

Quarterly Council Meeting

February 8 & 9, 2024

Virtual



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North Carolina Council on
Developmental Disabilities



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2024 COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bryan Dooley: Chair

Jon D'Angelo: Vice-Chair
Bethany Dawn Smith: Secretary
Tony Hall: Chair, Financial Asset Development
Charlean Mapson: Chair, Community Living
Marjorie Serralles-Russell: Chair, Policy Education
Nessie Siler: Vice-Chair
Donna Spears: Chair, Advocacy Development

APPOINTED POSITION/COUNTY

Individual with DD-Forsyth
Individual with DD-Wake
Individual with DD-Pitt
Individual with DD-Wake
Parent-New Hanover
Parent-Mecklenburg
Individual with DD-Dare
Individual with DD-Onslow

Staff: Pam Hunter Dempsey, David Ingram, Talley Wells (Executive Director), Shar'ron Williams

FINANCIAL ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tony Hall, Chair

Dawn Allen
Katherine Boeck
Representative Terry Brown
Kelly Crosbie (DMH/DD/SAS); Alternate: Ginger Yarbrough
Carol Ann Hudgins, Ph.D; Alternate: Dreama McCoy
R.V. Kuser
Rebecca Putnam, M.D.
Nessie Siler
Kathie Smith; Alternate: Kenny Gibbs
Madhav Swaminathan, M.D.
Sandra Terrell; Alternate: *Vacant*
Carla West; Alternate: Amy Eaton

Individual with DD-Wake

Public At Large-Stanly
Individual with DD-Edgecombe
Legislative Representative-Mecklenburg
Agency: DHHS-MH/DD/SAS-Wake
Agency: Dept. Public Instruction-Wake
Individual with DD – Forsythe
Sibling-Buncombe
Individual with DD-Dare
Agency: DHHS-Voc. Rehabilitation-Wake
Parent-Durham
Agency: DHHS-NC Medicaid-Wake
Agency: DHHS-Social Services-Johnston

Staff: Chris Hendricks, Talley Wells (Executive Director), Letha Young

COMMUNITY LIVING COMMITTEE

Charlean Mapson, D. Min., Chair

Senator Sydney Batch
Carol Ann Conway
Rhonda Cox; Alternate: Judith Kirkman
Jonathan D'Angelo
Debra Farrington (DHHS); Alternate: Deb Goda
Joshua Gettinger, M.D.
Brendon Hildreth
Gary Junker, Ph.D.; Alternate: *Vacant*
Ryan Rotundo
Bethany Dawn Smith
Dale Stephenson
Peggy Terhune, Ph.D.

Parent-New Hanover

Senate Representative-Wake
Individual/Relative Institution-Orange
Non-Profit Agency-Buncombe
Individual with DD-Carteret
Agency: DHHS
Parent-Buncombe
Individual with DD-Craven
Dept. of Adult Correction-Orange
Sibling-Buncombe
Individual with DD-Pitt
Parent-Wake
Local Non-Governmental Agency-Randolph

Staff: Philip Woodward

ADVOCACY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Donna Spears, Chair

Keith B. Carney
Yvonne Copeland; Alternate: Danielle Matula
Myron Michelle Gavin
Representative Zach Hawkins
Aldea LaParr
Virginia Knowlton Marcus
Kayla McMillan
William Miller
Tocarra E. Osborne
Karey Perez; Alternate: Sarah Smith
Joe Piven, M.D.; Alternate: Anna Ward
Marjorie Serralles-Russell

Staff: Melissa Swartz

PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meets Monthly on 2nd Thursday(s) 10:30AM-12:00PM

Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Chair

Representative Terry Brown
Carol Ann Conway
Yvonne Copeland; Alternate: Danielle Matula
Kelly Crosbie (DMH/DD/SAS); Alternate: Ginger Yarbrough
Jonathan D'Angelo
Bryan Dooley
Kay McMillan
Rebecca Putnam, M.D.
Ryan Rotundo
Nessie Siler
Bethany Dawn Smith
Donna Spears

Staff: Chris Hendricks Contractor: Jill Hinton, Ph.D.

STAFF

Talley Wells

Pam Hunter Dempsey
Chris Hendricks
Cora Gibson
David Ingram
La'Quadia Smith
Melissa Swartz
Shar'ron Williams
Philip Woodward
Letha Young
Vacant

Individual with DD-Onslow

Parent-Pender
Agency: DHHS-W/C Health-Wake
Parent-Craven
Parent-Durham
Individual with DD-Wayne
Agency: Disability Rights NC-Wake
Individual with DD-Wake
Individual with DD-Davidson
Parent-Bladen
Agency: DHHS-Aging & Adult Services-Wake
Agency: Carolina Institute on DD-Orange
Parent-Mecklenburg

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Legislative Representative-Mecklenburg
Individual/Relative Institution-Orange
Agency: DHHS-W/C Health-Wake
Agency: DHHS-MH/DD/SAS-Wake
Individual with DD-Carteret
Individual with DD-Forsyth
Individual with DD-Wake
Sibling-Buncombe
Sibling-Buncombe
Individual with DD-Dare
Individual with DD-Pitt
Individual with DD-Onslow

Executive Director

Systems Change Manager
Public Policy Education Coordinator
Administrative Specialist II
Director of Operations
Business Services Coordinator
Systems Change Manager
Business Officer
Systems Change Manager
Administrative Specialist I
Systems Change Manager



Meeting: NC Council on Developmental Disabilities
Location: ZoomGov

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AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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8:30 – 8:45 AM **WELCOME AND KICK-OFF to 2024**.....**Bryan Dooley, NCCDD Chair**

8:45 - 9:30 AM **ALL AGES ALL STAGES**.....**Rebecca Freeman, Division of Aging and Adult Services**

9:30 - 10:00 AM **BREAK**

10:00 – 11:30 AM **INITIATIVE UPDATES & FUNDING DISCUSSIONS/REQUESTS**

~Media Relations Request for Proposals – Update
~Federal Budget - Update
~Plain Language Training Initiative – Discussion on Approach(es)
.....**Talley Wells, Executive Director of NCCDD**

~Competitive Integrated Employment Summit – Update
~National APSE Conference in Charlotte, NC (2024) - Discussion
.....**Tony Hall, Chair of Financial Asset Development Committee**

~Supported Living How-to Guidebook – Final Report
.....**Charlean Mapson, D. Min., Chair of Community Living Committee**

~Disability Rights NC – I/DD Leadership Development Training – Final Report
.....**Donna Spears, Chair of Advocacy Development Committee**

~NCCDD Financial Update
.....**Shar’ron Williams, Budget Officer of NCCDD**

11:30 – 12:30 AM **LUNCH BREAK**

12:30 – 1:00 PM **PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE**.....**Jill Hinton, NCCDD Policy Analyst, and Chris Hendricks, NCCDD Public Policy Education Coordinator**

1:00 – 1:30 PM **NC General Statute Changes – NCCDD and Beyond**.....**Lisa Corbett, J.D., Office of General Counsel, NC DHHS**

1:30 – 4:15 PM **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
Advocacy Development.....Breakout Room ‘Advocacy Development’
Community Living..... Breakout Room ‘Community Living’
Financial Asset Development..... Breakout Room ‘Financial Asset’

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024
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- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **WELCOME, CONFLICT OF INTEREST & SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS**.....Bryan Dooley
- 8:45 - 8:55 AM **ROLL CALL**.....Bethany Smith
- 8:55 - 9:00 AM **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**..... Bethany Smith
- 9:00 - 9:20 AM **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**.....Talley Wells
- 9:20 - 9:40 AM **I/DD MEDICAID UPDATE**.....LaCosta Parker, NC DHB
- 9:40 - 9:45 AM **FINANCIAL REPORT**.....Bryan Dooley
- 9:45 - 10:10 AM **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**.....Representatives Brown and Hawkins/Senator Batch
- 10:10 - 10:25 AM **PUBLIC COMMENT***.....Bryan Dooley
- 10:25 – 11:00 AM **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM **NC DHHS UPDATE**.....NC DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley
- 11:30 - 12:30 PM **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - Executive Committee.....Bryan Dooley
 - Advocacy Development..... Donna Spears
 - Community Living.....Charlrean Mapson, D. Min.
 - Financial Asset Development.....Tony Hall
 - Public Policy Education Committee.....Marjorie Serralles-Russell
- 12:30 – 1:00 PM **NEW BUSINESS**
 - ~Disability Rights NC Update.....Virginia Knowlton Marcus/Susan McLean
 - ~Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities Update.....Joe Piven/Anna Ward
 - ~NC Vocational Rehabilitations Services Update.....Kathie Smith
- 1:00 – 1:15 PM **OLD BUSINESS**
- 1:15 PM **ADJOURN**

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Council Minutes



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Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes Hilton, Greenville, NC & ZoomGov

November 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Allen, Katherine Boeck, Rep. Terry Brown, Jr., Carol Ann Conway, Danielle Matula (for Yvonne Copeland), Kelly Crosbie, Bryan Dooley, Jonathan D’Angelo, Myron Gavin, Joshua Gettinger, Tony Hall, Carol Ann Hudgens, Gary Junker, Aldea LaParr, Charlrean Mapson, Will Miller, Karey Perez, Anna Ward (for Joseph Piven), Rebecca Putnam, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Bethany Smith, Donna Spears, Amy Eaton (for Carla West).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Senator Sydney Batch, Rhonda Cox, Rep. Zack Hawkins, Brendon Hildreth, Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Tocarra Osborne, Nessie Siler, Dale Stephenson, Peggy Terhune, Sandra Terrell

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Hunter Dempsey, Cora Gibson, Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, La’Quadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Shar’ron Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

CONTRACTORS/GUESTS PRESENT: Kenneth Bausell, Rylan Carlson, Beverly Colwell, Caryn Cook, Adam Combs, Dreama McCoy, Pablo Puente, Devika Rao, Ginger Yarbrough

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 August Council meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes had previously been made available to Council members.

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

NEW MEMBER AFFIRMATION

Judge Carolyn Thompson conducted an affirmation to the Council and the State of North Carolina for the following newest Council members and alternates: Yvonne Copeland, Carol Ann Hudgens, and Ginger Yarbrough. Donna Spears, Jon D’Angelo, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Danielle Matula, Amy Eaton, Dr. Charlrean Mapson, Dr. Junker, Bethany Smith, and Kelly Crosbie.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Talley Wells, Executive Director of NCCDD provided an update of the Council’s activities since the August 2023 Council meeting. First, Talley shared that the Council presented at and/or engaged in several meetings which are as follows: Secretary Kinsley and DHHS Leadership on Workforce Shortage (Presentation); NC Provider’s Council (Presentation); NC APSE Conference (Presentation) and the PACID Conference in Chapel Hill on 11/15/23.

