**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2022**

**ZOOM**

**Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**808 West Nye Lane**

**Carson City, NV**

# 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

NGCDD Members Present: Chair, Santa Perez; Vice-Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega; Stacy Alaribe; Jacob Arant; Lisa Bonie; Stacy Carlston; Kirsten Coulombe; Regina Daniel; Diana Davis; Jennifer Frischmann; Vickie Ives; Max Lowe; Jack Mayes; Randall Owen; Ashley Price; Art Reitz; Gabe Tejada; Brynlin Thornley; Vivian Turner

NGCDD Members Absent: Taylor Chaney; Christine Riggi

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Self- Advocacy Coordinator; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager

Public Present: Steven Cohen; Ashlee Cooper; Amy Dewitt-Smith; Maricela Gutierrez; Mark Inouye; Meredith Levine; Dawn Lyons; Carley Murray; Tara Raines; Cora Sutehall; Diane Thorkildson

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice-Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega at 9:03 a.m.

Self-Advocacy Coordinator, Ellen Marquez verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on May 11, 2022.

# Public Comment

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

* Catherine Nielsen introduced/re-introduced new and returning council staff members. She also reminded Council members that the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference registration has closed.
* Lisa Bonie stated the Mark Wellman Adventure Day will be held this Sunday, June 5, 2022 and everyone is invited to join.
* Jack Mayes stated Helen Keller Day would be held this Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Aldeway Park and it is open to the public.

# Approval of Minutes for the March 2022 Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega opened the floor for discussion of the March 3, 2022 minutes.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to accept the March 3, 2022 minutes as written. Vivian Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Max Lowe abstaining.**

# Projects Manager, Self-Advocacy Coordinator, and Executive Assistant Positions

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

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the updates to the Administrative Assistant IV (Executive Assistant), Social Services Program Specialist I (Self-Advocacy Coordinator), and Social Services Program Specialist II (Projects Manager) positions.

Ms. Palma-Ortega stated congratulations on a full council staff.

# Policy Committee

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen reviewed updates and recommendations on Council By-Laws. She reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding. She opened this item for discussion.

**Jennifer Frischmann motioned to approve recommendations on the Council By-Laws and the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Max Lowe abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen reviewed updates and recommendations on Governance Policy including added changes to ensure accessibility of the document along with an update to the Executive Director’s discretionary fund from $10,000 to $15,000. She opened this item for discussion.

**Lisa Bonie motioned to approve updates on the Governance Policy including the added changes to ensure accessibility of the document along with an update to the Executive Director’s discretionary fund from $10,000 to $15,000. Ashley Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Lowe abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen reviewed updates and recommendations on the Consumer Leadership Development Fund. She opened this item for discussion.

Regina Daniel discussed the possibility of changing the wording in the Consumer Leadership Development Fund to raise the rates outlined under the “Funding Limitations” section of the document.

Mr. Mayes agreed and recommended that the document be sent to the Policy Committee to revise the “Funding Limitations” section of the Consumer Leadership Development Fund.

**Ms. Daniel motioned to approve the Consumer Leadership Development Fund as written with the “Funding Limitations” section to be returned to the Policy Committee. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Lowe abstaining.**

Ms. Nielsen reviewed updates and recommendations to the Travel Policy for Non-Council and Council members. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Bonie motioned to approve the Travel Policy as written. Ms. Frischmann seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Lowe abstaining.**

# Presentation from Betty’s Village

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for introductions of the presenters.

Ms. Nielsen introduced Ashlee Copper and Mark Inouye from Betty’s Village.

Ms. Cooper and Mr. Inouye presented on the integrated living models for People with Disabilities found at Betty’s Village. They opened this item for discussion.

# Final Grant Report from the Children’s Advocacy Alliance

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Tara Raines from the Children’s Advocacy Alliance.

Ms. Raines provided a final update on her grant from the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 cycle.

# Mid-Year Update from Grantees

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Marisol Rivas for introductions of the grantees that would be presenting.

Ms. Rivas introduced Maricela Gutierrez from the Just-In Hope Foundation.

