

Advocacy Development Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

10:00am - 1:00pm

Room: Bradford A Room and ZoomGov - Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609790287?pwd=dkdSOWlkYWlVRzVYbWlGSnBzYTZKdz09>

Virtual Meeting ID: 160 979 0287

Members Present: Bryan Dooley, Carol Ann Conway, Myron Gavin, Aldea LaParr (Chair), Danielle Matula for Yvonne Copeland, Kay McMillan, William Miller, Tocarra Osborne, Sarah Richardson for Karey Perez, Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Bethany Smith, Anna Ward for Joe Piven,

Members Absent: Keith Carney, Rep. Zack Hawkins, Virginia Knowlton Marcus

Staff in Attendance: Pam Hunter Dempsey, Chris Hendricks, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz, LaQuadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Shar'ron Williams

Guests: DSP/Kay McMillan, DSP/Bethany Smith, Kelly Friedlander, Meredith Huml, Kelly Woodall, Cameron Kempson, Dr. Victoria Nneji, Devika Rao

Welcome/Introductions:

The Advocacy Development Committee (ADC) started with welcome by Aldea LaParr, ADC chair.

Approval of Minutes:

Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the August 2023 Advocacy Development Committee (ADC) minutes including correction of Kay Miller to Kay McMillan in the August Approval of Minutes section. **Carol Conway seconded** the motion. The motion was approved.

Initiative Updates: ALP-NC Coordination and Management, Self-Advocate Discussion Series, Hispanic Disability Advocate, and Film: Unmet Needs

Kelly Woodall & Kelly Friedlander from Community Bridges Consulting Group provided the ALP-NC initiative update. The initiative will complete a facilitator training by the end of November. Staff provided a brief update related to property rights involving the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL). Resolution is expected to occur in December.

NCCDD Staff Chris Hendricks provided an update for the NCCDD Self-Advocate Discussion Series and Irlanda Ruiz provided an update for the Hispanic Disability Advocate Initiative. The SA Discussion Series will continue in 2024. Regarding the Hispanic Disability Advocate Initiative, ADC members request that staff engage more robust engagement planning, including partnerships with DHHS divisions where Spanish materials can be acquired and distributed.

All initiatives are accomplishing or exceeding initiative objectives and reaching important disability communities.

Robin Rayne provided an update for the Film Initiative to the full Council in advance of the ADC meeting. Following additional presentation in the ADC by Robin Rayne and Pam Dempsey about the “Unmet” film initiative, Will Miller lead supplemental discussion related to adding the Audio Descriptive feature to the film. Members suggested the request go to the NCCDD Executive Committee if additional funding must be formally approved for that administrative activity.

Presentation: Youth Lead North Carolina

Kay McMillan and Meredith Huml provided a presentation about the Youth Lead NC program. Members engaged robust and meaningful discussion including encouragement for the Youth Lead NC program to provide a proposal for future funding.

Adjourn (1:07p.m.)