Talley then shared updates on the Council's work relating to the following taskforces:

- NC Caregiver Council
- All Ages/All Stages
- EJEC (Essential Jobs, Essential Care)
- Work Together NC

Talley also updated on the following:

- NC Budget (Passed)- Medicaid Expansion (Starting Up)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Inclusive Postsecondary Education – Initiative Start
- ALP-NC Train the Trainer – Additional Efforts/Trainings Started
- Disability Leadership Network – Initiative Start
- Community Living Mini-Grants Released, Applied for & Awarded (7)
- Proactive Approaches to Justice RFA – RFA Developed
- Guardianship Health Proposal - Developed
- Policy Data Proposal - Developed
- The Council said Goodbye to Dr. Tamira White
- Interviews Started for Systems Change Manager Position
- Worked on Potential Revisions to State's NCCDD Statute(s)

Finally, Talley shared a brief schedule of upcoming events for the Council, which are:

- December Winter i2i Conference: Competitive Integrated Employment
- Reentry Initiative Presentation in December at NADD Conference
- Mini-Grants – Work Initiating
- Upcoming Requests for Applications (Proactive Approaches to Justice)
- Media Relations Request for Proposals (RFP) Posted in Late 2023
- Learning More on Federal Budget and its Impact on NCCDD FY 2024 Budget

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 Wednesday, giving a brief report and *Question and Answer* session in each committee meeting.

NC DHHS UPATE

Kenneth Bausell gave a brief update on Medicaid Expansion. Kenneth mentioned that more North Carolinians can get healthcare through Medicaid due to the federal matching rate (FMAP) on state healthcare expenditures. Kenneth also shared information about services NC Medicaid covers as well as an overview of the Medicaid Expansion Tool Kit, other related Medicaid Expansion resources and Medicaid Expansion outreach efforts (e.g., Medicaid Essentials Public Outreach, Family Planning Flyer, ePASS Demo, etc.), and Medicaid Expansion.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Representative Terry Brown, Jr. gave a brief legislative update sharing information on:

- Innovations Waiver Slots – Funding for Additional 350 Individuals with I/DD (\$10 Million, Recurring)
- Competitive, Integrated Employment (\$5 Million, Recurring)
- Career Pathways Support for Students with Intellectual Disabilities – Funds for Regional Supp. Network
- Medicaid Expansion
- Short Session Discussions: Additional Funds Opening Up to Consider for I/DD Needs and Efforts
- Short Session Efforts/General Discussions/Bill Discussions Start in January 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adam Combs, Co-Founder of NC Direct shared information about Waypoint Adventure. Adam stated that Waypoint runs a variety of different outdoor adventure programs focused on making them accessible to people with disabilities. Waypoint's mission is challenging people with disabilities to discover their purpose, talents, and strengths so - in addition to supporting individuals in going out having fun again - Waypoint provides fully accessible adventure programs like hiking, kayaking, and rock climbing. Waypoint also supports organizations and individuals in designing such programs. Adam stated that Waypoint Adventure believes that when you think about Waypoint's mission statement and discover your purpose, talents, and strengths - you also discover peace.

Dr. Joshua Gettinger and Dr. Rebecca Putnam talked about and MAHEC, Vaya Health, and Dr. Putnam's upcoming Poster Presentation on 'A Collaborative Consultative Model for Enhancing the Care of Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Within the Framework of Enhancing Resident Education' at the American Public Health Association's National Conference. Dr. Gettinger and Dr. Putnam provided an overview of the Problem, the MAHEC Consultative Clinic, the Clinic's Goals, and the Current State (Through may 2023) – sharing that the IDD clinic has been open since 2017, reviewed the clinic's referral sources and numbers, and outlined that the clinic teaches doctors how to collaborate and work with adult patients who have developmental disabilities.

Carol Ann Conway shared with the Council that there are individuals with I/DD who may not earn a living wage, benefit from the Council's efforts, and/or proceed to gain full restoration of guardianship. Carol outlined two stories of individuals/families in crisis to remind the Council of this population and their needs and varieties of experiences. Carol described a Wake County Family in crisis, with no DSP in the last 6 years despite possessing services through the Innovations Waiver and leading to guardian job loss and potential homelessness. As a result, the individual and family are seeking an ICF and/or PRTF Placement. Carol then described another individual in need who's family connected with a Senator, discussed their needs, and received an emergency waiver alongside more services and supports than Carol states are needed.

Kay McMillian thanked the Council for the Conference Fund's Speaker Fees for the 2023 Youth Leadership Forum. Kay also shared information on a housing issue that she experienced, with Kay's HOA informing Kay that Kay's over-3-Year use of an Accessible Parking Spot was no longer allowed, as the HOA does not permit long-term use of Accessible Parking stating that someone else might need to use it. Kay invited the Council to share ideas on resolving the issue outside of the Council meeting.

Bethany Smith provided the Council with an update on Bethany's recent experiences and issues with the healthcare and LME/MCO system in NC and healthcare system in Denver, Colorado.

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 on August 21, September 18, and October 16, 2023. Copies of the minutes were made available to Council members and Bryan Dooley asked members to review the minutes. Ryan Rotundo also announced as a reminder that the minutes are also posted on the NCCDD website.

MOTION: Bryan Dooley made a motion on behalf of the Executive Committee for:

The 2024 NCCDD standing committee chairs as follows; Tony Hall for Financial Asset Development, Charleean Mapson for Community Living, Marjorie Serralles-Russell for the Public Policy Education Committee, and Donna Spears for Advocacy Development Committee.

Will Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

FINANCIAL ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Tony Hall presented the Financial Asset Development Committee report. He thanked all committee members and staff and gave a brief update on the discussions from the Wednesday meeting, including the initiative updates that were presented to the committee.

COMMUNITY LIVING COMMITTEE

Dr. Charleean Mapson, D. Min. Chair presented the Community Living Committee report. She thanked all committee members and staff and gave a brief update on the discussions from the Wednesday meeting, including initiative updates that were presented to the committee. The following motions were presented on the floor for Council consideration:

MOTION: Charleean Mapson, D. Min. made a motion on behalf of the Community Living Committee to authorize NCCDD to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for a three-year *Proactive Approaches to Justice for People with I/DD* initiative. NCCDD's staff, with final approval from the Executive Committee, will have the authority to determine the following information to add to the draft RFA that the Community Living Committee received on November 3rd:

- The release date and due date;
- The funding amount with a required 25% minimum non-federal match;
- Add measurable outcomes beyond numbers trained and any language relevant to this;
- Information regarding the RFA process, itself, such as clarification within the RFA as to what constitutes a completed application in order to ensure that applicants will submit complete, rather than incomplete, applications.
- Information requiring a gap and availability analysis during the first year of the initiative to see where the needs are for training and what those needs are to try to meet these needs in the second and third years of the initiative.

Katherine Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Kay McMillian made a motion to authorize NCCDD to fund a sole-source initiative with UNC Cares (also known as the Center for AGing Research and Educational Services) for up to \$25,000 using funding from the (SCPH) Expanding the Public Health Workplace within the Disability Network: DD Councils program award (P.L. 117-2 and P.L. 116-131 - Federal Fund # 2201NCSCPH-00) made available by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in 2022 to be spent by September of 2024, and as needed, from NCCDD's Federal Fiscal Year 2023 and/or Federal Fiscal Year 2024 funds from the ACL between now and September 30th, 2024 focused on educating individuals, agencies, and organizations across North Carolina about the new Guardianship Rights law (Senate Bill 615 signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on September 28th, 2023) and healthcare decision-making rights.

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

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 Wednesday meeting, including initiative updates that were presented to the committee.

PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Marjorie Serralles-Russell presented the Public Policy Education Committee report. She gave a brief update on the committee's activities and on the discussions from the Wednesday meeting. The following motion was presented on the floor for Council consideration:

MOTION: Majorie Serralles-Russell made a motion on behalf of the Public Policy Education Committee to direct the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) to draft a short-term, six-month, \$25,000 data initiative through either a Request for Application or, if necessary and appropriate, a Sole Source. The Public Policy Committee recommends that NCCDD, after drafting the Data Initiative Proposal, discuss it with leaders at DHHS, particularly at the Division of Health Benefits and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services. NCCDD then would bring the proposal to the Executive Committee for final approval. The anticipated end date of the Data Initiative is September 30, 2024, though those details are requested to be outlined in the Data Initiative Proposal that receives ultimate review through the Executive Committee.

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan Dooley invited members to make nominations from the floor for the one Vice-Chair position being vacated by Ryan Rotundo. He explained that members nominated have the option to accept or decline the nomination and if accepted, make a speech to the members. Bryan thanked Ryan Rotundo for his service as Vice-Chair and for his time served on the Executive Committee. There was one (1) accepted nomination(s) for Vice-Chair and the motion occurred as follows:

MOTION: Bryan Dooley made a motion after nomination, acclamation, and unanimous consent, to approve Jon D'Angelo as Vice-Chair, for a 2-year term, January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025. The motion was approved with unanimous consent.

Bryan Dooley invited members to make nominations from the floor for the one Secretary position being vacated by Donna Spears. He explained that members nominated have the option to accept or decline the nomination and if accepted, make a speech to the members. Bryan thanked Donna Spears for her service as Vice-Chair and for her time served on the Executive Committee. There was one (1) accepted nomination(s) for Vice-Chair and the motion occurred as follows:

MOTION:

Bryan Dooley made a motion after nomination, acclamation and unanimous consent, to approve Bethany Smith as Secretary, for a 2-year term, January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025. The motion was approved with unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Bryan Dooley, Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debra Farrington made a motion to adjourn the November 2023 Council meeting. Katherine Boeck seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Executive Committee



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FINAL

Executive Committee Minutes

Date: October 16, 2023

Time: 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Members Present: Bryan Dooley (Chair), Aldea LaParr, Charlean Mapson, D. Min., Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler

Members Absent: Tony Hall, Ryan Rotundo, Donna Spears

Staff Present: Pam Dempsey, Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, La'Quadia Smith, Talley Wells, Shar'on Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

Guests/Council Members Present: Carol Conway

I. Call to Order

Bryan Dooley called the meeting to order and welcomed the members calling in.

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the August 21, 2023 Executive Committee meeting.

Aldea LaParr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. ED Update

ROSSI FUND MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to Increase the in-state event limitation of \$2,400 for the Jean Wolff-Rossi Fund for Participant Involvement for the i2i 2023 Winter Conference and CIE Summit, instead setting the limit for those attending the i2i 2023 Winter Conference alone (December 7-8, 2023) to \$3,600 total and for those either attending only the CIE Summit (December 6) or the CIE Summit and the 2023 Winter Conference to \$4,500 and/or for individuals attending the CIE

Summit alone, raising the potential total for the i2i Conference limit to \$8,100. In addition, NCCDD will also increase the individual/household limit to \$800 instead of \$600 for this in-state event (2023 Winter Conference and/or CIE Summit).