Ms. Gutierrez provided presentations on their grant from the FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 cycle. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas introduced Meredith Levine from the Guinn Center.

Ms. Levine provided presentations on their grant from the FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 cycle. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas introduced Amy Dewitt-Smith from the Neighborhood Network of Northern Nevada (N4).

Ms. Dewitt-Smith provide presentations on their grant from the FFY 2022 cycle. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Rivas introduced Cora Sutehall from the Garden Foundation.

Ms. Sutehall provide presentations on their grant from the FFY 2022 cycle. She opened this item for discussion.

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

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Rivas for an in-depth explanation.

Ms. Rivas reviewed the handout in the packet. She discussed the current 5-Year State Plan goals, objectives and activities for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Second Quarter Project Status Summary. She opened this item for discussion.

# Budget Committee

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen provided information on end of year recap for FFY 2021, update for FFY 2022, and provide recommendations for the FFY 2023 budget. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to approve budget amounts for the FFY 23 Activities, Timeline and Funding Matrix. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Lowe abstaining.**

# Evaluation Committee

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

Ms. Nielsen discussed recommendations from the Evaluation Committee including recommendations for the FFY 2023 funding. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Bonie motioned to approve funding amounts for the FFY 23 Activities, Timeline and Funding Matrix. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Lowe abstaining**

# Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference 2022 update

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed updates about the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference 2022 including updates to speakers who will be presenting.

# Anti-Bullying Initiative

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the handout in the packet and how the publication would be utilized. She opened this item for discussion.

# Executive Committee

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this item to Ms. Nielsen for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen stated she had discussed these updates during the prior agenda items.

Ms. Palma-Ortega discussed available membership in the committees and the co-chair position in each.

# Developmental Disabilities Network Partners Summary

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred this agenda item to Mr. Mayes from the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDACL) and Randall Owen from the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED).

Mr. Mayes presented information on current Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) projects and initiatives being done by NDACL. He discussed the services they are providing.

Dr. Owen presented information on current AIDD projects and initiatives being done by NCED. He discussed the services they are providing.

# State Agency Updates

Ms. Palma-Ortega inquired if any agency representatives would like to present updates on disability related information.

Ms. Frischmann from the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) presented on an Olmstead survey project that was partnered with the NCED.

Kirsten Coulombe from the Division of HealthCare Financing and Policy (DHCFP) presented updates to the Medicaid resource page along and the creation of a mobile portal.

Vickie Ives from Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) presented updates on current projects from DPBH and Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health. Ms. Ives also discussed new partnerships in progress with the DPBH.

# Parent/Family Member/Advocate Updates

Ms. Palma-Ortega inquired if any representatives would like to present updates on disability related information.

Ms. Davis presented a PowerPoint discussing a “Vegas Got Talent” show that is being organized in Las Vegas and discussed information on the committee that will be formed.

Ms. Bonie presented information from the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living on scholarships that will be awarded for recipients to attend the national conference.

Ms. Palma-Ortega presented updates to family life as she welcomed her first grandchild, and her son has started working for the school district.

# Agenda Items for Consideration

Ms. Palma-Ortega inquired if anyone had anything they would like to have on future agendas. She deferred to Ms. Nielsen for an in-depth explanation for this item.

Ms. Nielsen stated how to submit suggestions to council staff.

Mr. Mayes discussed adding an item regarding travel reimbursement in the travel policy to be recommended to the Policy Committee.

# Next Meeting Date

Ms. Palma-Ortega stated the next Council meeting is September 1, 2022 and will be via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

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

* Dawn Lyons stated the Statewide Independent Living Council Conference took place May 16-18, 2022, and thanked Ms. Nielsen for attending.
* Ms. Nielsen thanked Ms. Lyons for the invitation.
* Mr. Mayes stated the Journey of Hope Friendship Event would be June 17, 2022at the Boys and Girls Club in Carson City and NDALC would be in attendance.
* Santa Perez thanked Ms. Palma-Ortega for conducting this meeting.

# Adjournment

Ms. Palma-Ortega adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.