



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Conference call  
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
Time: 11:00 A.M. CDT/12:00 P.M. EDT

**Present:** Tommy Lee Kidd, Serina Gilbert, Lisa Johnson, Tecia Puckett Pryor

**Absent:** Evan Espey

**Staff:** Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, JoEllen Fowler

Tommy Lee Kidd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

1) **Review Executive Committee Agenda; Approve Minutes**

Tommy Lee reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

*Serina moved to approve the April 27, 2017 Executive Committee minutes as written. Lisa seconded. Approved.*

2) **Federal Budget**

Wanda updated the Committee on discussions staff have had about the President's 2018 proposed budget. Councils were zeroed out (not funded), and the proposed Medicaid budget cuts will have a negative effect on programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Staff have developed fact sheets to inform and educate policymakers about the impact these cuts would have on people with the most significant disabilities.

Staff will send a link to the NPR piece on Medicaid to the Committee.

Staff will send the budget page where Councils appear to the Committee.

3) **Concepts for Changes to the September Council Meeting and November Retreat**

Wanda gave an overview of the proposed changes for the September Council meeting and November Retreat. Alicia proposed a restructuring of our Retreat which is when we typically do a year-end report on all activities. She recommended moving the year-end report to September and having committees participate in the presentations. Then in November we can use the time for more discussions, other presentations, and hot button points for the upcoming year. Alicia will join the July Executive Committee call and review a draft agenda for September. We are very excited about the proposals - both meetings will have much more participation by Council members. The Committee really liked the idea.

JoEllen sent the Executive Committee talking points for speaking with legislators.



# MINUTES

***At 11:30 a.m. Tecia moved for adjournment. Serina seconded. Approved.***

**Next call: Reschedule – currently July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern**

Prepared by: JoEllen Fowler, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director