

## **Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Quarterly Meeting**

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) met on Thursday, August 18, 2022 via the teleconference platform Google Meets.

### **Agenda Item I Call to Order**

C.W. Gardenhire called to order at 12:06 p.m.

### **Agenda Item II Roll Call**

Executive Director Jonathan Taylor conducted the roll call with the following results:

#### **Members Present:**

Joseph Baxter  
Karan Burnette  
Syard Evans  
Cynthia Fong  
C.W. Gardenhire  
Mark George  
Ke'Arus Henderson  
Kasey Hodges  
Carrie Hollis-Anthony  
Tom Masseur  
Ann Price  
Toni Roy  
Amanda Sanders  
Christopher Tebbetts  
Maria Villagran  
Melissa Weatherston  
Janette Williams-Smith

#### **Members Absent:**

Kate Donovan – Chairperson  
Lud Kozlowski – Vice – Chair  
Kimberly Horton  
Toni Roy  
Rhonda Saunders  
Heather Shrader

#### **Guests:**

Christian Adcock  
Ally Thompson

#### **Staff Present:**

Jonathan Taylor, Executive Director  
Assiah Lewellen, Deputy Director

Jamiya Foote, Finance & Operations Coordinator  
Kim Gatewood, Admin. Specialist

**Agenda Item III**  
**Funding Recommendations-2022-007-DDNTWK-AADA**

CW Gardenhire informed the Council that the State Plan Committee reviewed and recommends the Arkansas Alliance for Disability Advocacy's (AADA) request for increased funding in the amount of \$30,000. Gardenhire invited questions and discussion from the Council. Cindy Fong asked if the additional funding would allow an increase in the number of participants in the Partners In Policymaking (PIP) program. Ally Thompson, Executive Director of AADA, Christian Adcock, PIP Coordinator, and Tom Masseau, Executive Director, Disability Rights Arkansas explained the additional funding is to cover the heightened expenses, due to current inflation, associated with PIP speaker fees, travel costs, and PIP participant lodging. Discussion ensued. Gardenhire asked for a motion to approve AADA's request for increased funding. Karen Burnette made the motion, seconded by Kasey Hodges. The vote resulted as follows:

Abstain: **(1)** Tom Masseau

Opposed: **(2)** Cindy Fong and Melissa Weatherton

In Favor: **(13)**

The motion carried, approving AADA's request for increased funding.

**Agenda Item IV**  
**New Business and Announcements**

Director Taylor reminded the Council of the upcoming Retreat on September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.

**Agenda Item V**  
**Adjourn**

Gardenhire asked for motion to adjourn. Mark George made the motion, seconded by Janette Williams-Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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Jamiya Foote, Recorder

<b>APPROVED 09/12/2022 BY FULL COUNCIL</b>
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