



Council Executive Committee

Location: Conference call
Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017
Time: 11:00 A.M. CDT/ 12:00 P.M. EDT

Present: Tommy Lee Kidd, Lisa Johnson, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Evan Espey, Serina Gilbert
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.

Lisa moved to approve the July 11, 2017 Executive Committee minutes as written. Tecia seconded. Serina abstained since she was not on the July call. Approved.

2) **AIDD Tier 2 Peer Review – Our Response**

Alicia reminded everyone that in August 2016, we submitted a new five year state plan to our federal oversight agency. That submission went through a peer review process. Tennessee was one of 27 states to have its five year state plan approved without any required amendments. We received feedback through the peer-to-peer review process. Staff reviewed the comments and developed a response that provides additional information and feedback to our federal oversight agency. There were no compliance concerns at all and Alicia summarized the reviewer identified strengths and concerns of the plan, and the Council's responses.

3) **Review Final Agenda of September Council Meeting**

Alicia reviewed the most recent draft of the September Council meeting agenda. This is a business meeting for the Council and includes the usual reports from staff and the Executive Committee as well as our annual year-in-review. The report-outs are linked to the state plan by goal. At the end we will do an exercise to determine if we made progress toward our 3 program goals throughout the year. This is one of the activities we do to measure progress on our state plan and the results will be included in a report to our federal oversight agency.

Council members will participate in reporting on staff activities and Council projects. Staff will be in touch with their Committee Chairs to plan details.

4) **Federal Budget**

Wanda reported that the House Budget Committee came out with their budget proposal. DD Act programs were level funded. The Committee rejected the proposal to dissolve the Councils, Statewide Independent Living Councils and the State Advisory Boards for Traumatic Brain Injury and creating a new federal program. We will see what the Senate does.



There is a period for open comments on the proposed plan to dissolve the 3 councils contained in the President's budget. August 11th is the deadline for the comment period. Yesterday Wanda made comments during a listening session specifically about this proposal.

Wanda will send the Executive Committee the comments letter.

5) **Appointments Update (East TN)**

Lynette reviewed the July 2017 Council reappointments, new appointments and a new nominee. We have submitted a nomination for the East TN seat to the Governor's office. They hope to have the process complete by mid-August so that all new appointees can participate in the new member Orientation and the Council meeting in September.

6) **Officer Appointment**

Tommy Lee reported that he had spoken to each member of the Executive Committee concerning a recommendation to the Governor for the position of Council Chair. The Committee agreed by consensus to recommend Tecia Puckett Pryor for the Governor's consideration as Council Chair. Consideration is given to members who have demonstrated leadership skills while on the Council. At the September Council meeting the Executive Committee will ask the Council to join them in forwarding this recommendation to the Governor.

At 11:54 a.m. Evan moved for adjournment. Serina seconded. Approved.

Reminder: the September conference call is canceled since the Executive Committee will meet the following week.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern @ Embassy Suites Nashville Airport

Next call: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. Central/12 noon Eastern

Prepared by: JoEllen Fowler, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director