass a bi-partisan bill reforming criminal justice.

At the State level, everyone is getting ready for the start of Legislature which will be in February. Mr. Mayes stated Nevada’s new Governor, Mr. Sisolak, will be giving the State of the State January 16, 2019.

Mr. Mayes stated there are some mental health bills Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) will be tracking.

Ms. Horn referred to the handout of BDRs that will be tracked. She stated on a National level she is following the discussion on the regulatory definition of WIOA.

Mr. Mayes requested clarification on the public comment at the December Council Meeting regarding the 700 Hour Program. Catherine Nielsen, via text which was read by Ms. Horn, stated the individual had a concern that the 700 Hour Program was not a reasonable amount of time and wanted the time extended.

Mr. Mayes stated he has been contacted by a lobbyist, Madonna Long. She has been circulating around the State asking questions on employment issues. Brian Patchett stated to Mr. Mayes to have Ms. Long contact him. Mr. Mayes will get him the contact information.

Ms. Palma-Ortega recommended no action be taken at this time and further information can be brought to the next meeting.

# NGCDD Position Statements

Ms. Palma-Ortega began with the position statements discussion from the last meeting then turned it over to Ms. Horn. Ms. Horn read a comment from Ms. Perez in adding to the Health Care to include dental and starting with youth with the importance of dental health, dentists having knowledge of people with disabilities and additional funding for people with intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). Ms. Perez suggested Guardianship/Supported Decision Making should be broader. And with Quality Assurance support compliance with all laws and certifications, licensing standards and contractual obligations.

Ms. Horn opened the discussion by going over the recommendations from the December Council meeting for each of the position statements. Ms. Horn explained a motion would only be needed if there are any recommended changes. Brian Patchett stated these came from the National group, seemed straight forward and had no issues with the statements. Mr. Mayes agreed.

There was a discussion on adding a component to the Health Care position statement or have a separate position statement for dental. Mr. Mayes stated he thought it would be good to add a dental component. Ms. Horn stated she would draft a component and bring it back to the Committee. Mr. Mayes and Ms. Palma-Ortega requested something be added for vision as well.

Ms. Horn inquired if there was a need to draft a Mental Health position statement which would include a mental health dual diagnosis component. Mr. Mayes stated would like to see something, but is not sure if he should push mental health on the Council because there is quite an overlap and Nevada does not address juvenile mental health very well. The Committee agreed to have Ms. Horn draft something to present to the Committee.

Ms. Horn discussed the Public Transportation position statement. There was a proposed addition to establish state/local Coordinating Committee which came from the Kenny Quinn report. She recommended that the Committee wait to discuss after the Transportation Summit. The Committee agreed.

Ms. Horn discussed the Community Support position statement. The proposed modification is to add experience based informed choice. Ms. Perez inquired to have a better definition on informed choice and would like to see a draft with the additional language. Ms. Horn will get a draft together.

Ms. Horn requested Committee members send her recommendations for position statements. Ms. Palma-Ortega recommended Ms. Horn present drafts at the next meeting. The Committee agreed with that recommendation.

# Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

# Public Comment

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was any public comment. None was given.

# Adjournment

Ms. Palma-Ortega adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.