

**Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities**  
**Quarterly Council Meeting**  
**July 20-21 Notes**  
**Macon, Georgia**  
**MINUTES**

Present: Tom Connelly, Marilyn Ellis (For Marcey Alter), Dorothy Harris, Theresa Heard, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Evan Nodvin, Heidi Moore, Brenda Munoz, Madeline Petrone, Mitzi Proffitt, Renee Pruitt, Zolinda Stoneman, Lynne Walker

Thursday July 20, 2017

i. Welcome and Announcements

Mitzi Proffitt announced that GCDD has hired Maria Pinkelton as the new Public Information Associate who will focus her time on social media and website.

Brenda Munoz announced that Mitzi Proffitt had been elected to the National Association of Council on Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors. Her term begins October 1, 2017.

The next Council meeting is October 12 and 13 in Atlanta

ii. Budget and Work Plan

Eric Jacobson presented the draft 2017-2018 budget and work plan that members will vote on Friday. He explained that changes may occur because the President's budget includes combining DD Councils with Statewide Independent Living Councils and Traumatic Brain Injury programs and significantly decreasing budgets. Staff will be monitoring the progress on this budget proposal. Attached is the draft budget and work plan.

iii. Ron Wakefield

GCDD hosted Ron Wakefield, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities on a FaceBook Live Forum. Mr. Wakefield answered questions from members and people from around the state. The FaceBook Live Forum may be viewed at [https://www.facebook.com/pg/georgiaddcouncil/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/georgiaddcouncil/videos/?ref=page_internal)

iv. Advocacy

Alison Barkoff joined the meeting via Skype and gave an update on healthcare reform and other national legislation. Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld provided an update on the advocacy effort that took place in Georgia around the repeal and replace of the Affordable Care Act and other legislation.

v. Public Forum

GCDD hosted a public forum for members of the Georgia community to learn about the effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld lead the public forum which was broadcast on FaceBook Live. You can view the public forum at [https://www.facebook.com/pg/georgiaddcouncil/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/georgiaddcouncil/videos/?ref=page_internal)

Friday, July 21, 2017

i. Business

Mitzi Proffitt asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

**Dorothy Harris made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Lynn Walker seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda. The Council members voted unanimously to adopt the consent agenda.**

Mitzi Proffitt asked for a motion to adopt the proposed budget.

**Dorothy Harris made a motion to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Heidi Moore seconded the motion. The Council members voted unanimously to adopt the 2017-2018 budget.**

Mitzi Proffitt asked for a motion to adopt the proposed work plan

**Tom Connelly made a motion to adopt the 2017-2018 Annual Work Plan. Lynn Walker seconded the motion. The Council members voted unanimously to adopt the 2017-2018 Annual Work Plan**

ii. Real Communities

Sumaya Karimi conducted an exercise with members and staff around what inclusive communities look like. This included understanding that communities that were inclusive understood the values of belonging, welcoming, power, contribution, respect, support and values.

iii. Evaluation

Members and staff had an opportunity to share their thoughts on the meeting about what they liked and didn't like, what went well and did not go well.

# GCDD 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN

January 14-15, 2016