



Council Executive Committee

Location: Conference Call
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Time: 11:00 A.M. CDT/ 12:00 P.M. EDT

Present: Tecia Puckett-Pryor, Ryan Durham, Lisa Johnson

Absent: Serina Gilbert, Evan Espey

Staff: Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, Ashley Edwards

1) **Call to Order**

After ascertaining there was a quorum, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2) **Consent Agenda: Approve today's Executive Committee Agenda and February 2019 Executive Committee Minutes**

No discussion.

Ryan moved for approval; Lisa seconded. Approved.

3) **May 3 Council Meeting Agenda and Discussion**

Wanda reviewed the Council Meeting Agenda. Members who have served in an executive capacity and/or who have attended regularly will receive a service award for their leadership during the May meeting. During the business portion of the meeting, Chief Information Officer, Jolene Sharp, will share an outcome from the messaging contract with Stone + Steele with the Council. The goal of this Case for Support is to act as a supporting document for the Council. Dawn Fry will present an Audit Committee update. Bruce Keisling and Zach DeBerry will present findings from a longitudinal study of Partners in Policymaking. Lauren Percy, Public Policy Director for the Council, will present a comprehensive.

4) **Budget Update**

The Council presented it's state budget to the House Finance Ways and Means committee and House Mental Health subcommittee. We do not anticipate any changes to our state appropriations, but will know this in a few weeks once it's approved with the larger state budget.

Since we last met, the President has released his federal budget. State Councils on Developmental Disabilities are included in this budget with a 26% funding cut. We've reached out to our national office (NACDD) in DC and are tracking how this progresses in Congress. It is



important for us to continue messaging who the Councils are and the impact councils have on citizens in their state.

5) **Public Policy Update**

Wanda shared an update on two pieces of legislation. The “Take Me Home” bill shares the technology used in Chattanooga with other cities in Tennessee. This passed in March. The Katie Beckett bill is also moving through the General Assembly and is on the calendar for the House Finance Ways and Means committee for April 3, 2019. The Council has been invited to the conversations surrounding the development of this legislation, to share specifically how this legislation would impact Tennesseans with disabilities and their families. Council members are encouraged to read the Public Policy e-Newsletter for updates on legislation as it moves through the legislature.

6) **Council Sponsored Events and Updates**

In the last month, Ned Andrew and Emma have done almost a dozen presentations in various counties across the state. Lauren presented at the Judicial Conference in Gatlinburg about Supported Decision Making. In each of these outreach events we do, we learn from and connect with citizens.

7) **Administration for Community Living Site Visit**

Julie Hocker, Commissioner for Disability at ACL, will visit Tennessee on May 7 & 8. The Council will work with the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and UT Boling Center) and the Protection and Advocacy organization (Disability Rights Tennessee) to connect Commissioner Hocker with how the Developmental Disability Act programs have direct impact on improving the lives of Tennesseans.

8) **Appointments Update**

We will have six vacancies for the Council this summer. We are working to ensure we have appropriate geographical and demographic diversity to fill these vacancies. Our law requires that governor appointed members must be individuals with a disability or immediate family members of individuals with a disability. We anticipate taking a pool of nominations to the Governor’s Appointment Coordinator in May so that appointments can be made by July 1.

9) **Audit Committee Next Steps**

The Audit Committee is developing a Code of Conduct for the Council Members to acknowledge. They are also reviewing the staff Code of conduct and their process for acknowledgement. Both of these actions are requirements of the Comptroller of the Treasury. The full Council will hear about this at the May meeting.



10) **Motion to Adjourn**

At 12:00 p.m. Ryan moved for adjournment. Lisa seconded. Approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Central/5:00 p.m. Eastern.

Next call: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Central/12:00 p.m. Eastern

Prepared by: Ashley Edwards, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director