**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2022**

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NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
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# 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/)
* The recording of the meeting may be requested for detailed information by emailing [elmarquez@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:elmarquez@dhhs.nv.gov)
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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Committee Chair; Santa Perez, Vice Chair; Lisa Bonie; Jennifer Frischmann; Jack Mayes; Art Reitz; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Randall Owen

NGCDD Staff Present: Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant; Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Evaluation Committee Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega, at 10:01 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Ellen Marquez verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on February 3, 2022.

# Public Comment

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was any public comment.

* Catherine Nielsen stated the Self-Advocacy Conference registration and speaker applications open on February 14, 2022. The information is posted on the NGCDD website.
* Ms. Marquez reviewed the basic Robert’s Rules of Order.

# Approval of Minutes from the November Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was a motion to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes.

**Santa Perez motioned to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes as written. Art Reitz seconded the motion. The motion passed with Jack Mayes abstaining.**

# First Quarter Project Status Summary for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this agenda item to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen stated the agenda shows “Fourth Quarter . . .” it should read “First Quarter . . .” She referred to the handout in the packet. She highlighted activities, events and committees the NGCDD members and staff have attended.

Ms. Nielsen opened this agenda item for discussion.

# Discussion on Public Health Funding

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the funding for the Developmental Disabilities Councils (DD Councils) the Protection and Advocacy (P&As) and the Independent Living Centers. The DD Councils will receive approximately $80,000 which is set aside for public health infrastructure. The funding begins March 1, 2022 and continues until September 2024.

Ms. Nielsen discussed how the fund should be used and would like to have the Community Health Worker begin in April 2022.

Ms. Nielsen opened this agenda item for discussion.

# Update on Objectives 3.3 and 3.4 Grants

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this agenda item to Ms. Nielsen.

Ms. Nielsen stated Objective 3.3, Housing, has been taken over by a new staff member at the Kenny Guinn Center. She will be connecting with this person to assist them with reporting and financials pertaining to this grant.

Ms. Nielsen discussed Objective 3.4, Transitions. She stated this grant is to educate people in group homes and nursing homes on what options are available.

Ms. Nielsen stated she has spoken with Dale Arquiaga, the new Executive Director of the Kenny Guinn Center (KGC). He mentioned the KGC would not be able to fulfill the obligations for the grant. Ms. Nielsen read the letter from Mr. Arquiaga. She stated the KGC has not spent any funding and explained the plan for using the $50,000.

Ms. Nielsen explained Objective 3.4 is for transitioning for adults who have already left school. She would like to create educational materials for people with disabilities to have their important documents in a binder or other secure place that they can take quickly during an emergency. Ms. Nielsen opened this agenda item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to recommend to the full Council to move the $50,000 for Objective 3.4 to in-house to produce educational materials. Vivian Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Public Comment

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was any public comment.

* Mr. Mayes stated Governor Sisolak is dropping the mask mandate.
* Ms. Bonie stated Norther Nevada Center for Independent Living is offering scholarships for the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Conference in Washington, DC. The scholarships are for one student and two teachers. She will send out the information this week.

# Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Adjournment

Ms. Palma-Ortega adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.