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Community Living Mini-Grants

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion for the NCCDD to contract with organizations to implement the Community Living Mini-Grants (CL Mini-Grants) initiative within the following requirements:

- The amounts awarded will remain within the parameters set through the May 2023 CL Mini-Grants motion, as amended through the July 2023 Executive Committee CL Mini-Grants motion (i.e., in amounts no less than \$5,000, starting as early as October 1, 2023, ending no later than September 30, 2024, with required 25% non-federal match) and in alignment with NCCDD staff's recommendations to limit individual CL Mini-Grant award maximums of \$25,000 in NCCDD Funds and an amended overall Mini-Grant award maximum of \$125,472, with an understanding that CL Mini-Grants engaging in Information Technology efforts may require NC DHHS Information Technology Division security and/or other related IT approvals prior to initiating.
- Provide [Zab's Place] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$25,000, with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to its proposed \$67,045 match)
- Provide [Bloom Fitness Corporation] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$25,000, with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to its \$118,900 proposed match) with the following Recommendation: Bloom Fitness Corporation will provide NCCDD with additional information on Blue West Group Homes.
- Provide [East Carolina University] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$19,972, with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to \$6,657)
- Provide [Autism Grown Up] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$14,000, with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to \$4,667)

- Provide [National Leadership Consortium, an Affiliate of CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$19,528, with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to \$6,509)
- Provide [Best Buddies] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$15,000 with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to its proposed \$70,019) with the following recommendation: Best Buddies will provide clarification on the intended locations of these efforts.
- Provide [Chapters Ahead] CL Mini-Grant initiative funding in an amount up to \$6,500, with 25% in required minimum matching funds (up to their proposed \$3,563)

In addition, the Executive Committee directs NCCDD staff to look into the possibilities of using Public Health Funds through OMB Approval Number 0985-0033 or additional NCCDD FFY2023 or FFY2024 Funds to engage in work suggested through the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center, Center for Aging Research and Educational Services, FIRST, and L'Arche North Carolina proposals and present to the EC or Council on recommendations.

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

V. 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Dates

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the Set the 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Dates as Follows:

Times: 10:30AM-12:30PM

Dates: January 16th (Tuesday due to MLK Day on January 15th)
February 19th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, July 15th,
August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th,
December 16th

Aldea LaParr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VI. IDEAL COMMUNITIES LETTER

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to write a statement to NCHFA stating that NCCDD supports the IDEAL Communities comments submitted to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) on NCHFA's *draft* 2024 Qualified Allocation Plan.

Aldea LaParr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VII. Conference Funding Request

None Discussed – Time and Quorum Limitations

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:45PM

NC Council on Developmental Disabilities

FINAL

Executive Committee Minutes

Date: November 7, 2023

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Members Present: Bryan Dooley (Chair), Tony Hall, Aldea LaParr, Charlean Mapson, D. Min., Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler, Donna Spears

Members Absent: Ryan Rotundo

Staff Present: Pam Dempsey, Cora Gibson, Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, La'Quadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Shar'ron Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

Guests/Council members Present: Jon D'Angelo, Bethany Smith, Lily Gullion, Pablo Puente

I. Call to Order

Bryan Dooley called the meeting to order and welcomed the in-person members as well as the members calling in.

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the October 16, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Council Membership – VOTE

NEW MEMBER MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion for: NCCDD to recommend to NC Boards and Commissions that Gabi Angelini (Slot) and RV Kuser (Slot) are appointed to serve on the Council. Discussion ensued, requesting more information on the remaining applications for the Council. Donna requested the motion be taken down.

Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion for:
NCCDD to recommend to NC Boards and Commissions that [Dr. Madhav Swaminathan (Slot 2: Council Member # 32)] and [RV Kuser(Slot 1: Council Member #16)] are appointed to serve on the Council.

Slot 1: Individuals with DD (16)

Slot 2: Individuals with DD and parents or immediate relatives/guardians of an individual with DD (32)

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion for the following candidates to be considered for NCCDD membership:
Dr. M & RV.

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Committee Leadership – VOTE

MOTION:

The 2024 NCCDD standing committee chairs; Tony Hall for Financial Asset Development, Charlean Mapson for Community Living, and Marjorie Serralles-Russell for the Public Policy Education Committee. The Executive Committee recommends discussion with the Full Council on the Committee Chair for the Advocacy Development Committee.

Dr. Charlean Mapson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

V. Conference Funding Request (1) – VOTE

CONFERENCE FUNDING MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to approve the Conference Funding request from the North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance in the amount of up to \$3,000 for Speaker’s Fees and Travel for the 2024 North Carolina Down

Syndrome Conference to be held April 27, 2024 at Alamance Community College in Graham, NC.

Tony Hall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Conference Funding Request (2) – VOTE

CONFERENCE FUNDING MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the Conference Funding request from HOPE NC in the amount of up to \$1,443.80 for Speaker's Fees and Travel for the HOPE's 2nd Annual Inclusive Housing Summit held November 13, 2023 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center at NC State University in Raleigh, NC.

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was denied by unanimous vote.

Aldea LaParr made a motion to deny the Conference Funding request from HOPE NC in the amount of up to \$1,443.80 for Speaker's Fees and Travel for the HOPE's 2nd Annual Inclusive Housing Summit held November 13, 2023 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center at NC State University in Raleigh, NC. Discussion ensued delineating that discussion with NCCDD's National Technical Assistance Center recommended that HOPE NC's Executive Director's relationship with NCCDD's Executive Director, and some members of the Executive Committee suggest that it has the appearance of a potential conflict of interest.

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

VI. Adjourn

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Bryan Dooley adjourned the meeting at 11:54AM.

NC Council on Developmental Disabilities

FINAL

Executive Committee Minutes

Date: December 18, 2023

Time: 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Members Present: Bryan Dooley (Chair), Charlrean Mapson, D. Min., Ryan Rotundo, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler, Donna Spears

Members Absent: Tony Hall and Aldea LaParr

Staff Present: Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, La'Quadia Smith, Talley Wells, Shar'ron Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

Guests/Council members Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Dooley called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the November 7, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. ED Update

Talley Wells discuss the following:

- a. The National APSE Conference coming to Charlotte in 2024
- b. The upcoming 'Unmet' film showing in Charlotte in 2024
- c. Adding-in visual descriptions into the 'Unmet' film

IV. Motions

a. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

MOTION: COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion for: NCCDD to approve the

Committee Assignments 2024, as e-mailed out on 12.18.2023, incorporating Madhav Swaminathan M.D., Kelly Crosbie, and R.V. Kuser into the Financial Asset Development Committee, transitioning Carol Ann Conway into the Community Living Committee and Donna Spears, as its Chair, into the Advocacy Development Committee. In addition, the Public Policy Education Committee is as follows:

Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Chair

Representative Terry Brown
Carol Ann Conway
Kelly Crosbie; Alt: Ginger Yarbrough
Jonathan D'Angelo
Bryan Dooley
Kay McMillan
Dr. Rebecca Putnam
Nessie Siler
Bethany Dawn Smith
Donna Spears
Ryan Rotundo
Yvonne Copeland; Alternate: Danielle Matula

Parent-Mecklenburg

Legislative Representative-Mecklenburg
Individual/Relative Institution-Orange
Agency: DHHS-MH/DD/SAS-Wake
Individual with DD-Carteret
Individual with DD-Forsyth
Individual with DD-Wake
Sibling- Buncombe
Individual with DD-Dare
Individual with DD-Pitt
Individual with DD-Onslow
Sibling - Buncombe
Agency: DHHS-W/C/ Health-Wake

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

b. NO COST EXTENSION

MOTION: Ryan Rotundo made a motion for: To approve the NCCDD to engage in a No-Cost Extension with Employment Source, Inc. to extend the end-date of the Benefit Counseling Expansion Demonstration Project's Year 3 (of 3) for three (3) months, from December 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Charlrean Mapson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

c. I/DD SERVICES CHAMPION

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to: Amend the May 2023 motion:

Approving the NCCDD to [enact] the recommendation of the RFA Review Committee to re-release the I/DD Services Champion initiative Request for Applications (RFA) with the intent to start Year 1 (of 3) on or before January 1, 2024, with more information in the RFA to detail that the successful applicant will: Outline how they will create a strong action plan for getting people with lived experience employed in leadership roles.

Partner with agencies that are successful in supporting people with lived experience to be employed in leadership roles. Plan must detail which partners will be established and how they will work collaboratively to increase employment in leadership roles.

Demonstrate the ability to research the capacity to increase employment opportunities in the I/DD service system. The successful candidate must demonstrate an understanding of the current state of employment in leadership roles in the I/DD service system for individuals with lived experience and explain how they will champion employment for individuals with lived experiences in those roles.

Demonstrate an ability to cultivate leadership opportunities for people with lived experience.

Furthermore, NCCDD staff will consider increasing the funding from \$80,000/Year (with 25% non-federal matching funds), engaging in a Request for Information (RFI) process to support the investigation in cost-modeling. NCCDD staff will have authority to extend the start-and-end date and funding amount of the RFA, if necessary, and are directed to consider all RFI-related and other suggestions made by Council members when making any revisions to the RFA.

To instead read, to approve that the NCCDD will not re-release the I/DD Services Champion initiative Request for Applications (RFA).

Ryan Rotundo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

d. CENSUS DATA CONCERN LETTER

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to: Approve the Council to sign on to the Census Data Concern Letter e-mailed out to the EC on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 2:59PM EST.

Ryan Rotundo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

V. Financial Report and Expenses/Match Update

Shar'ron Williams provided a financial update

VI. ADJOURN

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting.

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Bryan Dooley adjourned the meeting at 11:54AM.

NC Council on Developmental Disabilities

DRAFT

Executive Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Members Present: Bryan Dooley (Chair), Jon D’Angelo, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Nessie Siler, Bethany Smith, Donna Spears

Members Absent: Tony Hall, Charlrean Mapson, D. Min.

Staff Present: Pam Dempsey, Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, La’Quadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Shar’ron Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

Guests/Council members Present: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Dooley called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the December 18, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.

Jon D’Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. ED Update

Talley Wells provided updates and discussed the following:

- Data Initiative – **VOTE**

DATA INITIATIVE MOTION: Bethany Smith made a motion to approve the Data Proposal, as approved at the November Council meeting and providing Sole-Source Funding to Michelle

Franklin, Ph.D. on her own, or through an LLC or similar entity, or through Duke University to engage in the Data Initiative in the amount of \$25,000 in NCCDD funds, with non-federal matching funds waived for an anticipated period of up to six (6) months, starting no sooner than January 16, 2024 and ending no later than September 30, 2024.

[November Council Meeting Motion]Direct the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) to draft a short-term, six-month, \$25,000 data initiative through either a Request for Application or, if necessary and appropriate, a Sole Source. The Public Policy Committee recommends that NCCDD, after drafting the Data Initiative Proposal, discuss it with leaders at DHHS, particularly at the Division of Health Benefits and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services. NCCDD then would bring the proposal to the Executive Committee for final approval. The anticipated end date of the Data Initiative Proposal is September 30, 2024, though those details are requested to be outlined in the Data Initiative Proposal that receives ultimate review through the Executive Committee.

