Welcome  
April 18-19, 2013  
GCDD Council Meeting  

Next Council Meeting  
Atlanta  
July 18-19  

Motion: Tom Connell  
Vote: Passed  
Spend $6,000  
Don’t spend too much  

Consent Agenda  

1. Advance in Read Minutes  
2. Read Budget Report  
3. Report on FY 2013 Fundraising  
4. Update on Annual Report  
5. Map Hot Spot  
6. Spot 490a  

Opportunities  

- Purposeful Learning  
- Communites  
- Gifts  
- Strategic  
- Project Report  
- Travel Requests  
- To go to events  

Airline, Parking, car, meals  
(40,000)
*** Disability Day at the Capitol ***

- 2500+ Executive at the Capitol
  - Pretty Day
  - DBHDD/Advisory

- Chair at large members
- Vice chair

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**DBHDD Advisory**

- Mitzi serves on it
- Communication doesn't work
- "Big" Titles
- Use Jargon - I listen and watch
- Need to speak up?
- These are open meetings

- Fiscal Agents now directing service choice
- They make it harder
  - Mitzi will be liaison with GCDDD/Advisory

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**FRIDAY**

- Elect Executive Committee

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**Group Photo Today**

- Lunch
- Individual photos, too
- Just before
May 15-16
KY - 2 Day Event

July 7-10 - NACDD TA
Washington, DC

- Bruce Anderson
  - Cailtin/Cheri
  - DeAnn Hargis
  - Community of Practice
  - Other Councils coming together

May 18 - Budget/Policy - Atlanta

- Self advocate work for non-profit
  - very involved
  - Family Support
  - GCDD staff
  - GCD staff
  - Cheri Pace
  - GCDD staff
  - Cailtin Childs
  - CLD-GSU

- Self advocate blind since 17
  - learning about budgets
  - appreciate accessible info
  - organizing Geek
  - organizing Geek
  - Teresa Johnson Parent Mentor
  - went to DC - learned about policy
talked to legislators

- Basil Co

- Teresa
  - Heard
  - Parent of 13 year old
  - work for Easter Seal
  - went to DC - new info

- Dan Crimmings
  - Cailtin
  - Real
  - CLD-GSU
Supporting New Parents
Attends Play Groups
Down Syndrome Association

- got a personal response
- wrote a letter to complain
- made a complaint
- she was treated rudely
- advocated
- staff learned
- Project Search Instructor

- wounded warriors
- on Regional Board
- support group
- parent advocate

1. Senator Davis
2. Spoke to legislators
3. Partners in Policy-Making Group
4. Chair of Regional Board
5. Served at Autism
6. Parent

- Lisa Neuman
- Colleen Hall Co.
- Pirkle
- McGregor
- Grace Akhias
- Augusta McGowen Gennette
Debbie Reagin
- Debbie Gay's Proxy
- Lives in Milton
- Participated in Real there
- Korean Coalition / Clarkston

Sharon Strandberg
- Parent of 2 who had IEPs
- Dad was a special ed teacher
- Contracts / Grants Manager
- Behind the scenes work to get payments

Tom Connelly
- Self advocate
- Wrote article about Eagle scout
- Welcome

Farah Chaptes
- CHO & Marcus
- Government Affairs
- DOE Marketing / Autism
- Haunt the halls of the Capitol

Evan Nodvin
- 34 yr old - self advocate
- Disability Day - Introduced Governor
- In MAD Magazine - Famous Now
Ruby Moore
Gary Childers
Jason Bearden
Dave Zilles
D'Arcy Robb
Leslie Hale

GADO... sister organization
DD Network
GCDD CFO

Family Advocate Provider - Highland Rivers
NW Georgia

Public Policy Director
Graduating in 3 weeks

Intern - UGA

- Employment Freedom Initiative
- Children's Freedom Initiative
- Way to get in the door was to talk about returning veterans
- Session: Nursing Home Bill of Rights

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Legislative Update

- Family Support
  - Parent time teacher
  - Transition
  - Post Secondary

- Parent of 17 yr old daughter with Down Syndrome
- Parent of 18 year old

- Key Interest: Post Secondary Transition

- DBHDD Advisory Council
  - P2P - 29 Counties
  - Parent of 18 year old

- County

- Robb

- Henry

- Debbie

- Mitzi
Post SECONDARY

KSL - GCDD funded $100,000
Butch Miller - Champion for us!

