

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

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) met on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock AR 72201. The video teleconferencing platform Zoom was available for those not able to attend in person.

### **Agenda Item I**

#### **Call to Order**

Council Chair Katherine Donovan called the meeting to order at 10:14 am.

### **Agenda Item II**

#### **Roll Call**

Chair Donovan conducted the roll call with the following results:

#### **Members Present:**

Katherine Donovan – Chairperson  
Lud Kozlowski – Vice - Chair  
Karan Burnette-Virtual  
Syra Evans  
Joseph Baxter-Virtual  
Cynthia Fong-Virtual  
C.W. Gardenhire  
Mark George  
Ke'Arus Henderson-Virtual  
Carrie Hollis-Anthony  
Ann Price  
Christopher Tebbetts-Virtual  
Maria Villagran-Virtual  
Janette Williams-Smith  
Tom Masseur  
Kasey Hodges-Virtual  
Amanda Sanders  
Kristin Watson-Proxy for Rhonda Saunders -Virtual

#### **Members Absent:**

Melissa Weatherton  
Kimberly Horton  
Toni Roy  
Rhonda Saunders

#### **Guest:**

Julie Robbins-MHP  
Amanda Mauck- MHP  
Dennis Dixon-Self Advocate  
Logan Perks-FEMA

**Staff Present:**

Jonathan Taylor, Executive Director  
Assiah Lewellen, Deputy Director  
Jamiya Foote, Finance & Operations Coordinator  
Linda Sims, Program Coordinator  
Kim Gatewood, Admin. Specialist

**Agenda Item III**  
**Approve September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Donovan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting. She asked if there were any corrections to be made. With no changes requested, a motion was made by Mark George and seconded by Janette Williams Smith to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022. All members present voted unanimously in favor and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

**Agenda Item IV**  
**Council Budget Report**

Finance & Operations Coordinator Jamiya Foote presented the FY22 Budget to the Council. Executive Director Jonathan Taylor spoke about 2201 ARSCPH 2022-Expanding Public Health Workforce. Chair Donovan asked the council if they had any other question regarding the Budget Report. There were none. Donovan thanked Foote and moved on the next order of business.

**Agenda Item V**  
**FY22 Funded Project Report**

Program Coordinator Linda Sims presented an overview of GCDD's Funded Projects, Arkansas Support Network, Disabilities Rights Arkansas, University of Arkansas/Partners for Inclusive Communities. Sims reported on the activities of each funded project. Chair Donovan asked the council for any other questions regarding the FY22 Funded Project Report. Donovan thanked Sims and moved on the next order of business.

**Agenda Item VI**  
**DD Network/Advocacy Update**

Executive Director Taylor shared the activities of the Breakfast Club.

Tom Masseau informed the council that Wensday Kramer is the new Project Coordinator for SAND. Masseau gave the Council a DRA advocacy update. Masseau informed the committee of DRA'S Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility database.

**Agenda Item VII**  
**Reports from Committee Chairs**

Vice Chair Lud Kozlowski informed the Council the nominating committee is looking for a Southern Arkansas representative. Kozlowski advised the Council that members cannot miss more than two meetings throughout a year. Kozlowski informed the Council the importance of making sure meetings is attended. Kozlowski advised the Council that State Senator Gilmore is working towards getting someone on the Committee.

Mark George, on behalf of the Public Policy & Outreach Committee, gave an update on federal and state legislation.

Amanda Mauck with Mangan Holcomb Media Report (MHP). Mauck gave a quarterly media and marketing update. Council Chair Donovan thanked Mauck and moved on the next order of business.

### **Agenda Item VIII State Plan and Implementation Committee Update**

CW Gardenhire stated that “everything was going well” and had no additional updates beyond what Grants Coordinator Sims had discussed during Agenda Item V.

### **Agenda Item IX Council Education & Training**

Executive Director Taylor reminded the Council about the Advocacy training from the retreat. Taylor reiterated the difference in advocating and lobbying. Taylor also reminded the Council to make sure they know who their legislators are and that they are communicating with them. Taylor reviewed the General Assembly's website with Council members, informing them to utilize the website and research what different bills represent. Donovan asked the Council if there were any questions regarding Council Education & Training. Council Chair Donovan thanked Taylor and moved on the next order of business.

### **Agenda Item X New Business and Announcements**

Taylor outlined all the events that is taking place within the year:

Legislative sessions begin Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders will be sworn in as the 47<sup>th</sup> Governor on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

March 9, 2023 Council Meeting held at the Capital.

March 14, 2023 will be PI day

March 19-23, 2023 will be Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC.

Taylor informs the committee The Breakfast Club will meet January 2023 at 8:30am

Syard Evans informed the Council ASN (Arkansas Support Network) has an awareness campaign which is better wages for better support for people. Kick off will be the end of December 2022.

Executive Director Taylor reminded the Council to complete their Financial Disclosure forms and turn them into the Arkansas Secretary of State's office..

**Agenda Item XI**  
**Adjourn**

Donoven asked for a motion to adjourn. Janette Williams Smith made the motion seconded by Cindy Fong.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

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Jamiya Foote, Recorder

<b>APPROVED 03/09/2023 BY FULL COUNCIL</b>
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