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## **NC COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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### **Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes**

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**May 14, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Allen, Victor Armstrong, Amanda Bergen, Katherine Boeck, Rhonda Cox, Allison Dodson, Bryan Dooley, Kerri Eaker, Myron Gavin, Joshua Gettinger, Brendan Hildreth, Rep. Verla Insko, Danielle Matula (for Kelly Kimple), Aldea LaParr, Ronnie Marshall, Kay McMillian, Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Will Miller, Wing Ng, Karey Perez, Anna Ward (for Joseph Piven), Cheryl Powell, Dave Richard, Ryan Rotundo, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler, Dan Smith, Donna Spears, Carla West, Peggy Terhune, Dreama McCoy (for Sherry Thomas), Kathie Trotter

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nakima Clark, Katie Fox, Gary Junker, Kristy Locklear, Senator Mujtaba Mohammed, Laura Richardson, James Stephenson, Sandra Terrell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cora Gibson, Melissa Swartz, JoAnn Toomey, Talley Wells, Shar'ron Williams, Travis Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

**CONTRACTORS/GUESTS PRESENT:** Christina Dupuch, Chris Hendricks, Jill Hinton, Mya Lewis, Karen Martin, Michelle Merritt

#### **WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE**

Kerri Eaker, NCCDD Chair, welcomed the members and she acknowledged Amanda Bergen, Katie Fox and Wing Ng who are rotating off the Council. Kerri asked that any Council member with a potential conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda to identify the specific conflict for documentation in the minutes and recuse, as necessary. She thanked the members for their participation on Thursday.

Allison Dodson conducted the roll call.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Kerri Eaker, Chair asked for approval of the February Council meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes had previously been made available to Council members.

**MOTION:** Ronnie Marshall made a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes. Kat Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Talley gave a brief update on the Council activities since February. He started out by saying that the Council staff have been very busy since February and that the Council started four new initiatives: Peer Mentor Training, Registry of Unmet Needs/Covid, Latino/a/x Webinars and Financial Asset Development Webinars.

Talley shared information that the Council has been busy with Policy and Legislative Education. He mentioned some important bills and funding, including the potential for 1000 new Innovations Waivers, an Identification Bill, Homebound Data, and a concerning bill related to School Discipline. He also mentioned the Council's involvement this year in the virtual Disability Policy Seminar.

He shared information on the Five-Year Planning/Public Comment events. He shared information about 6000 Waiting Film and Panel, Medicaid Tailored Plan Discussions, and the Raleigh DD Awareness and Disability Awareness Stories.

Finally, Talley shared that two new staff were hired, Shar'ron Williams was promoted to Business Officer and Tamira White was hired as our new Systems Change Manager. He discussed recent Executive Committee and related committee discussions related to conflicts of interest, the Leadership contract clarification, and the new member recommendations.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Kerri Eaker gave a brief report on the financial status of the Council. A copy of the report had previously been made available and reviewed with Council members. Shar'ron Williams also gave a brief report in each committee on Thursday.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Rep. Verla Insko gave a brief legislative update, stating that there are a lot of bills coming through and a growing awareness of people with I/DD. They will soon be working on the budget with bills that will support people with I/DD.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aldea LaParr shared information about the digital book that she ,along with Nessie Siler, Ryan Rotundo and former Council member Anna Cunningham have created. The book is filled with stories about the lives of people with disabilities.

Kay McMillian shared information on the NC Youth Leadership Forum that is coming up June 1, 2021. She encouraged the Council to share the information with others.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kerri Eaker requested presentation of committee reports. Please refer to the committee minutes for a detailed description of the committee's work.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee members met February 22, 2021, March 15, 2021, and April 19, 2021. Copies of the minutes were made available to Council members and Kerri asked members to review the minutes and let them know that the minutes are also posted on the NCCDD website.

## **ADVOCACY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Cheryl Powell presented the Advocacy Development Committee report. She thanked all committee members and staff and gave a brief update on the discussions from the Thursday meeting and initiative updates that were presented to the committee.

## FINANCIAL ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dan Smith presented the Financial Asset Development Committee report. He thanked all committee members and staff and gave a brief update on the discussions from the Thursday meeting and initiative updates that were presented to the committee.

