**Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**Quarterly Council Meeting**

**July 18-19**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present: Tom Connelly, Mark Crenshaw (for Dan Crimmins), Brian Dowd, Teresa Eggleson, Vivian Fernandez, Parker Glick, Dorothy Harris, Teresa Heard, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Heidi Moore, Evan Nodvin, Madeline Petrone, Mitzi Proffitt, Renee Pruitt (for Ruby Moore), Zo Stoneman, Lynn Walker,**

Thursday July 18, 2019

1. **Information:**

Mitzi Proffitt made the following announcements:

* 1. October Council meeting is October 17 and 18th at the Evergreen Conference Center at Stone Mountain.
  2. On August 29th, GCDD will support the Georgia STABLE program by hosting Facebook Live with Doug Jackson from Ohio STABLE.
  3. Membership applications reviewed by the ad hoc committee and approved by the Executive Committee were sent to the Governor office.
  4. Disability History Symposium is October 30th and Judy Heumann will be the keynote speaker

1. **Alison Barkoff**

Alison Barkoff gave an update on what is happening in Georgia and to talk about the status of GNETs case. Among the highlights of her presentation were (See handouts at the end)

* 1. There is legislation in the House of Representatives to phase out subminimum wage and support competitive integrated employment. While it may be the House, it is unlikely to pass the Senate
  2. The Council may want to comment on the following proposed rules and legislation:
     1. Money Follows the Person (Empower Care Act)
     2. Disability Integration act
  3. GNETS and DOJ Settlement: Those who filed the lawsuit against the Department of Education around GNETS are hoping for a decision this fall that will allow the case to move to class certification. In the most recent Monitors report on the ADA violations around institutions, the monitor found areas of noncompliance especially in the services for those with behavior and/or medical issues and in the area of crisis services. There will be a follow up report at the end of the summer.

1. **Budget**

Eric Jacobson presented the proposed budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

1. **Board Development**

Mitzi Proffitt shared that after the April Quarterly Meeting, the Executive Committee discussed concerns about accessibility and supporting members. They asked McKenzie Wren to work with members on how to work together better. Ms. Wren facilitated several discussions and exercises to assist members.

The members agreed to the following norms for meetings:

* Take Space, Make Space
* One person at a Time
* Assume Good Intent
* Mutual Respect
* Solution Driven
* Love it for 15 minutes

Courageous conversations mean that individuals must:

* Stay engaged
* Experience discomfort
* Speak your truth
* Expect and accept non-closure

When making a decision, members should be able to hold each other accountable and support decisions. Each member should be asked: Can you:

* Support the decision
* Live with the Decision
* Not work against the Decision

Friday, July 18, 2019

1. **Consent Agenda**

GCDD uses a consent agenda so that we do not spend our time reviewing reports and instead discuss more global issues. It is your responsibility to read the items listed which incorporates minutes, fiscal reports, staff report and other reports that we receive from the programs we support. Rather than having each of these reports read or presented at the Council meeting, they are mailed in advance and adopted as a whole by the Council. Any minor questions or changes should be brought to the attention of the author prior to the meeting. Council members may ask that any major concerns be brought up as an issue for further discussion. The items on the consent agenda are:

* 1. Minutes from the April meeting
  2. Program Report
  3. Financial Report

**Teresa Heard made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Lynn Walker seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to adopt and accept the consent agenda.**

**Tom Connelly made a motion to adopt the proposed FFY 2019-2020 budget. Teresa Heard seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the proposed FFY 2019-2020 budget.**

1. **Medicaid Advocacy**

Michelle Conde is the Communications and Special Projects Manger at Georgian’s for a Healthy Future presented on the advocacy project they are conducting with GCDD and proposed changes in Medicaid and healthcare on the state level. (See her presentation at the end.)

1. **Agency Updates**

Brian Dowd covered the following topics about what is happening at the Department of Community Health:

* Electronic Verification – the State will apply for an extension and will only use it for community living and personal supports
* The HCBS Setting Rule reply is being drafted as they are resurveying all HCBS providers
* There has been a reorganization of the Medicaid leadership. Under Lynnette Rhodes is Jonathan Dutweiler (Eligibility), Brian Dowd (Policy), Catherine Ivy (Operations) and Dr. Hensley (Quality Compliance).

Lori Campbell presented the following topics concerning the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities:

* Roll out of IDD Connects through 26 trainings. IDD Connects is the client information system that will be transparent, accountable and efficient. It will integrate all other systems
* The Department is working to validate the DUNR system to help with managing the planning lists. They have added children and behavioral and medical components.
* Ms. Campbell reviewed the many activities taking place around supported employment. This includes Employment Express Funding Track, WISE regional efforts , and MOU with Vocational Rehabilitation.
* Families need to apply for GAPP services before applying for the NOW or COMP Waivers.

Teresa Eggleston gave an update on the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency:

* There is new leadership with Shawn Ryan and Christine Flemming.
* There is a draft of the MOU with DBHDD for 2020 being worked on. There have been 606 referrals from DBHDD to VR
* Working to build capacity for dual providers of DBHDD and VR for providing customized employment.
* MOUs have been sent to the inclusive post secondary programs and funds are being dispersed to the schools
* VR is exploring Disability 101 website to help individuals around benefits

1. Evaluation

The Executive Committee will review your comments and make decisions on what we may need to change to improve our meetings.

XI. Adjourn