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## **NC COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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### **Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes Hilton Garden Inn, Cary & ZoomGov**

**August 11, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Allen, Katherine Boeck, Keith Carney, Carol Ann Conway, Danielle Matula`` (for Yovonne Copeland), Rhonda Cox, Bryan Dooley, Jonathan D'Angelo, Myron Gavin, Joshua Gettinger, Tony Hall, Rep. Zack Hawkins, Brendon Hildreth, Jamila Little (for Gary Junker), Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Aldea LaParr, Charlean Mapson, Kay McMillian, Will Miller, Sarah Richardson (for Karey Perez), Ryan Rotundo, Nessie Siler, Anna Ward (for Joseph Piven, Rebecca Putnam, Ryan Rotundo, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler, Bethany Smith, Donna Spears, Peggy Terhune, Kathie Trotter, Amy Eaton (for Carla West),

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Senator Sydney Batch, Rep. Terry Brown, Jr., Rep. Zack Hawkins, Cheryl Powell, Korcey Perez, Tacarra Osborne, Dale Stephenson, Sandra Terrell, Peggy Terhune, DPI Representative

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

**CONTRACTORS/GUESTS PRESENT:** Nancy Baker, Beverly Colwell, Caryn Cook, Aleecia Dickerson, Debra Farrington, Bre Goodwill, Darcy Hildreth, Jason Hines, Jill Hinton, Madison Kilgore, Michelle Meritte, Rachel Marcus, Peblo Puente, Devika Rao, Charles Rudso, Sarah Potter, Kim Wilson, Anne Whaley, Ginger Yarbough

#### **WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE**

Bryan Dooley, NCCDD-Chair, welcomed the members. Bryan asked 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 May Council meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes had previously been made available to Council members.

**MOTION 1:** Carol Ann Conway made a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes. Katherine Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Talley Wells, Executive Director of NCCDD, provided an update on the Council's activities since the May 2023 Council meeting.

Talley shared information about the following:

- Film Showing in Asheville in June
- I2i Conference in June Featuring NCCDD Presentations/Initiatives  
-Peer Mentoring/Care Extenders

-Meet the Need/Collective Impact

-DSP Workforce

- I/DD Townhall with Secretary Kinsley and Director Crosbie
- DMH/DD/SUS Funding of Reentry Initiative
- NACDD Executive Director Visit to NCCDD
- I/DD Legislative Caucus: Film Showing to 13 Legislators
- New Latino/a Liaison Irlanda Ruiz Started June 16th.
- Joined Secretary's NC Caregiving Workforce Council
- Community Living Committee Meeting Held Extra Meeting
- Two RFAs Released -- HBCU and Leadership Network
- Fragile X Proclamation and Event in July 2023
- NACDD Conference Featuring NCCDD Presentations/Initiatives
  - DSP Workforce Panel
  - Waiting List Panel
  - Film
  - Peer Mentoring

Talley shared that since May we were able to hire a new staff member, Irlanda Ruiz who is the NCCDD Latino/Liaison.

Talley also shared that we are saying goodbye to Dr. Tamira White who has taken a Position with UNC and thank Tamira for the work she has done while at the NCCDD.

Finally, Talley provided information on upcoming events which are as follows:

- September Providers Conference
- December Winter i2i Conference: Competitive Integrated Employment
- Reentry Initiative Presentation December NADD Conference
- Mini-Grants
- Briefing DHHS Secretary on DSP Workforce Crisis
- Film Showing for DHHS

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bryan Dooley gave a brief report on the financial status of the Council. A copy of the report had previously been made available in advance of the Council Meeting. Shar'ron Williams additionally reviewed the information with Council members on Thursday, giving a brief report and *Question and Answer* session in each committee meeting.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Senator Sydney Batch gave a brief update on where they are with the budget and tax cuts. Senator Batch shared that she is not sure when a final budget will be approved and if they will get the tax cuts.

Madison Kilgore gave a brief update for Rep. Hawkins. Madison share information about how several representatives and senators came together to create a caucus to address some issues that they constantly seeing with transportation, housing and employment. The caucus also had a chance to watch the Unmet film.

## **NC DHHS UPDATE**

Ginger Yarbough gave a brief update on the Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) work. Ginger stated that they are continuing to push forward with the employment work enough though they are waiting on a budget. They are still working to educate the community about employment through technical assistance calls. They are also continuing the lunch and learn with the community at large.

Charles Russo gave a brief overview of his background and he talked about his role in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Katie Trotter shared information about the name change for her division, the pre-employment for students with disabilities. Kathie also shared information about their new program called SPARK.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nicole Willams shared what she was experiencing in the Wake County School System with her son who has a disability. She requested help from her son.

Darcy Hildreth shared information about changing the old “handicap signs” to the new accessible signs.

Carol Ann Conway shared information about the IDD Summit, which is Chapel Hill on October 14, 2023. Carol shared that the summit will be town hall style and the town hall will have advocates promoting housing.

Rachel Marcus shared information about her friend who needed help after being released from prison.

## **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 January 17, 2023, December 19, 2022, and November 21, 2022. Copies of the minutes were available to Council members and Bryan Dooley asked members to review the minutes.