## COMMUNITY LIVING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Ryan Rotundo presented the Community Living Committee report. He thanked all committee members and staff and gave a brief update on the discussions from the Thursday meeting and initiative updates that were presented to the committee. The following motions were presented on the floor for Council consideration:

**MOTION:** Kat Boeck made a motion that Liberty Corner Enterprises, Inc. be approved as the applicant selected for the NCCDD initiative entitled ***Supported Living: A How-To Guidebook***, in an amount up to \$75,000 per year of Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project/NC Medicaid/Division of Health Benefits state funds, with required minimum matching funds being waived, for up to two years, with Year 1 beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote with the following contingencies:

- The Work Plan must include a focus on the Hispanic/Latino/Latinx population.
- Ensure that the success stories and “video stories” include at least five different individuals receiving Supported Living Level 2 and Level 3 services.
- Conduct a pilot test of the draft Guidebook with diverse representatives of each stakeholder group from across North Carolina; specify outcomes and collect evaluation data on (a) number/role/demographics/etc. of pilot-group participants, (b) their satisfaction that the Guidebook will enable them to implement Supported Living effectively, and (c) recommendations for improvement in final Guidebook to enhance Supported Living Level 2 and 3 implementation.
- Specify outcomes for “virtual tours” of the Guidebook: participants’ satisfaction with the content/delivery and the anticipated impact that these trainings will have on their role in implementing Supported Living Level 2 and 3 services.
- Project the number of additional people with I/DD who will receive Supported Living Level 2 and 3 services one year after the initiative’s conclusion and provide a statement about how they will sustain the relevance of this guidebook over the next five years.

**MOTION:** Aldea LaParr made a motion for staff of the Council to have authority to release the RFA regarding an initiative entitled ***A Coordinated Campaign to Impact the Registry of Unmet Needs***, in an amount up to \$180,000 per year with required minimum of 25% non-federal matching funds (\$60,000), for up to four years with an additional fifth year, if approved by the Council. Staff will consider all suggestions made by Council members when making any revisions before the RFA is released. In addition, Council staff will have authority to extend the due date for applications, if necessary. Bryan Dooley seconded the motion. Virginia Knowlton Marcus recused herself because she has some concerns about the RFA. The motion was approved by majority vote.

**MOTION:** Anna Ward made a motion that Disability Rights North Carolina, in collaboration with NCCDD, receive funding awarded to the Council from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) NC FY21 ACL NoA - Expanding Disabilities Network's (DD Councils) Access to COVID-19 Vaccines award, for a sole-source initiative in an amount up to \$50,000 with required minimum matching funds being waived by ACL, beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Cheryl Powell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kerri Eaker reviewed the proposed motions for the Administrative and Program budgets for 2021-2022 and for the In-House initiatives of the Council that were reviewed with the members yesterday. The following motions were presented on the floor for Council consideration:

**MOTION:** Dan Smith made a motion to approve the **21-22 Administrative budget** for \$595,772 federal funds and \$90,864 state funds, for a total budget of \$686,636; and to approve the **21-22 Program budget** for \$682,432 federal funds. Ronnie Marshall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Kay McMillan a motion for continuation funding of the In-House **Public Policy** Initiative for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 for an amount up to \$39,000 with match requirement waived since this is an in-house initiative of the Council. Bryan Dooley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Anna Ward made a motion for continuation funding of the In-House **Council Development Fund** Initiative for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 for an amount up to \$30,000 with match requirement waived since this is an in-house initiative of the Council. Aldea LaParr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Donna Spears made a motion for continuation funding of the In-House **Conference Funding** Initiative for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 for an amount up to \$15,000 with match requirement waived since this is an in-house initiative of the Council. Anna Ward seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Dan Smith made a motion for continuation funding of the In-House **Jean Wolff-Rossi Fund for Participant Involvement** Initiative for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 for an amount up to \$20,000 with match requirement waived since this is an in-house initiative of the Council. Allison Dodson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Melissa Swartz gave a brief update on the Five-Year State Plan from the Ad Hoc Committee. The following motion was presented on the floor for Council consideration.

**MOTION:** Brendon Hildreth made a motion to approve the Goals and Objectives of the 2022-2026 NCCDD Five-Year Plan for submission to the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) on August 15, 2021. Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## **DD NETWORK PARTNER UPDATES**

Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Executive Director of Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC) gave an update on some of the activities of DRNC. Their focus has been on Fair Housing work regarding reasonable accommodations. A copy of her report was sent to all Council members.

Anna Ward of the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities gave a brief update on the status of what is happening due to the pandemic. Anna reported that the clinic was still 100% remote but planning to move back by July and that research was getting started, but slowly. She said that all remote training was going reasonably well. A copy of her report was sent to all Council members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

## **ADJOURN**

Kerri asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Smith made a motion to adjourn the May 2021 Council meeting. Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allison Dodson, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_