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## **NC COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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### **Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes**

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**February 11, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senator Sydney Batch, Katherine Boeck, Rep. Terry Brown, Jr., Allison Dodson, Bryan Dooley, Joshua Gettinger, Tony Hall, Gary Junker, Rhonda Cox, Aldea LaParr, Charlrean Mapson, Kay McMillian, Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Will Miller, Sarah Richardson (for Karey Perez), Anna Ward (for Joseph Piven), Cheryl Powell, Rebecca Putnam, Ryan Rotundo, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler, Donna Spears, Dale Stephenson, Peggy Terhune, Sherry Thomas, Kathie Trotter, Carla West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dawn Allen, Nakima Clark, Myron Gavin, Brendon Hildreth, Kristy Locklear, Dave Richard, Laura Richardson, Sandra Terrell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pam Hunter Dempsey, Cora Gibson, David Ingram, LaQuadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Tamira White, Shar'ron Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

**CONTRACTORS/GUESTS PRESENT:** Deepa Avula, Kenneth Bausell, Chris Hendricks, Jill Hinton, Secretary Kody Kinsley, Jamila Little, Karen Martin, Dreama McCoy, Susan McLean, Michelle Merritt, Holly Stiles

#### **WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE**

Bryan Dooley, NCCDD Chair, welcomed the members. Bryan 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. He thanked the members for their participation on Thursday.

Donna Spears conducted the roll call.

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

Donna Spears asked for approval of the November Council meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes had previously been made available to Council members.

**MOTION:** Aldea LaParr made a motion to approve the November 2021 minutes. Dr. Mapson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Talley gave a brief update on the Council's activities since November. Talley told the Council that Bryan Dooley had been appointed as Chair. He made the Council aware of the two new Council members, Rep. Terry Brown, and Rep. Zack Hawkins.

Talley talked about the loss of a current Council member, Ronnie Marshall as well as the loss of two formal Council members, Karen Stallings, and Monica Foster.

Talley talked briefly about the new committee assignments, and the New Public Policy Education Committee in which Marjorie Serralles-Russell is the Chair.

Talley share information about the permanent policy education coordinator position, it was posted, and the interview process is starting.

Talley shared that two of our initiatives presented at i2i conference, Peer Mentoring and First in Families Quillo Connect. He also talked about the Self-Advocacy Discussion Series which went very well and Rep. Hawkins and two leading I/DD policy advocates were a part of one of the discussions.

Talley shared that the council staff are working on potential initiatives, Employer Toolkit, Next Phase Leadership Training, Roommates Matching and Economic Impact.

Talley informed the with Council that Councils had the opportunity to apply for \$80,000 in addition public health funding and that the amount may increase if other councils do not apply .

Finally, Talley shared with the Council that the Council office spaced had moved. The new location is 3109 Poplarwood Court, Suite 105, Raleigh, NC 27604. He thanked all the staff who helped with the move. Talley shared that his wife was hired as a Program Director by HOPE, which is a nonprofit working to develop integrated housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Bryan Dooley 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**

Senator Sydney Batch and Rep. Terry Brown, Jr. gave brief introductions about themselves to the Council. They gave a budget update talking about the 1000 innovative waiver slots and shared information about the study on Medicaid. They also encourage Council members to talk with their legislative representatives.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Philip shared information on the memorial service for Ronnie Marshall.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bryan Dooley requested the presentation of committee reports. Please refer to the committee minutes for a detailed description of each committee's work.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee members met November 16, 2021, December 14, 2021, and January 18, 2022. Copies of the minutes were made available to Council members and Bryan, asked members to review the minutes. Bryan also announced as a reminder that the minutes are also posted on the NCCDD website. The following motions were presented on the floor for Council consideration:

**MOTION:** Ryan Rotundo made a motion to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation for the 2022-2023 NCCDD standing committee chair; Charlrean Mapson, D.Min., for Community Living. Kat Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote.

## **FINANCIAL ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

**MOTION:** Charlrean Mapson, D.Min. made a motion to approve continuation funding to the UNC School of Social Work for the *Making Alternatives to Guardianship a Reality in North Carolina* initiative in an amount up to \$100,000 per year with required minimum of 25% non-federal matching funds (\$33,333), for Year 3 (of 3) from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Kat Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Powell made a motion to approve continuation funding for the *Supported Living: A How-To Guidebook* initiative 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 Year 2 beginning July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Anna Ward seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Anna Ward made a motion for the staff to draft an RFA for a Roommate-Matching Service NCCDD initiative in an amount up to \$90,000 per year with required minimum of 25% non-federal matching funds (\$30,000), for up to three years, with Year 1 beginning October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. Kat Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Kay McMillan made a motion for the NCCDD to fund an Economic Impact Study initiative in an amount up to \$25,000, with a minimum 25% match from The Arc of North Carolina (i.e., \$8,333.33), beginning no sooner than March 1, 2022, and ending no later than December 31, 2022, with the Executive Committee approving the initiative's sole source scope of work and parties. Kat Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote, aside from one recusal. Tony Hall recused himself due to potential conflict of interest due to working at the Arc of the Triangle.

## **ADVOCACY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Aldea LaParr 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, including initiative updates that were presented to the committee. The following motion was presented on the floor for Council consideration:

**MOTION:** Donna Spears made a motion to approve a 3 month, no-cost extension to Community Bridges Consulting Group, for Year 2 (of 2) of the Peer Mentoring for People with I/DD: Second Cohort initiative,

extending the end date from March 31, 2022, to June 30, 2022. Anna Ward seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Kat Boeck made a motion for the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) to provide sole source funding in the amount of \$65,000 with a \$21,666.66 required match to Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC) for six additional months of the leadership training entitled Ability Leadership Project of North Carolina (ALP-NC), starting on March 1, 2022, and ending no later than August 31, 2022. The purpose of this six-month phase will be for DRNC to hire a coordinator for the leadership training and to conduct three additional trainings of the ALP-NC curriculum. Joshua Gettinger, MD, seconded the motion. The motion was Approved by Unanimous vote, with 2 recusals. Susan McLean recused due to employment at DRNC.

## **PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Marjorie Serralles-Russel presented the Public Policy Education Committee report. She thanked all committee members and staff and gave a brief update on the discussions from the Thursday meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bryan Dooley invited members to make nominations from the floor for the one Vice-Chair position being vacated by Bryan Dooley. He explained that members nominated have the option to accept or decline the nomination and if accepted, make a speech to the members. There was one accepted nomination for Vice-Chair.

**MOTION:** Donna Spears made a motion after acclamation and unanimous consent, or majority vote to approve Cheryl Powell as Vice-Chair, completing Bryan Dooley's term (2-year term, January 1, 2021, until December 31, 2023). Kay McMillan Seconded the motion. There was one recusal in the Closed Ballot Vote. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## **DD NETWORK PARTNER UPDATES**

Holly Stiles from Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC) gave an update on some of the activities of DRNC. She talked about the announcement that the state made to phase out the segregated employment and segregated workshops. A copy of Virginia's report was sent to all Council members.

Anna Ward of the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities (CIDD) gave a brief update of their activities. Anna shared that the summer program Hills Prep and Hills Up was coming up and the LENS applications were available. She also talked about Working Together NC, and the new podcasts. A copy of the Anna's report was sent to all Council members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **ADJOURN**

Bryan Dooley, Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Rotundo made a motion to adjourn the February 2022 Council meeting. Rebecca Putman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Spears, Secretary

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