



## Council Executive Committee

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Location: Conference call  
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017  
Time: 11:00 A.M. CDT/12:00 P.M. EDT

**Present:** Tommy Lee Kidd, Serina Gilbert, Evan Espey, Tecia Puckett Pryor, Lisa Johnson  
**Staff:** Wanda Willis, Lynette Porter, JoEllen Fowler

Tommy Lee Kidd, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

1) **Review Agenda; Approve Minutes**

Tommy Lee reviewed the Executive Committee agenda.

***Serina moved to approve the February 16, 2017 Executive Committee minutes with one change: Add "Developmental" to #4 in the minutes making it "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month". Lisa seconded. Approved.***

2) **Funding Items**

- **Continuation FY 17-18**

Lynette summarized our annual process for handling continuation grants. There are 5 grants that we funded this year and plan to continue to fund next year. These are considered core holdings. We have funded these programs for several years and they are in our new 5 year state plan.

Lynette reviewed each grant and the recommended funding amount. While there is some change in funding amounts from last year for some of the projects, the overall dollar amount is about the same. Lynette will send the Committee the project funding amounts from last year. Changes in grant amounts are based on actual expenditures from the previous year. Agencies are reimbursed on a monthly basis based on what they spend.

***Evan moved to approve the recommended funding for the FY 17-18 Continuation grants. Serena seconded. Motion carried.***

- **Amendment – Partners FY 16-17**

Lynette presented a request to amend the current fiscal year 2016-17 Partners budget. Staff plans the budget the spring before knowing there are several unknown factors that will impact the budget: number of people in the class, their mileage amount, or what accommodations will be



needed for how many participants. Also, this year the Conus rates for hotel rooms went up significantly. We do not want to underspend because then we lose federal dollars. The total needed to close out the current year is \$21,620.

***Lisa moved to approve adding \$21,620 to the FY 16-17 Partners budget. Serina seconded. Motion passed.***

### 3) **Council Budget Hearings**

Wanda reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup> she gave the Council budget presentation to the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee. It was an exciting hearing with Tommy Lee and Abigail Kidd in attendance. The Committee Vice-Chair formally recognized Tommy Lee and Abigail. Tommy Lee's representative, who is on the committee, gave him an opportunity to address the Committee after the budget presentation. It put a face on what we do and made a really nice presentation.

### 4) **Update on Jonathan Martinis' visit to Tennessee**

Wanda reviewed how the Jonathan Martinis visit, which the Council is sponsoring, is shaping up. He will present at the Partners Reunion and will make presentations to various groups to educate them on Supported Decision Making (SDM). Wanda will send Tecia more specifics on the session planned for attorneys.

### 5) **Review April Council Meeting Topics**

Tommy Lee reviewed the draft April 28, 2017 Council meeting agenda. We may be ready to take action on the Michael Smull proposal. Staff is working with his office to get more information then we will bring it to the Executive Committee for discussion, probably on the April 4<sup>th</sup> call.

We are looking for a good way for members to share what is going on in their area. The Committee discussed several options and decided to gather information in advance, put it in folders and draw attention to it. Tommy Lee will mention the handout as we break for lunch and suggest members talk to the person who submitted the information personally if they want to follow up.

Wanda mentioned staff is doing some rebranding exercises. Once staff are acclimated we want to bring it to the Executive Committee and be able to include the entire Council in the branding of the Council. This is about how we explain ourselves in simple, easy to convey terms.

### 6) **Review February Council Meeting Evaluation Results**

Wanda noted how much people liked the Committees. We have committees that relate to what we do every day, and to our state plan. She also reviewed "what we can do better". Staff is discussing the feedback and wants the Executive Committee to review so we can be responsive.



# MINUTES

7) **At 12:00 p.m. Evan moved for adjournment. Lisa seconded. Approved.**

**Next call: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 11 a.m.**

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern**

Prepared by: JoEllen Fowler, Administrative Assistant

Approved by: Wanda Willis, Executive Director