

# NC Council on Developmental Disabilities

**FINAL**

## Executive Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, August 26, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

**Members Present:** Bryan Dooley (Chair), Jon D'Angelo, Charlrean Mapson, D. Min., Marjorie Serralles-Russell, Donna Spears

**Member(s) Absent:** Tony Hall, Bethany Smith

**Staff Present:** Chris Hendricks, Juanita Hooker, David Ingram, Irlanda Ruiz; La'Quadia Smith, Melissa Swartz, Talley Wells, Shar'ron Williams, Stephanie Williams, Philip Woodward, Letha Young

**Guests/Council members Present:** None

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Bryan Dooley (Chair) called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the July 17, 2024, Executive Committee meeting.

Jon D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### III. ED Update

Talley Wells provided updates and discussion on upcoming November Awards and NCCDD initiatives as well as discussion/vote on the following motions: Website Overview Proposal (Media Relations Program Motion) and Policy Consultant Proposal (Public Policy Consultant Motion).

## **Media Relations Program – Website Content Management System Upgrade**

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to approve NCCDD Staff to increase the funding of the NCCDD Media Relations Program initiative up to \$30,000, from \$200,000 to up to \$230,000, as well as the required minimum of 25% in non-federal matching funds, increasing from \$66,667 to up to \$76,667 for Year 1 (of 5) for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The intent of this one-time, Year 1 (of 5) specific increase is to fund the *Website Content Management System Upgrade and Improvements* proposal submitted to the Executive Committee via e-mail on Friday, August 23, 2024. The EC also authorizes NCCDD Staff to amend the proposed contents of the *Scope of Work & Deliverables* to minimize and eliminate redundant annual costs and activities included in the aforementioned proposal.

Jon D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## **Public Policy Consultant**

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to authorize NCCDD to negotiate to hire as a temporary employee, or through an agreement, Erika Hagensen as a Developmental Disability Policy Education Consultant for the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) - utilizing NCCDD's In-House Public Policy Initiative's funds. This work would be for up to one (1) Year, set to begin on or after September 15, 2024 for approximately 10 hours a week, for up to \$35,000 per Year. NCCDD is authorized, accordingly, to increase its In-House Public Policy initiative for the Period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 in an amount up to an additional \$35,000, increasing it from \$38,500 to up to \$64,500, with match requirement waived since this is an In-House initiative of the Council.

Marjorie Serralles-Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **IV. Conference Funding Requests**

##### **A. Limit to Total In-House Conference Initiative Funding Awarded to a Single Organization in State Fiscal Year**

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to set the limit of funding that any one organization can access (i.e., receive) from NCCDD using NCCDD's In-House Conference Funding Initiative for events/activities during a single State Fiscal Year (SFY) to \$3,000, without approval from the Executive Committee for exceptional circumstances, effective in SFY 2024-2025 for events/activities occurring on or after July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Jon D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

##### **B. Insightful Visionaries, Inc.**

MOTION: Jon D'Angelo made a motion to approve using In-House Conference Funds to support Insightful Visionaries' Women Uplifting Women – Day Retreat Focus: Women of All Abilities event on September 21, 2024 at The White Magnolia Event Center in Raleigh, NC for up to \$1,950 (for Speakers Fees [\$200] and Meeting Space Costs [\$1,750]).

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

##### **C. NCARF**

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion to Not Approve using In-House Conference Funds to support NCARF's Fall Conference Agents of Change...Scaling New Heights event on September 18-20, 2024 at the Hilton Asheville Biltmore Park in Asheville, NC.

Marjorie Serralles-Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The EC agreed that if asked the reason for the denial was due to limited funds of the Council.

#### D. Aventura Consciente

MOTION: Jon D'Angelo made a motion to approve using In-House Conference Funds to support Aventura Consciente's Networking for a Cause event on September 21, 2024 at the Christ the King Church's venue in Charlotte, NC for up to \$1,000 (for Speaker Travel [\$650] and Meeting Space [\$350] Costs).

Donna Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### E. IDD Speaker & Advocate Funding Request – Jonathan Ellis

MOTION: Marjorie Serralles-Russell made a motion to approve using In-House Intellectual and/or Other Developmental Disabilities Speaker, Advisor, and Advocate Funds to support Jonathan Ellis in engaging in the UNC Cares Supported Living 2 & 3 Monthly Meetings, via ZoomGov/Teleconference with a \$50 Honorarium per month Jonathan Ellis attends from September 2024 through June 2025, for a total amount up to \$500.

Jon D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### V. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP VOTE(S)

MOTION: Donna Spears made a motion for NCCDD to recommend to NC Boards and Commissions that [**Sherif Elgindi**] (**Slot 1: Council Member #12 – Individuals with DD**) and [**Essence (Olivia Rose) Scott**] (**Slot 2: Council Member #19 – Individuals with DD**) are appointed to serve on the Council and that Jonathan D'Angelo (#18, Individuals with DD – To Start 1<sup>st</sup> Full Term), Keith Carney (#26, Parent or Relative/Sibling/Guardian – To Start 1<sup>st</sup> Full Term), and Karey Perez (#6, DHHS-Aging) are reappointed for another term.

**Slot 1:** Individuals with DD (#12, Prior - W. Miller)

**Slot 2:** Individuals with DD (#19, Prior - N. Siler)

Marjorie Serralles-Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**VI. Adjourn Motion**

Donna Spears made a motion to adjourn the August 26, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting.

Jon D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.