Marjorie Serralles-Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- Charlotte Meeting Evening Activity
- Copyright discussion/ALP – **VOTE**

IP CONSULTATION MOTION: Jon D’Angelo made a motion to approve NCCDD to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Community Bridges Consulting Group (CBCG) agreeing to negotiate ‘in good faith’ some type of shared ownership, creative commons license, or other potentially perpetual licensing of Intellectual Property (IP) related to the Ability Leadership Project of North Carolina (ALP-NC) Initiative curriculum and also Approve NCCDD to seek IP legal consultation for up to \$10,000 through NC DHHS and/or external to NC DHHS regarding shared ownership or Creative Commons Licensing in the context of NCCDD’s State and Federal requirements and the interests of the Council and I/DD community.

Marjorie Serralles-Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- Federal Budget Update/Spending

IV. Financial Report and Expenses/Match Update

Shar'ron Williams provided the financial update.

V. Conference Funding – VOTE

CONFERENCE FUNDING MOTION:

Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve using In-House Conference Funds to support the North Carolina state chapter of the National Association of People Supporting Employment First (NC APSE)'s *30 Years of Employment for All* event on March 13-15, 2024 at the Courtyard by Marriott Carolina Beach at Carolina Beach, NC for up to \$2,500 in Honorarium (i.e., speaker's fees).

Nessie Siler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VI. Financial Report and Expenses/Match Update

Shar'ron Williams provided the financial update.

VII. Council Meeting/Member Survey Review

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the November Council Meeting Member surveys.

VI. ADJOURN

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting.

Bryan Dooley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Bryan Dooley adjourned the meeting at 12:03PM.

Advocacy Development Committee



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Draft

Advocacy Development Committee Agenda

Tuesday, February 8, 2024

1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

Location: Council Meeting ZoomGov (via Breakout Room) - Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1619990728?pwd=c3pqQUk2UU5Da2hvVFg2UExqZ2lnQT09>

Virtual Meeting ID: 161 999 0728 (Passcode: 631191)

1:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

5 minutes

Welcome/Approval of Nov. Minutes

ADC ZoomGov Breakout Room (Council Meeting Link – Included Above)

Donna Spears, Chair

1:35 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

20 minutes (1:55)

15 minutes (2:10)

15 minutes (2:25)

10 Minutes (2:35)

10 minutes (2:45)

Initiatives Updates

- ALP-NC (CBCG)
- Peer Mentor Training
- NC Advocacy Leaders Network
- Self-Advocate Discussion Series
- Hispanic Disability Advocate

Kelly Woodall, Co-Coordinator

Kelly Friedlander, CEO CBCG

Dr. Victoria Nneji, CEO Akalaka co

Chris Hendricks, NCCDD Staff

Irlanda Ruiz, NCCDD Staff

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

15 minutes

Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

10 minutes

Fiscal Report

Shar'ron Williams, NCCDD Staff

3:10 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.

45 Minutes

Open Discussion & Education

- ADC Member Share

Donna Spears, Chair

3:55 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

10 minutes

Wrap Up and Reminders

- Announcements
- Reminder: Next Council meeting – May 1, 2, & 3, 2024 (Doubletree Charlotte Airport)

Donna Spears, Chair

ADVOCACY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Donna Spears, Chair

Keith B. Carney

Yvonne Copeland; Alternate: Danielle Matula

Myron Michelle Gavin

Representative Zach Hawkins

Aldea LaParr

Virginia Knowlton Marcus

Kayla McMillan

William Miller

Tocarra E. Osborne

Karey Perez; Alternate: Sarah Smith

Joe Piven, M.D.; Alternate: Anna Ward

Marjorie Serralles-Russell

Individual with DD-Onslow

Parent-Pender

Agency: DHHS-W/C Health-Wake

Parent-Craven

Parent-Durham

Individual with DD-Wayne

Agency: Disability Rights NC-Wake

Individual with DD-Wake

Individual with DD-Davidson

Parent-Bladen

Agency: DHHS-Aging & Adult Services-Wake

Agency: Carolina Institute on DD-Orange

Parent-Mecklenburg

Staff: Melissa Swartz, Ph.D.

Advocacy Development Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

10:00am - 1:00pm

Room: Bradford A Room and ZoomGov - Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609790287?pwd=dkdSOWlkYWlVRzVYbWlGSnBzYTZKdz09>

Virtual Meeting ID: 160 979 0287

Members Present: Bryan Dooley, Carol Ann Conway, Myron Gavin, Aldea LaParr (Chair), Danielle Matula for Yvonne Copeland, Kay McMillan, William Miller, Tocarra Osborne, Sarah Richardson for Karey Perez, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Bethany Smith, Anna Ward for Joe Piven,

Members Absent: Keith Carney, Rep. Zack Hawkins, Virginia Knowlton Marcus

Staff in Attendance: Pam Hunter Dempsey, Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, LaQuadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Shar'ron Williams

Guests: DSP/Kay McMillan, DSP/Bethany Smith, Kelly Friedlander, Meredith Huml, Kelly Woodall, Cameron Kempson, Dr. Victoria Nneji, Devika Rao

Welcome/Introductions:

The Advocacy Development Committee (ADC) started with welcome by Aldea LaParr, ADC chair.

Approval of Minutes:

Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the August 2023 Advocacy Development Committee (ADC) minutes including correction of Kay Miller to Kay McMillan in the August Approval of Minutes section. **Carol Conway seconded** the motion. The motion was approved.

Initiative Updates: ALP-NC Coordination and Management, Self-Advocate Discussion Series, Hispanic Disability Advocate, and Film: Unmet Needs

Kelly Woodall & Kelly Friedlander from Community Bridges Consulting Group provided the ALP-NC initiative update. The initiative will complete a facilitator training by the end of November. Staff provided a brief update related to property rights involving the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL). Resolution is expected to occur in December.

NCCDD Staff Chris Hendricks provided an update for the NCCDD Self-Advocate Discussion Series and Irlanda Ruiz provided an update for the Hispanic Disability Advocate Initiative. The SA Discussion Series will continue in 2024. Regarding the Hispanic Disability Advocate Initiative, ADC members request that staff engage more robust engagement planning, including partnerships with DHHS divisions where Spanish materials can be acquired and distributed.

All initiatives are accomplishing or exceeding initiative objectives and reaching important disability communities.

Robin Rayne provided an update for the Film Initiative to the full Council in advance of the ADC meeting. Following additional presentation in the ADC by Robin Rayne and Pam Dempsey about the “Unmet” film initiative, Will Miller lead supplemental discussion related to adding the Audio Descriptive feature to the film. Members suggested the request go to the NCCDD Executive Committee if additional funding must be formally approved for that administrative activity.

Presentation: Youth Lead North Carolina

Kay McMillan and Meredith Huml provided a presentation about the Youth Lead NC program. Members engaged robust and meaningful discussion including encouragement for the Youth Lead NC program to provide a proposal for future funding.

Adjourn (1:07p.m.)

Community Living Committee



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Community Living Committee Agenda (Draft as of January 18, 2024)

February 8, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

ZoomGov-Virtual Meeting ID:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1619990728?pwd=c3pqQUk2UU5Da2hvVFg2UExqZ2lnQTO>

Meeting ID: 161990728

Passcode: 631191

1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Approval of November minutes• Member Development Activity	<i>Dr. Charlean Mapson, Chair</i>
1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Fiscal Report	<i>Shar'ron Williams, Staff</i>
2:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Initiative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported Living: A How-to Guidebook	<i>Jen Waite, Liberty Corner Enterprises</i>
2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the Need NC	<i>Beth Field, Mental Health Transformation Alliance</i>
2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Living Mini-Grants• After the Law: Guiding the I/DD Community to Supported Decision-Making	<i>Philip Woodward, Staff</i>
3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Future Investment Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proactive Approaches to Justice for People with I/DD RFA	<i>Dr. Charlean Mapson, Chair Philip Woodward, Staff</i>
3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Wrap Up and Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Financial Forms• Survey Reminder• Policy Education Committee Every 2nd Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (virtual)• Reminder: Next Council meeting – May 1-2, 2024 (Charlotte)	<i>Dr. Charlean Mapson, Chair</i>

COMMUNITY LIVING COMMITTEE

Charlean Mapson, D. Min., Chair

Senator Sydney Batch

Carol Ann Conway

Rhonda Cox; Alternate: Judith Kirkman

Jonathan D'Angelo

Debra Farrington (DHHS); Alternate: Deb Goda

Joshua Gettinger, M.D.

Brendon Hildreth

Gary Junker, Ph.D.; Alternate: *Vacant*

Ryan Rotundo

Bethany Dawn Smith

Dale Stephenson

Peggy Terhune, Ph.D.

Parent-New Hanover

Senate Representative-Wake

Individual/Relative Institution-Orange

Non-Profit Agency-Buncombe

Individual with DD-Carteret

Agency: DHHS

Parent-Buncombe

Individual with DD-Craven

Dept. of Adult Correction-Orange

Sibling-Buncombe

Individual with DD-Pitt

Parent-Wake

Local Non-Governmental Agency-Randolph

Staff: Philip Woodward

Community Living Committee Minutes Draft

November 8, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jonathan D’Angelo, Bryan Dooley, Debra Farrington, Dr. Joshua Gettinger, Brendon Hildreth, Dr. Gary Junker, Dr. Charlrean Mapson (Chair), Bethany Smith, Dale Stephenson, Dr. Peggy Terhune, Ginger Yarbrough

Members Absent: Senator Sydney Batch, Rhonda Cox, Kelly Crosbie, Ryan Rotundo

Staff Present: Talley Wells, Shar’ron Williams, Philip Woodward

Guests Present: Sharif Brown, Caryn Cook (ASL Interpreter), DSP for Bryan Dooley, Beth Field, Jill Hinton, Stacy Morgan, Sabrina Turner, Kim Wison (ASL Interpreter)

Introduction:

Charlrean Mapson welcomed the committee and did an icebreaker focused on something each person here is thankful for.

Joshua Gettinger made a motion to approve the draft February Community Living Committee minutes, and Bethany Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Fiscal Update:

Shar’ron Williams provided the fiscal update. Beth Field asked about funding for Year 3 of the *Meet the Need NC* initiative, and Shar’ron responded that NCCDD is funding this initiative for Year 3, but Year 4 is currently uncertain.

Future Investment Discussion:

Proactive Approaches to Justice for People with I/DD RFA

Gary Junker, who works for the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction (DAC), said his agency is not planning to bid on this Request for Applications (RFA), but he wants to listen to the discussion. He commented that DAC is separate from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), where he used to work. Talley commented that DPS has expressed an interest in this RFA. Peggy Terhune recused herself from this discussion.

Philip Woodward reviewed the cost model that he developed, saying that a certain amount of money can pay for a certain number of days of training. He shared a Comment Card from Marjorie Serralles-Russell asking, “Where would training take place (covering what area)?” Philip said the RFA does not specify where the training would occur, but NCCDD would see what applicants would propose, and NCCDD could

discuss this with the successful applicant and discuss areas of need with DPS. Joshua Gettinger asked what a “day of training” means, and Philip Woodward replied that it means one training session. Joshua also asked about mental health and substance use implications.

