



## Council Executive Committee

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

**Present:** Lisa Johnson, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Evan Espey, Serina Gilbert

**Absent:** Tommy Lee Kidd

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

Tecia Puckett Pryor, Communications Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

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

Tecia reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

The Committee reviewed the September 14, 2017 Executive Committee minutes and requested an addition. Staff made the change, resent to the Committee for review and they will vote on the amended minutes at the next meeting.

2) **Review draft agenda for November Council Retreat**

Wanda reminded the Committee that we held our annual review at the September meeting and plan to use the November Retreat as a learning time. We will have topical speakers and there will be several opportunities for Council members to participate.

Alicia reviewed the draft agenda. The Theme is - Our Story: Know it... Tell it! The Council's story and our personal stories are linked and work together to create a synergy around systems change. Day 1 will be spent learning information on key issues and learning to tell your story. We will have "Deep Dive Topics" which are key priorities for the upcoming year (i.e.; Employment, Supported Decision Making and Disability, Diversity and Identity). There will also be several "CouncilTalks", brief talks by Council members about their summer assignments or other activities. On Day 2 members will be able to get some practice on conveying their story during a couple of workshops.

Staff will send the next agenda draft with the Executive Committee minutes for members to review and comment.

3) **State & Federal Budget Update**

Lynette explained that the dollars the Council receives from Congress is our federal appropriation. The term often heard is federal budget. Once the appropriation comes into the state, we develop a state budget based on those dollars and it gives the Council the state authority to spend those dollars. The Council's state budget for FY 2018-2019 was submitted on time in September. Next there will be state budget hearings with the Governor's leadership prior to the Governor releasing



his budget. In February and March Council staff will present our state budget to the appropriate House committees and maybe the Senate.

Lynette reported that on the federal level, Congress passed a continuing resolution through December and the amount is based on the previous fiscal year. The Council will not need to spend this fiscal year's dollars that they are debating on now until July 2018.

Lynette also mentioned that we are hearing that ACL (Administration on Community Living) has no plans to change the Council structure.

4) **People Planning Together stipends and Council Conflict of Interest Policy (William Lovell)**

Lynette explained that Council member William Lovell came to staff concerned that he might have a conflict of interest. Lynette read the section of the policy (D) that worried him: "No Council member's salary may be paid from any contract or grant of the Council."

William is a People Planning Together Trainer who receives a stipend of \$100 for each session he conducts through Buffalo River Services (BRS) which is funded through the Council's Scholarship Fund, administered by United Cerebral Palsy. For example, this year William has 4 trainings scheduled which would be \$400 for the year. He does not decide what trainings he is doing and this is not a salary. Staff recommends that whatever is decided, we would send a letter to William stating the decision of the Executive Committee and maintain the letter with William's appointment documentation. Staff also recommends that since he does not choose his trainings and does not receive a salary, this section of the policy does not apply in this case. The Committee then discussed.

***Lisa moved that since William does not choose what trainings he is doing and does not receive a salary, section D of the conflict of interest policy was not material and would not disqualify him from serving on the Council. Evan seconded. Approved.***

5) **Motion to Adjourn**

***At 11:40 a.m. Serina moved for adjournment. Evan seconded. Approved.***

**Next meeting: Staff will let the Committee know by October 20<sup>th</sup> if we need to meet on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. If we do, it was recommended we meet at 4 p.m. instead of 3 p.m.**

**Next call: Cancel or reschedule November call**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 11 a.m. Central/12 noon Eastern

Prepared by: JoEllen Fowler, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director