**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2023**

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NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
808 West Nye Lane, 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: Santa Perez, Committee Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Max Lowe; Dora Martinez; Jack Mayes; Cindi Swanson; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Renee Portnell; Christine Riggi; Jodi Thornley

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Alysa Marquez, Intern; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by NGCDD Policy Committee Chair, Santa Perez 10:05 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on March 20, 2023.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there was any public comment.

* Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated that she would be attending and presenting at the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association Summit this year with Heather Lafferty from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. The presentation is on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their access and functional needs. She hopes to share this presentation with the council shortly.
* Stacy Alaribe stated that she also would be hosting a presentation in April and she will be sharing additional information with the council.
* Dora Martinez stated that she was thankful for Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director and the NGCDD staff for all the work that they have done this legislative session. She has been able to be present for most of the legislative committee meetings.
* Max Lowe seconded Ms. Martinez’s comments and stated his appreciation for the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Event at the Nevada legislature that was hosted by the NGCDD.
* Cindi Swanson seconded Ms. Martinez’s comments and stated that she will be unmuted during the meeting. She also stated that with the position statements the council has, she hopes they will be able to work well with the Arc of Nevada.

# Approval of Minutes from the January 2023 Meeting

Ms. Perez asked if there was a motion to approve the January 19, 2023 Committee meeting minutes.

**Max Lowe motioned to approve the January 19, 2023 Committee meeting minutes as written. Vivian Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# 2023 Legislative Update

Ms. Perez deferred to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for conversation on the upcoming Legislative session and initiatives.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “BDR List for Legislative Year 2023” and discussion some key bills and initiative the NGCDD has been tracking. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen invited Jack Mayes from the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center to discuss the bills and initiatives they are tracking. She opened this item for discussion.

# Position Statement Discussion

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to “Draft Position on Informed Choice” and summarized the document. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to recommend the approval of the “Draft Position on Informed Choice” with the recommended changes to the Executive Committee. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Policy Discussion

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “AB 161”and discussed proposed bill AB 161 to allow for designation on of communication impairment on driver’s licenses, ID cards, and registration. and the potential impact to the disability community. She opened this item for discussion.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on April 13th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there is any public comment.

* Ms. Nielsen stated that Deaf Day at the Nevada Legislature will be hosted on April 10, 2023. She encouraged the council members to attend and consider joining online for any committee sessions that day.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.