Talley Wells mentioned the possibility of this initiative filling in the gaps instead of duplicating other efforts occurring in North Carolina. Jill Hinton mentioned that START is a program for people with I/DD and mental health issues with three teams in the east, central, and west parts of the state. Ginger Yarbrough mentioned her connection to Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and asked if this could be added to the RFA. Jonathan D’Angelo asked how this initiative can connect to local police departments so that they can become involved and receive this training. Joshua Gettinger asked about follow-up opportunities to help participants reinforce what they learned so that they do not forget what the original training taught them. Debra Farrington raised the possibility of asking trainers to modify the trainings to tailor them to help the audience better understand people with I/DD. Jill pointed out that North Carolina has 504 law enforcement agencies and suggested that there is a need to do an inventory of what is available around North Carolina.

Gary Junker said that NCCDD needs tight control of its outcomes for this initiative because measuring the impact can be very difficult to do. He pointed out that there is a wide continuum of crisis response in the state from domestic disputes to incidents involving weapons to a person on the street being disoriented and confused. He asked for measurable outcomes besides the number of people trained such as the number of diversions that are happening (where people who are arrested are diverted to another outcome besides going to prison). He suggested not just surveys but also competence tests / post-training assessments. Ginger Yarbrough pointed out that diversion from the justice system does not mean diversion to the emergency department. Jill Hinton asked if the contractor will do an inventory of what is currently available or if staff will perform this inventory and provide it to the contractor. Joshua Gettinger suggested starting small with the trainings and then spreading out across North Carolina.

Bethany Smith made a motion to:

Authorize NCCDD to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for a three-year *Proactive Approaches to Justice for People with I/DD* initiative. NCCDD’s staff, with final approval from the Executive Committee, will have the authority to determine the following information to add to the draft RFA that the Community Living Committee received on November 3rd:

- The release date and due date;
- The funding amount with a required 25% minimum non-federal match required;
- Add measurable outcomes beyond numbers trained and any language relevant to this;

- Information regarding the RFA process, itself, such as clarification within the RFA as to what constitutes a completed application in order to ensure that applicants will submit complete, rather than incomplete, applications.

Jonathan D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was **approved by unanimous** vote. Peggy Terhune recused herself.

Public Health Funds and Guardianship

Bryan Dooley asked about the connection to COVID-19 funds, and Philip Woodward responded that NCCDD received funds to help people with disabilities access the COVID-19 vaccine in 2021 and 2022.

Charlrean Mapson made a motion to:

Authorize NCCDD to fund a sole-source initiative with UNC Cares (also known as the Center for AGing Research and Educational Services) for up to \$25,000 using funding from the (SCPH) Expanding the Public Health Workplace within the Disability Network: DD Councils program award (P.L. 117-2 and P.L. 116-131 - Federal Fund # 2201NCSCPH-00) made available by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in 2022 to be spent by September of 2024, and as needed, from NCCDD's Federal Fiscal Year 2023 and/or Federal Fiscal Year 2024 funds from the ACL between now and September 30th, 2024 focused on educating individuals, agencies, and organizations across North Carolina about the new Guardianship Rights law (Senate Bill 615 signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on September 28th, 2023) and healthcare decision-making rights.

Bethany Smith seconded the motion. The motion was **approved by unanimous** vote.

One-Year Community Living Mini-Grants

Philip Woodward provided an overview of the Community Living Mini-Grants initiatives that NCCDD's Executive Committee awarded funding to. Bryan Dooley pointed out that Winston-Salem already has a Next Chapter Book Club. Beth Field of the Mental Health Transformation Alliance expressed an interest in connecting with these organizations. Joshua Gettinger asked if ZABS Place will facilitate natural supports as a supplement to the main work that they proposed doing.

Initiative Updates:

Justice: Release, Reentry and Reintegration

Sharif Brown from the Alliance of Disability Advocates (Alliance) provided an update. He said the initiative achieved an 88.7% success rate, and he pointed out the progress

with reentry for people with I/DD, saying that, before this initiative, there were people who did not understand what reentry looks like. He mentioned the new initiative that started on October 1st, 2023 with funding from the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Services that also includes people with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Sharif thanked NCCDD and said this program would not be here today without NCCDD's support. Gary Junker pointed out that Jamila Little left the DAC to go to Monarch as a Vice President, and Mary Grillo is now working as the Interim Director of Social Work. Joshua Gettinger said this initiative is one of two shining examples of what NCCDD can accomplish. Philip Woodward mentioned the upcoming opportunity to present at the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) Conference.

Meet The Need NC

Beth Field from the Mental Health Transformation Alliance's (MHTA) Leadership Alliance for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LAND) program provided an update that included a PowerPoint. She said this is a state grassroots effort, and the initiative has done nine Lunch & Learn webinars with an upcoming one where Jill Hinton and Jennifer Mahan from the Autism Society of North Carolina will talk about mental health and I/DD. She pointed out how the initiative recognizes that I/DD is not individualized and that everyone has different needs. She mentioned the Lived Experience Networks Speaks (LENS) and the initiative's goal to educate more broadly about different choices and how to serve needs across the lifespan. She pointed out how 47 organizations and agencies participated in the recent hybrid Think Tank event that occurred in early November.

Beth mentioned Stacy Morgan, is working on sustainability for this initiative, including a donation form as a way for people to sponsor or donate to programs within the MHTA. Beth said they have been thinking about sustainability since the end of Year 1 and want NCCDD's investment to live on beyond this initiative.

Philip Woodward asked how this initiative plans to respond to the North Carolina General Assembly funding only 350 new Innovations Waiver slots in the budget, and Beth Field responded that the initiative examines these 350 slots against the \$60 million in pay raises for Direct Support Professionals and how the initiative wants to inspire systems change to start earlier. She said that while the initiative started out focusing on the Registry of Unmet Needs, but it now must focus on other issues, too. Jonathan D'Angelo commented that enormous change has occurred in North Carolina during the past year, and he thinks the need has shifted to other issues, including issues at the federal level. Bryan Dooley asked if there is a way to connect Meet the Need NC to the Ability Leadership Program (ALP) or other programs. Pam Dempsey pointed out how Community Bridges Consulting Group (CBCG) is working to develop people with I/DD as leaders, and Beth added that LENS has two co-chairs, including former NCCDD member Cheryl Powell, who helps LAND reach out to many groups.

Supported Living: A How-to Guidebook

Jen Waite, the Executive Director of Liberty Corner Enterprises, was unable to present because of staffing and support needs that day. Someone asked about measures and how many people have downloaded the Guidebook in order to give NCCDD a sense of its impact. Beth Field asked if LAND can share the Guidebook in their newsletter, and Philip Woodward replied yes.

Wrap Up

Gary Junker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlrean Mapson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Financial Asset Development Committee



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Financial Asset Development Committee Agenda **(Draft as of January 18, 2024)**

February 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Virtual Meeting ID: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1619990728?pwd=c3pqQUk2UU5Da2hvVFg2UEExqZ2lnQT09>

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome & Approval of November 2023 minutes	<i>Tony Hall, Chair</i>
2:00 p.m.– 2:10 p.m.	Financial Update	<i>Shar'ron Williams, Staff La'Quadia Smith, Staff</i>
2:10 p.m.– 2:55 p.m.	Initiative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NC Benefits Counseling Services Expansion Project - Update• HBCU IPSE Pre-Planning Initiative Update• CIE Summit Update	<i>Pablo Puente, Service Source Dr. Baiyina Muhammad, NCBDN Ann Rodriguez, i2i Center for Integrative Health</i>
2:55 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break - (Attendees remain logged in via ZoomGov)	
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	State and National Initiatives - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NC DHHS Updates (CIE & More) • National APSE Conference Alignment & Effort(s)	<i>Ginger Yarbrough, I/DD & TBI Section Chief, DMH/DD/SUS Talley Wells, Staff</i>
3:45 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	Discussion on Investment Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on Potential Investment Areas	<i>Tony Hall, Chair Letha Young, NCCDD</i>
4:10 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Wrap Up and Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Council meeting – May 1-3, 2024 (Hybrid: In Charlotte and Virtual)• Policy Education Committee Every 2nd Thursday from 10:30a – 12:00p (Virtual Only)	<i>Tony Hall, Chair</i>

FINANCIAL ASSET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tony Hall, Chair

Dawn Allen
Katherine Boeck
Representative Terry Brown
Kelly Crosbie (DMH/DD/SAS); Alternate: Ginger Yarbrough
Carol Ann Hudgens, Ph.D.; Alternate: Dreama McCoy
R.V. Kuser
Rebecca Putnam, M.D.
Nessie Siler
Kathie Smith; Alternate: Kenny Gibbs
Madhav Swaminathan, M.D.
Sandra Terrell; Alternate: *Vacant*
Carla West; Alternate: Amy Eaton

Individual with DD-Wake

Public At Large-Stanly
Individual with DD-Edgecombe
Legislative Representative-Mecklenburg
Agency: DHHS-MH/DD/SAS-Wake
Agency: Dept. Public Instruction-Wake
Individual with DD – Forsythe
Sibling-Buncombe
Individual with DD-Dare
Agency: DHHS-Voc. Rehabilitation-Wake
Parent-Durham
Agency: DHHS-NC Medicaid-Wake
Agency: DHHS-Social Services-Johnston

Staff: Chris Hendricks, Talley Wells (Executive Director), Letha Young

Financial Asset Development Committee (FADC)

Draft Minutes

November 8, 2023

10:00 am – 1:05 pm

Hybrid meeting: Zoomgov Meeting and Bradford B Meeting Room

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606650982?pwd=NkVORE9kRE5RTnM4SDlmdE5PaGJmZz09>

Committee Members Present: Katherine Boeck, Kenny Gibbs, Tony Hall (Chair), Dr. Carol Ann Hudgens, Dreama McCoy, Dr. Rebecca Putnam, Donna Spears, Kathie Trotter Smith

Committee Members Absent: Dawn Allen, Rep. Terry Brown, Amy Eaton, Deb Goda, Kristy Locklear, Nessie Siler, Sandra Terrell, Sherry Thomas, Anna Ward, Carla West

Staff in Attendance: David Ingram, Talley Wells, Shar’ron Williams, Letha Young

Guests: Beverly Colwell, Debra Farrington, Mary Hooper, Dr. Baiyina Muhammad, Pablo Puente

Introduction:

Tony Hall (Chair) called the committee into session and welcomed the FADC members both in-person and virtual. He started the meeting with a short ice breaker.

He then reviewed the August 2023 meeting minutes and called for a motion to approve those minutes. Donna Spears made a motion to approve the August minutes, and Dreama McCoy seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Tony moved to the fiscal report.

Financial Update:

Shar’ron Williams provided the financial report and update. She reviewed the Federal Fiscal Year as of November 2023. (A presentation to the Full Council was

made on November 7th.) She stated that she will send a follow-up every two weeks regarding the accounting of the funds.

