

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

MINUTES

August 8, 2008

**University of Nevada, Reno
UCED Building - Teleconferenced**

INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa Antram, Mary Bryant, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Chair (GCDD), Billy Eddins, Tiffany Hunter, Mary Liveratti, Jack Mayes, Brian Patchett, Santa Perez, Robin Renshaw, Steve Rock, Stephanie Schoen, Ken Vogel, Korri Ward, Karen Wheeler

Absent: Janell Rosenberg **Guest Present:** Deborah Braun, Lisa Erquiaga **Staff Present:** Sherry Manning, GCDD Executive Director, Diana Peachay

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by GCDD Chair Mary Bryant at 10:05am. Quorum was established.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (GCDD) BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING.

Jack Mayes gave a summary of the recommendations of the budget committee. 1) The recommendations were: An increase in-state and out-of-state travel budget; 2) Autonomy/staff sharing changes and a reclassification for an administrative assistant III to a IV due to reduced low-level administrative duties to an increase of professional duties.

A motion that the full GCDD approve the recommendations from the GCDD Budget Committee was offered by Brian Patchett and seconded by Ken Vogel and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GCDD COUNCIL EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MEDICAID INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (MIG) SUB-GRANTS TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE GCDD FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AREA OF EMPHASIS.

Billy Eddins gave a brief overview of the August 7th Evaluation Committee meeting and the presentations that were presented from the possible recipients of the MIG funds. He informed the council of the budget committee's recommendation of the recipients for the MIG funds which were: Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center in collaboration with Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP). He stated that the big emphasize for the projects is statewide.

Billy Eddins gave a summary of the recommendation which is that the GCDD would enter into partnership, in which funds would be transferred to the GCDD fiscal account through an inter-local agreement, and the GCDD would administer the grant process to award the funds, of the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG), to the best equipped organizations to fulfill the goals set forth in the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant and to work towards the Employment Area of Emphasis as set forth in the DD Five Year State Plan.

Lisa Erquiaga gave an overview of the HIWAA (Health Insurance for Work Advancement) Advisory Committee's prior meeting that included the original intent, goals and focus of the grant. She indicated that the grant transfer, of the MIG funds, to ODS should be taking place in the next few weeks.

A motion to approve the \$39,241 to go to Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living for benefits counseling, with the remainder of the MIG funds of approximately \$71,157, to go to Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center, in collaboration with PEP for the Transition Employment Project, was

offered by Santa Perez, and seconded by Billy Eddins and unanimously approved. Jack Mayes and Robin Rehshaw sustained themselves from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

GCDD Chair Mary Bryant informed the council that George Brown, a former GCDD council member, had passed away. She indicated what a wonderful man he was and indicated all the hard work he had done on the GCDD. The council gave a moment of silence in the remembrance of George Brown.

GCDD Chair Mary Bryant thanked the evaluation and budget committees for their hard work and well functional meetings. Lisa Erquiaga thanked the GCDD and staff for taking on the MIG funds in such a short turnaround on behalf of MIG and HIWAA; she felt the funds are in good hands. GCDD Chair Mary Bryant thanked Lisa Erquiaga and indicated that the council is looking forward to the beginning of a real nice collaborative relationship. She stated that this project is one of GCDD's and Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living's big goals in the employment of people with disabilities.

Korri Ward thanked everyone for recognizing the needs of the rural areas and providing outreach and for working hard to develop programs to serve some of the needs in the rural areas.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next GCDD meeting date will be September 17th at MontBleu in Lake Tahoe after the retreat. The agenda and draft minutes will be emailed to the council prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.