## **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 1:** Donna Spears made a motion to give NCCDD Staff NCCDD to approve the recommendation of the RFA Review Committee to award AKALAKA, Inc. the North Carolina Advocacy Leaders Network initiative in the amount of up to \$90,000 in NCCDD Funds, with AKALAKA, Inc. responsible for 25% in non-federal matching funds (e.g., \$30,000) with Year 1 (of 3) intended to begin on October 1, 2023 and end on September 30, 2024, provided AKALAKA, Inc. meets the following Contingencies:

- On or before September 11, 2023, revise the DD Suite Application, with NCCDD Staff support and guidance available, to include the following:
  - Increased alignment with RFA Deliverables, using plain, clear, and concise language.
  - Marketing Plan
  - Sustainability Plan
- On or before September 11, 2023, attach to the revised DD Suite Application a clear description of the Leadership Empowerment and Advocacy Development-Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes (LEAD-ECHO) Model and its alignment with implementing the revised DD Suite Application and RFA Deliverables (e.g., advocacy development, advocacy education for systems changes, and policy education related to I/DD).
- Include an updated Budget incorporating the DD Suite Application revisions, using NCCDD's Budget Template, which will be sent with this Notice of Award (with Contingencies).
- The revised DD Suite Application will require Executive Committee review and approval with the review anticipated to occur during its (the Executive Committee's) September 18, 2023 meeting.

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. NOTE if Recusal [Anna Ward, Virginia Knowlton Marcus – Potential Conflict of Interest] (Notes will Reflect Individuals who Removed) or Abstain (no Reason needed)

**MOTION 2:** Aldea LaParr made a motion for the NCCDD to provide sole-source funding to Community Bridges Consulting Group to engage in and implement the Ability Leadership Project of North Carolina (ALP-NC) initiative for a period up to 1-year in the amount of \$110,000 with required minimum of 25% non-federal matching funds \$36,667, starting no sooner than October 1, 2023 and ending no sooner than September 30, 2024.

Carol] Ann Conway seconded the motion. The motion was approved/denied by majority/unanimous vote. NOTE if Recusal (Notes will Reflect Individuals who Removed) or Abstain (no Reason needed)

## **COMMUNITY LIVING COMMITTEE**

Charlean Mapson, Chair presented the Community Living 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 motions were presented on the floor for Council consideration:

**MOTION 1:** Donna Spears made a motion to approve continuation funding to the Mental Health Transformation Alliance (MHTA) for the NCCDD initiative entitled Meet the Need NC in an amount up to \$150,000 per year with required minimum of 25% non-federal matching funds (minimum of \$50,000), for Year 3 (of up to 4) beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

Will Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. NOTE if Recusal (Carol Ann Conway, Anna Ward, Bryan Dooley, Jon D'Angelo) (Notes will Reflect Individuals who Removed) or Abstain (no Reason needed)

**MOTION 2:** Charlean Mapson made a motion to authorize NCCDD's staff to draft a Request for Applications (RFA) for a three-year initiative focused on proactively preventing individuals with I/DD from being

incarcerated or entering the justice system through training law enforcement officers and first responders in order to create more awareness of the needs of people with I/DD. The RFA will come with a cost model.

Kay McMillian seconded the motion. The motion was approved, by unanimous vote. NOTE if Recusal (Notes will Reflect Individuals who Removed) or 1- Dale S. Abstain (no Reason needed)

### **FINANCIAL ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Vice -Chair Nessie Siler presented the Financial Asset Development Committee report. She gave a brief update on the discussions from the Thursday meeting, including the initiative updates that were presented to the committee. The following motion was presented on the floor for Council consideration:

**MOTION 1:** Katherine Boeck made a motion for NCCDD to approve the recommendation of the RFA Review Committee to [re-release the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Planning RFA in advance of October 1, 2024, in the amount of up to \$80,000 for Year 1 (of 3), with 25% in non-federal matching. In addition, NCCDD will work to bring to the Executive Committee a proposal to provide sole-source funding to Southeastern Postsecondary Education Alliance and North Carolina Postsecondary Education Alliance, with the requirement that they partner with one or more leaders in the NC HBCU community in an amount totaling up to \$80,000 with 25% in non-federal matching funds to 1) support NCCDD in revising its HBCU IPSE RFA in preparation and intention to re-release it before October 1, 2024 as well as to 2) engage in and implement across North Carolina's 11 HBCUs, IPSE-specific education and awareness on topics including, but not limited to, *What is an IPSE, Starting an IPSE, IPSE Funding, IPSE Collaborations Available*. The intent will be for this sole-source funding proposal to initiate on or before October 1, 2023 and conclude on or before September 30, 2024.

Kay McMillian seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. NOTE if Recusal (Anna Ward – Recusal Conflict of Interest) (Notes will Reflect Individuals who Removed) or Abstain (no Reason needed)

### **PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Marjorie Serralles-Russell 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.

### **DD NETWORK PARTNER UPDATES**

Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Executive Director of Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC) gave a brief update of their activities. All council members received a copy of the report.

Anna Ward of the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities (CIDD) gave a brief update of the CIDD's activities. All council members received a copy of the report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION 1:** Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion for the Council to approve the following Executive Committee recommended Council meeting dates:

- February 8 & 9, 2024 (Virtual)
- May 1, 2 & 3, 2024 (Charlotte)

- August 8 & 9, 2024 (Raleigh/Cary)
- November 6, 7 & 8, 2024 (Raleigh/Cary)

Kay McMillian seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote. NOTE if Recusal (Notes will Reflect Individuals who Removed) or Abstain (no Reason needed)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Bryan Dooley, Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nessie Siler made a motion to adjourn the August 2023 Council meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.