Initiative Updates:

- **NC Benefits Counseling Expansion Demonstration Project**
Pablo Puente from ServiceSource provided a project overview for new members and shared updates on the fourth quarter of the third year of the benefits counseling initiative.
- There continues to be an increase in families and individuals who have received benefits counseling from the project. 142 individuals with I/DD received benefits counseling from a trained staff and 321 family members have been trained in benefits information.
- In the final year of this initiative, ServiceSource has been able to provide individualized benefits counseling to 48 individuals and families. Pablo has also presented to several family groups to provide benefits counseling information to families with transition-aged youth.
- The project also hosted seminars for the Hispanic/Latino community in Spanish. Over 100 Hispanic/Latino family members have been trained in benefits by the project so far.
- ServiceSource has over 300 community partners they work with to provide benefits counseling to the I/DD community.
- Pablo Puente received and responded to questions from the group.

HBCU IPSE Pre-Planning Initiative

- Dr. Baiyina Muhammad was introduced, and she then shared a brief presentation on the HBCU IPSE Pre-Planning Initiative, following up on the presentation made by Dr. Tamira White to the Full Council on the day before. A discussion was held and Dr. Muhammad entertained questions from the committee. Council Member Kay McMillan sent the following question to the FADC:

If a student is attending IPSE would the support provide reasonable accommodation? Dr. Muhammad addressed the question in committee and then was introduced to Kay after the meeting to share her response and to discuss further.

Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Summit

- Mary Hooper was introduced and provided an update on the upcoming Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Summit which will be held on December 6th-8th at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem, NC. She stressed the importance of attending this summit, especially the Pre-conference on December 6th, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm. i2i Center for Integrated Health will offer scholarships to self-advocates and family members. Council members and individuals with I/DD and family members can also apply for funding from the Council.

State and National Initiatives

- The committee then received updates from the following State and National Initiatives:
 - National APSE Conference
Michael Maybee, NC APSE Treasurer
 - Spark
Bridget Hassan, SWTCIE/Spark Project Director
 - NC DPI
Dr. Carol Ann Hudgens, Sr. Director, Office of Exceptional Children

Wrap Up:

Tony Hall reminded the members that the next quarterly NCCDD Council Meeting will be an all-virtual meeting and will be held on February 8-9, 2024. Tony thanked everyone for their input and participation.

Donna Spears made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dreama McCoy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Fiscal Reports



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**Advocacy Development Committee
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

DISABILITY RIGHTS NC - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

NCCDD Staff: Melissa Swartz **Current Year:** Year 3 of 3
Contract Period: 01/01/21 - 09/30/2023 **Paid From:** 2020/2021/2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received: February 28, 2023
Purpose:

The purpose of this initiative is to make an important investment in integrated leadership development training for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD), family members, and guardians along with professionals and other stakeholders			
FEDERAL FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 2,522.56	\$ 1,887.44
Fringe Benefits	\$ 970.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 419.00
Supplies & Materials	\$ 620.00	\$ 11.54	\$ 608.46
Sub-Contract	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 39,971.64	\$ 60,028.36
Other	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 600.78	\$ 11,399.22
Professional Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 52.48	\$ 1,947.52
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 43,710.00	\$ 76,290.00
MATCH	\$ 43,350.00	\$ -	\$ 43,350.00
TOTAL	\$ 163,350.00	\$ 43,710.00	\$ 119,640.00
Target % Expenses	50%		
Actual % Spent	36%		
Match % Spent	0%		

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023. Amendment was processed & executed to extend Year 3 until 09/30/23.

**Advocacy Development Committee
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

ROBIN RAYNES, LLC - UNMET NEEDS AND DSP CRISIS FILM II

NCCDD Staff: Pamela Dempsey **Current Year:** 7 months
Contract Period: 01/24/23 - 08/31/23 **Paid From:** 2021 FFY
Last Invoice Received: February 28, 2023

Purpose: The purpose of this initiative will document the unmet needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those who serve them by telling the stories of a select number of individuals with unmet needs who are either on the Registry of Unmet Needs or who are supposed to receive services but their needs are unmet due to the Direct Support Professional workforce shortage causing them to not have services provided.

FEDERAL FUNDS

BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies & Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Staff Travel	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indirect Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Media/Communications	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 15,500.00
MATCH	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Target % Expenses	25%		
Actual % Spent	26%		
Match % Spent	21%		

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.

**Cross Cutting
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

O'NEILL PUBLIC RELATIONS - NCCDD COMMUNICATIONS			
NCCDD Staff:	Pamela Dempsey	Current Year:	Year 5 of 5
Contract Period:	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	Paid From:	2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received:	February 28, 2023		
Purpose:	This initiative conducts communication research, implements, and evaluates social marketing, communication/media campaigns, specific to work and collaboration with individuals with I/DD.		
FEDERAL FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 41,650.00	\$ 58,350.00
Travel	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Sub-Contract	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 5,370.00
Other	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Media/Communications	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 7,630.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 4,850.00
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 56,550.00	\$ 78,450.00
MATCH	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 15,992.50	\$ 29,007.50
TOTAL	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 72,542.50	\$ 107,457.50
Target % Expenses	42%		
Actual % Spent	42%		
Match % Spent	36%		
NOTE:	The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.		

**Cross Cutting
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION ALLIANCE (MHTA) - A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN TO MEET THE UNMET NEEDS

NCCDD Staff:	Pamela Dempsey	Current Year:	Year 2 of 4
Contract Period:	10/01/22 - 09/31/23	Paid From:	2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received:	February 28, 2023		
Purpose:	<p>The purpose of this initiative is to develop and carry out a coordinated approach to address and positively impact the Registry of Unmet Needs (Registry) so that individuals with I/DD on the Registry who are waiting for Innovations Waiver services and individuals with I/DD not on the Registry who lack services can receive the services they need to live the lives they want to</p>		

FEDERAL FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 33,330.00	\$ 25,670.00
Travel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Sub-Contract	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 29,621.00	\$ 44,879.00
Indirect Cost	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 8,750.00
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 69,201.00	\$ 80,799.00
	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 20,329.56	\$ 29,670.44
TOTAL	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 89,530.56	\$ 110,469.44
Target % Expenses		33%	
Actual % Spent		46%	
Match % Spent		41%	

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.

**Community Living Committee
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

ALLIANCE OF DISABILITY ADVOCATES - JUSTICE: RELEASE, REENTRY & REINTEGRATION			
NCCDD Staff:	Philip Woodward	Current Year:	Year 3 of 3
Contract Period:	10/01/22 - 09/30/23	Paid From:	2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received:	February 28, 2023		
Purpose:	The purpose of this initiative is to improve transition outcomes after incarceration for individuals with I/DD. This initiative focuses on recidivism reduction (rearrests, reconviction, or reincarceration) by expanding successful practices for reintegration into the community from incarceration for individuals with I/DD.		
FEDERAL FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 51,639.38	\$ 73,360.62
Fringe Benefits	\$ 30,188.00	\$ 11,657.60	\$ 18,530.40
Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Travel	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 2,266.51	\$ 14,233.49
Rent	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 2,284.77	\$ 12,115.23
Other	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Indirect Cost	\$ 3,412.00	\$ 3,412.00	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 2,810.00
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 71,450.26	\$ 123,549.74
MATCH	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 16,970.55	\$ 48,029.45
TOTAL	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 88,420.81	\$ 171,579.19
Target % Expenses	33%		
Actual % Spent	37%		
Match % Spent	26%		

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.

**Community Living Committee
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

UNC GENERAL ADMINISTRATION/SSW - MAKING ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP			
NCCDD Staff:	Philip Woodward	Current Year:	Year 3 of 3
Contract Period:	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	Paid From:	2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received:	February 28, 2023		
Purpose:	The purpose of this initiative is to increase the number of individuals with I/DD and their families in North Carolina who are aware of and make use of Supported Decision-Making (SDM) and other alternatives to guardianship.		
FEDERAL FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 45,027.00	\$ 28,555.43	\$ 16,471.57
Fringe Benefits	\$ 18,579.00	\$ 9,896.18	\$ 8,682.82
Supplies	\$ 425.00	\$ 152.71	\$ 272.29
Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 972.00
Media/Communication	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 1,262.00
Sub-Contract	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 13,698.19	\$ 7,201.81
Other	\$ 3,178.00	\$ 972.71	\$ 2,205.29
Indirect Cost	\$ 9,091.00	\$ 5,364.42	\$ 3,726.58
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 59,005.64	\$ 40,994.36
MATCH	\$ 33,333.00	\$ 21,272.45	\$ 12,060.55
TOTAL	\$ 133,333.00	\$ 80,278.09	\$ 53,054.91
Target % Expenses	58%		
Actual % Spent	59%		
Match % Spent	64%		
NOTE: The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.			

**Community Living Committee
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

LIBERTY CORNER ENTERPRISES, INC./SUPPORTED LIVING: A HOW-TO GUIDEBOOK			
NCCDD Staff:	Philip Woodward	Current Year:	Year 2 of 2
Contract Period:	07/01/22 - 06/30/23	Paid From:	2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received:	February 28, 2023		
Purpose:	The purpose of this initiative is to develop a how-to guidebook to inform individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) with the highest level of needs, families, and providers to understand how to successfully access and use the Supported Living Innovations Waiver service in North Carolina		
MATCH FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,502.00	\$ 2,334.03	\$ 1,167.97
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Travel	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00
Rent	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,005.93	\$ 2,494.07
Sub-Contract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 6,255.00
Indirect Cost	\$ 7,498.00	\$ 3,154.50	\$ 4,343.50
Media/Communication	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00
Professional Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 240.00
MATCH FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 34,899.46	\$ 40,100.54
			\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 34,899.46	\$ 40,100.54
Target % Expenses	58%		
Actual % Spent	41%		

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.

**Community Living Committee
Initiative Update
As of April 10, 2023**

THE ARC OF NORTH CAROLINA- ECONOMIC IMPACT INC./SUPPORTED LIVING: A HOW-TO GUIDEBOOK			
NCCDD Staff:	Philip Woodward	Current Year:	9.5 months
Contract Period:	12/15/22 - 09/30/23	Paid From:	2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received:	February 28, 2023		
Purpose:	The purpose of this initiative is to perform an economic impact analysis of the intellectual and other developmental disability (I/DD) community and the services they receive in North Carolina.		
MATCH FUNDS			
BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Sub-Contract	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
MATCH FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
			\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Target % Expenses	0%		
Actual % Spent	0%		

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.

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EMPLOYMENT SOURCE, INC - BENEFITS COUNSELING EXPANSION

NCCDD Staff: Tamira White **Current Year:** Year 3 of 3
Contract Period: 10/01/22 - 09/30/23 **Paid From:** 2022 FFY
Last Invoice Received: February 28, 2023

Purpose: Using a tiered model, the North Carolina Benefits Counseling Services Demonstration Project initiative will attempt to demonstrate the feasibility of expanding benefits counseling services to North Carolina citizens receiving federal and state public assistance. This will be accomplished by forming partnerships in which some CRP staff will be trained as benefit liaisons, and the successful development of a referral network, what include community organizations, as well as state and local agencies.

