**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2025**

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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe; Kate Osti; Randall Owen; Christine Riggi

Committee Members Absent: Santa Perez; Vivian Turner

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager

NGCDD Staff Absent: Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Fiscal and Outreach Manager; Steven Cohen, Legislative Liaison

Public Present: Sam D’Ambrosio-Garcia

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Evaluation Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe at 10:09 a.m.

Executive Assistant, Rebecca Ortiz verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on May 13, 2025.

# Land Acknowledgment

Ms. Alaribe provided the land acknowledgement as follows: The Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a program whose designated state agency is the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, acknowledges, honors, and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land and recognize the State of Nevada is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu, Newe, Numu, Wa She Shu, and Hopi tribes. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to work alongside our Tribal partners. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in acknowledgement and continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism.

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically. None was given.

# Approval of February Minutes

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was a motion to approve the February 27, 2025 minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Alaribe motioned to approve the February 27, 2025 minutes as written. Christine Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried with Randall Owen abstaining.**

# Second Quarter 2025 Project Status Summary Report

Ms. Alaribe introduced this item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen for a brief overview of the report.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the handout titled “NGCDD FFY 25' Second Quarter Project Status Summary Report”. She gave an in-depth summary of the document and the different projects and activities under each of the objectives of the council. She gave an overview on the 2025 partners of policymaking course, the Developmental Disabilities Awareness day at the Legislature, and different council events . She invited Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager, to speak on the grants under objective 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4 respectively. Ms. Nielsen opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion on Plans for FFY 25 Goals and Objectives

Ms. Alaribe introduced this item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen for further information.

Ms. Nielsen presented information on project planning and funding for FFY 2025. She spoke on current projects in partnership with the Arc of Nevada organization and with the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada. She also spoke on the iCan Bike program set for June of this year. She also discussed the next 5-year state plan drafting process. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion and Review of Current Legislation/issues at the Federal level

Ms. Alaribe introduced this item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen for further information.

Ms. Nielsen provided information on current legislation/issues at the Federal level that impacts individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) in Nevada. This included discussion on the proposed funding cuts to the federal Department of Health and Human Services and the need for contingency planning. She discussed how it is currently a waiting period as nothing has become official yet. She also shared information on how to get in contact with U.S. representatives. She opened this item for discussion.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m. due to loss of quorum**.