FEDERAL FUNDS

BUDGET CATEGORIES	BUDGET	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Salaries	\$ 57,942.00	\$ 19,325.58	\$ 38,616.42
Fringe Benefits	\$ 17,383.00	\$ 5,485.15	\$ 11,897.85
Supplies	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 14.36	\$ 1,970.64
Travel	\$ 4,510.00	\$ 1,129.90	\$ 3,380.10
Indirect Cost	\$ 8,180.00	\$ 2,595.50	\$ 5,584.50
FEDERAL FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 28,550.49	\$ 61,449.51
MATCH	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 9,516.84	\$ 20,483.16
TOTAL	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 38,067.33	\$ 81,932.67
Target % Expenses		42%	
Actual % Spent		32%	
Match % Spent		32%	

NOTE:
The March Request for Reimbursement is due by April 15, 2023.

BUDGET CATEGORIES DESCRIPTION

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
SALARIES	Salaries only for staff hired by the applicant organization to work specifically on the initiative. This may include professional staff, interns, paraprofessionals, and/or part-time/hourly employees.
FRINGE BENEFITS	Fringe Benefits only for staff hired working on the initiative and may include FICA, Unemployment, Worker's Compensation, Health Insurance and/or Retirement Benefits.
SUPPLIES	Supplies may include consumable items that are essential to the program. Examples of allowable supplies include office supplies, computer supplies, medical supplies, furniture, directories and/or journals.
TRAVEL	Travel costs only for staff hired as identified in the budget that is deemed reasonable and necessary to conduct project activities. Examples of travel include staff mileage relating to program operations, lodging, air fare, conference registration fees and meals.
RENT/COST OF SPACE	The Rent/Cost of Space may include rent or lease of office space, equipment, furniture, vehicles, and meeting or conference space cost to be used specifically for the program.
EQUIPMENT	Equipment should possess both of the following characteristics: it is not consumable or expendable and has an expected useful life of longer than one year. Examples of allowable equipment include tele-communication, computers, laptops, iPads, printers, office, assistive technology, medical, vehicles, scientific, and others.
SUB-CONTRACT	Sub-Contract may include essential services which cannot be met by other program staff which specifically relate to the work of the program. Examples of a Sub-Contract may include consultants/contractors, photocopy services, consultants/contractors travel and fiscal services. The Sub-Contract line item must be itemized based on the subcontract agreement. The Council must provide approval prior to grantee entering into any sub-contracts. A copy of the sub-contract must be included.

BUDGET CATEGORIES DESCRIPTION

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
OTHER	The Other category may include audit services, service payment such as stipends, costs incurred for conferences, postage/mail, internet, printing/copies, training/meetings, cleaning/janitorial, license fees, incentives, participants insurance and bonding and any other services or expenses that will not fit into another category.
INDIRECT COST	Indirect Cost rates negotiated with the Department of Health and Human Services Regional Comptroller or other similar federal agency may be used to compute allowable indirect costs. Expenditures included as indirect costs may not be duplicated elsewhere in the budget. A copy of the Negotiation Agreement must be included with the grant application. Indirect/overhead costs may not exceed 15% of the total project cost or \$20,000, whichever is less.
UTILITIES	The cost associated with water, electricity, gas, telephone, and services.
MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS	The cost incurred for advertising, audio visual presentations, multimedia, tv, radio presentations, logos, promotional items, publications, public service announcements and ads, reprints, text translation into another language, websites, and web materials.
DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	Dues includes approved dues for company memberships in professional organizations and subscriptions includes the cost of subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.

FISCAL TERMS/DESCRIPTIONS

TERM	DESCRIPTION
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR	This term is defined as the fiscal year for the federal government which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.
FEDERAL AWARD	This term is defined as a financial grant for any federal program, project, service, or activity provided by the federal government that directly assists domestic governments, organizations, or individuals in the areas of education, health, public safety, public welfare, and public works, among others.
ENCUMBER PERIOD (2 Years)	This term is defined as a two year time period to budget and record expenses.
SPEND BY YEAR 3	This term is defined as all funds from a federal award that need to be spent by year 3 end date of the award.
APPROVED CONTRACT or ANTICIPATED BUDGET	These terms are defined as the contract amount approved to fund a program under a federal award. An anticipated budget is the best estimate of the funds needed to support the work described in a contract.
CURRENT EXPENSE	This term is defined as ongoing business expenses that are accounted for as they occur.
CURRENT UNEXPENDED BALANCE	This term is defined as the actual remaining balance of budgeted funds.
IDENTIFIED PENDING COUNCIL APPROVAL	This term is defined as the initiative dollar amounts that have been identified to propose to the Council for approval.
AVAILABLE FOR NEW INITIATIVES	This term is defined as funds available to seek new in-house initiatives or RFAs.
TOTAL PENDING & AVAILABLE BALANCE	This is the sum of the identified pending Council approval and the funds available for new initiatives.

Five- Year State Plan



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NCCDD Five-Year State Plan Identifications of
Council Meeting Activities
February 8-9, 2024

COMMITTEE STATE PLAN ID DESCRIPTION

FULL COUNCIL MEETING-MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

All Goals Welcome & Kick-Off to 2024

All Goals All Ages All Stages

FULL COUNCIL MEETING-INITIATIVE UPDATES & FUNDING DISCUSSIONS/REQUESTS

All Goals Media Relations Request for Proposals – Update

All Goals Federal Budget – Update

All Goals Plain Language Training Initiative – Discussion on Approach(es)

FAD 1A/B Competitive Integrated Employment Summit - Update

FAD 1A/B National APSE Conference in Charlotte, NC (2024) - Discussion

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AD 3B Disability Rights NC – I/DD Leadership Development Trng. – Final Report

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING-NEW BUSINESS

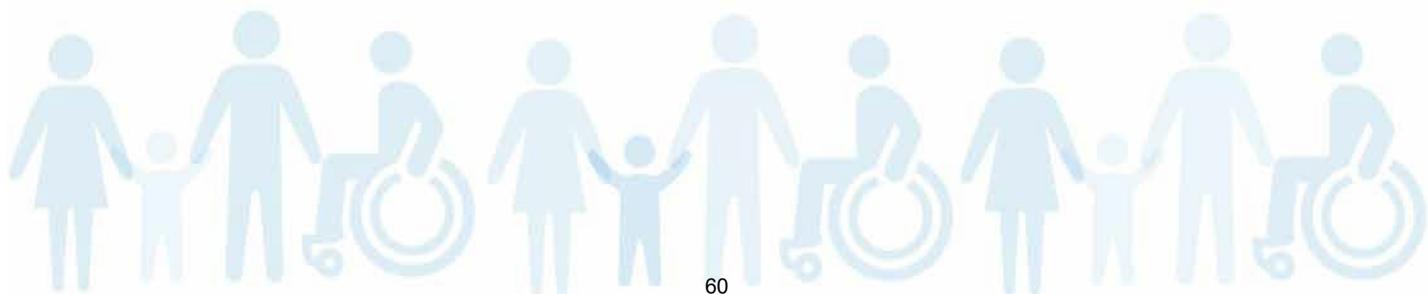
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For Your Information



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Meet the Need NC Year 3 (of 4)

10/1/2021 – 9/30/2025

<p>System Gap Addressed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is hard for individuals, families, and staff to find, keep, and best use services. • Many people who need help and support are not getting it. People can't ask for help if they do not know what help is available. • People of all ages with I/DD and their families are just surviving, not thriving. • There are a lot of changes and transitions going on, including Medicaid Transformation and Expansion, 1915(i), and the end of The Public Health Emergency. • The Registry of Unmet Needs (RUN) is 17,000 and growing; the number of slots is not. • Our current K-12 education system is not preparing those with I/DD for living their most successful lives. • Community living and inclusive employment are not realities in NC for those with I/DD; Opinions vary - People don't always agree on what is best for people with I/DD to live or work in the community. • All of these factors have led to significant unmet service and support needs for North Carolina's I/DD community.
<p>Initiative Goals and Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a catalyst for I/DD systemic change in NC using a Collective Impact model to meet the service and support needs of those with I/DD and their families throughout their lifespans. • Develop and expand a statewide I/DD grassroots, lived experience network to become the driver of Meet the Need NC, and ensure sustainability of the initiative. • Drive a groundswell of interest regarding Meet the Need NC through regular communications around key, timely topics to spearhead an I/DD "Learning Community". • Understand and impact level of understanding of those outside the I/DD Community regarding what enables I/DD-informed communities. • Continue putting processes in place to manage initiative interest, integrate programming and grow support.
<p>Description of Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase stakeholder understanding around key issues that impact I/DD services and supports, including Innovations Waiver/Wait list, DSPs, Medicaid Transformation, Tailored Plan, 1915(i), and Medicaid Expansion; Inspire the use of plain language communications for beneficiaries. • Build and maintain authentic relationships with key stakeholder groups, including state agencies. • Listen well and consistently to constituencies across the state to further understand the similar and diverse service and support needs, including underserved populations, amidst ongoing environmental change. • Engage stakeholder groups in and outside of I/DD community. • Continue to refine Shared Measurement as part of the Collective Impact model and develop an integrated 2024 Work Plan.

Meet the Need NC Year 3 (of 4) (continued)

Achievements and Outcomes to Date

- Using key values and guiding principles for interactions, evolved over Year 1 and 2 to form a highly engaged “Advisory Collaborative” of 30+ leading key stakeholders and organizations with diverse perspectives.
- Developed a vision for the Lived Experience Network Speaks (LENS) and they are organizing to begin growing a grassroots network across the state.
- Hosted a hybrid (in person and online) I/DD Policy Think Tank with 78 participants representing 47 organizations across systems, disabilities, ages, level of challenge and state; 62% of attendees were new voices to the table.
- Developing a Work Plan for Year 3 based in the data gathered from the I/DD Think Policy Tank, and analyzed by Meet the Need NC advisory groups (Advisory Collaborative and LENS).
- Hosting monthly Meet the Need NC Lunch and Learn “Hear.Share.Act,” webinars to highlight and drive conversation around key I/DD issues around system change; Publish monthly newsletter to extend learnings of webinars.
- Formed Lived Experience Network Speaks (LENS) advisory group (self-advocates and advocates) and developed a strategic purpose and outcomes statement for it to extend Meet the Need NC’s policy agenda through grassroots efforts.
- Increased cultural competencies for working with Hispanic/Latino I/DD communities.
- Finalized North Carolina General Assembly survey report with researchers.
- Exhibited and presented at December 2023 i2i conference highlighting the value of having people with I/DD lived experience at the table where decisions are made about them.

Expected Systems Change as Result of Initiative

Overall:

- Meet the Unmet Service and Support Needs of the I/DD community in North Carolina.
- People with lived experience are key to our efforts drive change.
- If we reach our vision of meeting the service and support needs of the I/DD community, these are the outcomes we expect to see (from our Meet the Need NC common agenda):
 - Awareness and Understanding Expanded; Equitable Access; Informed Families – regarding I/DD Service and Supports and their navigation for all who need them in NC
 - Increased Services and Supports
 - Reduced Time on the Registry of Unmet Needs
 - An Educational System that Prepares our Children with I/DD for a Successful Adulthood
 - Community Inclusion Embraced/Expected (Naturally) – In and Outside the I/DD Community across the Lifespan
 - Collaborative Advocacy for Change is the Norm



After the Law: Guiding the I/DD Community to Supported Decision-Making

Start Date January 1, 2024

System Gap Addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critical issues related to healthcare decision-making arose during the COVID-19 pandemic for individuals with I/DD.• Individuals with I/DD have historically been prevented from making many critical life decisions because their rights have been unnecessarily taken from them through guardianship when some type of other supported decision-making or independent decision-making was possible.
Initiative Goals and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build on the work of NCCDD’s previous initiatives that focused on rethinking North Carolina’s guardianship system and promoting alternatives to full guardianship.• Educate individuals with I/DD, family members, the legal community, and other key stakeholders about the new Guardianship Rights law titled “An Act to . . . promote the rights and independence of persons subject to the guardianship process.”• Educate community members on how these rights may specifically offer more independence in healthcare decision-making in preparation for or in light of any future pandemic.
Description of Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and assemble subject matter experts and advisory council members, including people with I/DD, family members, and professionals.• Develop a Decision Tre for people in guardianship proceedings, particularly people with I/DD, family members, and professionals in the I/DD community.• Complete the Guardianship Alternatives Step-By-Step Guide, incorporation the Decision Tree as well as previously produced materials on the Rethinking Guardianship website.



Community Living Mini-Grants

Start Date January 1, 2024

System Gap Addressed

- In 2023, NCCDD awarded seven Community Living Mini-Grants initiatives to organizations that proposed doing activities to advance NCCDD's Community Living goal and support systems change activities or build capacity to enable individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) to live full and meaningful lives in the community. These seven initiatives started around January 1, 2024 and will continue until September 30, 2024. The list of initiatives and contractors includes:

Initiative Goals, Achievements and Outcomes

Autism Grown Up

- The purpose of this initiative is to create three courses to establish the Life Course Library through which individuals with I/DD, and particularly autistic individuals across life stage, will have access to more tools in transition and lifespan planning.

Best Buddies International, Inc.

- The purpose of this initiative is to provide opportunities for training, experiential learning, and corporate mentorships to transition-aged youth with I/DD to build their capacity to live more successfully in the community.

Bloom Fitness Corporation

- The purpose of this initiative is to increase personal health and wellness for adults with I/DD in the building of a highly accessible fitness app specifically designed for and by adults with I/DD.

Chapters Ahead Inc

- The purpose of this initiative is to develop a systematic approach for establishing Next Chapter Book Clubs in North Carolina to provide opportunities for people with I/DD to read together in a community setting and develop peer support/friendships.

East Carolina University

- The purpose of this initiative is to create a checklist to address the transportation needs of individuals with I/DD to support and increase successful community living in the community of their choice. The checklist will be used by people with I/DD, occupational therapists, other healthcare providers, family members of people with I/DD, and others who can use the tool to identify skills, abilities, and challenges that are enhancers or barriers to effective community mobility.

The National Leadership Consortium, an Affiliate of CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership

- The purpose of this initiative is to conduct a review of organizations fully or predominantly providing community living services in order to understand the strategies, structures, and practices that advance community living opportunities for people with I/DD, with the overarching goal of increasing community living for people with I/DD through enhancing access to essential elements of community living, including community housing, transportation, and healthcare, and by building the knowledge of professionals, people with I/DD, and families about the characteristics and strategies of organizations that provide fully inclusive supports.

ZABS Place

- The purpose of this initiative is to enhance the development and implementation of ZABS Place's Dream Link Skill Development Tracker and Job Placement Portal to help more individuals with I/DD participate in transition and lifespan planning by offering them the training and resources to gain and improve transferrable employment skills, connect with inclusive employers, and increase the likelihood of them being hired and retained for a job that fits with their career goals.



Supported Living: A How-to Guidebook

Start Date: July 2021

<p>System Gap Addressed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This initiative is made possible through a collaborative relationship between the NCCDD and North Carolina Money Follows the Person Project (NC MFP), a Medicaid project that assists Medicaid-eligible North Carolinians who live in inpatient facilities to move into their own homes and communities with supports. • This initiative will build upon the existing Supported Living Guidebook/Resource Manual developed by NCCDD’s Supported Living: Making the Difference initiative: https://nccdd.org/supported-living-making-the-difference.html. The purpose of this new initiative is to create a how-to guidebook to help individuals with the highest level of needs successfully access and use the Supported Living Innovations Waiver service that helps individuals with I/DD live in a home of their choice in the community with supports. • Supported Living provides an opportunity for individuals with complex needs for support to participate in community life. • While opportunities exist for these individuals to receive funds through a Home and Community Based waiver to supports complex needs, providers and families would benefit from a guidebook to implement and operationalize Supported Living in North Carolina. In the absence of practical guidance on the implementation of supports and approaches to overcoming commonly recognized barriers, individuals with I/DD, families, and providers become reluctant to use the service. • A how-to guidebook is needed to operationalize the supports, staffing, and community integration of individuals with complex needs as well as to identify approaches to barriers that arise from a variety of factors in the provision of Supported Living for individuals who have the highest levels of need (Levels 2 and 3). • This initiative supports NCCDD’s Goal 2 of the current Five Year Plan: Increase community living for individuals with I/DD.
<p>Initiative Goals and Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a “nuts and bolts” guidebook with practical guidance for individuals with I/DD, families, providers, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), and policymakers. • Identify systemic barriers that continue to exist related to Supported Living, particularly for individuals with the highest levels of need, and share these barriers and any suggested recommendations for systemic change with the Council and its partners.
<p>Description of Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, convene, and facilitate a workgroup or workgroups to provide advice to this initiative and review outlines and drafts of the guidebook. • Conduct focus groups for individuals with I/DD and their families, providers, DSPs, agency leaders, and policymakers to understand the barriers, opportunities, and best practices related to the provision of Supported Living Level 2 and 3 services as well as the diverse needs of individuals using these services or who are considering using these services. • Collect, review, and identify best practices, content, and format ideas from relevant resources from other states, experts, and organizations who have experience with Supported Living.

Supported Living: A How-to Guidebook (continued)

Description of Activities

- Identify five or more successful examples of people in North Carolina received Supported Living Level 2 and 3 services to embed as illustrative stories through each of the steps, including barriers they faced and how they were able to overcome the barriers.
- Develop worksheets (print and on-line) and activities that readers can use to both transfer their learning and capture their support needs from each step of the process to their own unique circumstances in taking their own action in moving Supported Living Levels 2 and 3 forward.
- Prepare the draft guidebook in a simple and cognitively accessible format that incorporates principles of plain language and/or the easy read format to make it easy for individuals with I/DD and their family members to read and understand.
- Field test the draft guidebook with stakeholders and experts in Supported Living and incorporate feedback throughout the development of the guidebook.

Achievements and Outcomes to Date

- Contractor, Liberty Corner Enterprises, participated in NCCDD's Supported Living: Making the Difference initiative and participates in quarterly Level 2 & 3 Stakeholders meetings and Level 2 & 3 Action Team meetings.
- Identified guidebook content important to individuals with I/DD, families and providers of Supported Living.
- Hosted monthly workgroup meetings for providers of Supported Living Level 2 and 3 to provide feedback on the guidebook's content.
- Identified two individuals receiving Supported Living services to share their Supported Living story during NCCDD's Draft *Olmstead* Plan Virtual Forum on October 18, 2021.
- Working with the NC Medicaid I/DD Clinical Consultant to develop and administer a Supported Living survey to gather additional details from people who use Supported Living services throughout North Carolina.
- A draft guidebook was unveiled at the Supported Living Level 2 & 3 Stakeholders meeting on September 28, 2023 and is available at www.SLNC4.me.
- Captioned videos of individuals receiving Supported Living Level 2 and 3 are available on the website. A third, long video discussing how Supported Living 2 and 3 is provided in in development for inclusion on the website.
- Pre-production has begun on a Podcast that will highlight Supported Living by sharing experiences of self-advocates, families and providers.
- A hybrid Supported Living – NC Innovations – Learning and Living Together Conference occurred on April 20, 2023 in Asheville with at least 47 in-person participants.
- The initiative presented Supported Living Lunch and Learn sessions on in July and August 2023 with at least 88 and 91 participants at each one, respectively.

Expected System Change as Result

- More individuals with I/DD, particularly those individuals with the highest level of support needs, will be able to successfully access and utilize Supported Living services.
- More families of individuals using Supported Living will understand how to do it successfully.
- The Supported Living Innovations Waiver service will expand sustainably in North Carolina as more individuals with I/DD access and use it and as more provider agencies better understand how to provide this service successfully.
- More individuals with I/DD will live in a home of their choice in the community with the supports they need.
- More individuals with I/DD will be fully included, respected, valued, and supported in their communities.



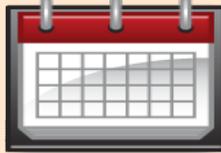
NC Benefits Counseling Expansion Project Year 3 (of 3)

7/1/2020 - 3/31/2024

<p>System Gap Addressed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) projects demonstrates that individuals who receive benefits counseling services are more likely to pursue employment, maintain employment, and leverage available incentives that support their goal of greater financial security and independence. • The North Carolina Benefits Counseling Services Demonstration Project initiative will attempt to demonstrate the impact of using a tiered model to address the lack of system capacity for providing benefits counseling services to individuals receiving federal and state public assistance.
<p>Initiative Goals and Timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand benefits counseling services throughout the state by increasing capacity through the training of employment service staff as Benefits Liaisons to collect basic information and provide general benefits information and referrals. • Increase employment participation through provision of Information and Referral, initial benefits counseling advisement, benefits service plans and on-going support. • Train 50 individuals or families (Initial Year) through partner agencies. • Development of Referral network (Years 1, 2, and 3). • Development of Benefits Liaison training curriculum (Years 1, 2, and 3). • Enhance training of Benefits Liaison's through including specific examples of the impact and benefits of Benefits Counseling examples.
<p>Description of Activities</p>	<p>Year Three will include the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver additional, enhanced training to agencies • Increase and enhance educational materials send out to referrals networks • Improve in gathering and analyzing outcome data and success stories • Delivering family seminars across the state to support financial family decisions • Increase number of individuals choosing to pursue competitive, integrated, employment through the impact of Benefits Liaisons training(s).
<p>Achievements and Outcomes to Date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reached out to 298 organizations that serve individuals with I/DD across the state • Built 18 new partnerships with family and parents groups. Additionally, formalized 21 partnerships through MOUs with agencies providing services to I/DD individuals • Established Benefits Counseling Expansion advisory committee –11 members • Trained 133 Benefits Liaisons across the state • 137 individuals with I/DD received benefits counseling from a trained Benefits Liaison • 296 family members have been trained in benefits • Provided benefits counseling services to 40 individuals with I/DD and their families

Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your
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February 8 & 9, 2024 (virtually only)

*May 1, 2 & 3 , 2024

August 8 & 9, 2024

November 6, 7, & 8, 2024

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