- DOJ - Full support
- Provider cut was eliminated
- Senior cuts were minimized

* Tried to get 50,000 housing subsidies
  Didn't get in the final budget

* Got 30 ICWP
* My Unlock Waiting List

* Bed Tax - hospitals - Passed
* Protection of Vulnerable Adults - passed
* AVA's Law - Insurance/Autism
* Being reviewed in a non-legislative committee

* Family Care Act - Didn't Pass
* Other Bills
Discussion About ABA's Law

ABA (electroshock) under the name of psychiatric practice
Evidence-based practitioner
Forensic law

Concerns:
- Nursing Facility Arbitration
- Unauthorized
- Medical E/M Social
- Consumer Concerns
- Families
- Legislative Standing Committee
- Passed Medicaid Reform
  - Time limited study
  - Consumer Committee
  - Medically necessary

Sometimes it is
Coming from adults with autism
Autism

Aunt for 15 years
To say ABA is scientific rigorous
Where is the support for ABA without autism

Harmful to say ABA is

Confidential Social Honor Voices Model
**FEDERAL UPDATE**

- Hill Visits
- *Hear Real Stories - Keep them grounded*
- *$3 Budget Proposals*
- *President*
- *Senate*
- *House*

**HILL UPDATE**

- Important DC Visits
- *Save for next year*
- *Need to hear from GA - Swing voters as a touchstone*

**TRADE**

- Rights of People w/ Disabilities
- US hasn't ratified International Treaty - ADA

**CONVENTION**

- Rights of People w/ Disabilities
- US hasn't ratified
- International Treaty

**ACTION**

- E-Mail
- Phone Calls
- Letters/Small Mail
- Take too long

- May come up again by July
- May use veterans as a touchstone

- May need to hear from GA - swing voters
WHAT ALREADY EXISTS TO BUILD ON
- Broad inclusive participation
- Mobilize grassroots efforts

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- ABCD - Asset Based Community Development

FOUNDATIONS OF REAL COMMUNITIES

WHO IS IN YOUR LIFE?
- Family
- Friends
- Service Providers
- Community Members

 Meaning Life

LIFE PURPOSE
- Girl Friend

REAL COMMUNITIES UPDATE
* Purposeful Learning
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Reflection
- What's working? (appreciating gifts)
- Shared learning

* Person Centered Supports
- Identifying gifts/talents

Create Cultural Change
- Collective Action Collaboration
- Participation - Using gifts
- Making it better for everyone
- Non-disability organizations are more effective in this work!

Curiosity
- What things are working?
- Why?
- RETREATS

Active Participation - Providing supports so they can
Shared Learning - active citizenship
reflection - experiential

COMMUNITIES

Gwinnett Timebank - No longer part of Real MT
- They plan to continue their efforts
- We love the time bank IDEA
Need to involve broader MT

Clarkston - International Garden
Partnership w/ Global Growers
Refugee Family Services
11 countries represented

Mixed Greens - Savannah
Forsyth Park Farmers Market
Green chair project - intentional space for conversations and storytelling
Little Green Wagon - engage Kids
Centenary Church - Macon ... where ALL means ALL!
Revive the neighborhood & the congregation
Roving Listeners - with youth (¢$ insight)
Engage neighbors ... what are their gifts?
Make connections — Paid Roving Connector - 5 hr/wk
Interest & use their gifts
Community Dinners
They found other funding sources

KOREAN COALITION
1st Generation Families
See Possibilities
Person Centered Plans
Circles of Support
Circles of Circles (150 & came)
Media Coverage - Korean Newspaper
Korean Festival
Gifts
Applications - July 1st
(Macon...Albany...Atlanta)
Staff Visit JH...selections made
Contracts in place by Oct 1st

Going to host 3 workshops for
who might be interested
want to add 3-5 new ones

* Training
* Technical Assistance...coaching
* MB for a MB...to seed ideas
* Retreats...reflect...capture learning
* Journeys...to see things
* Connecting Resources...bending experience
* EXPANSION...
Will post answers on our website. If you can ask questions I'm at your conference call where it's too prescriptive to be creative... don't want DD Suite... want applicants. Application submitted on 11/3/20.

**Projects**
* To Support Youth-Led
  * Without Disabilities
    * Summit for Kids ages 14-22
  * Put on a statewide Youth Forum on an Organization

(NOTA - Notice of Funds Available)

$200,000
Ethics... supports our mission... without conflict of interest.

Contract negotiations... decisions... criteria... formal... questions... objective... Process.

Giving good & out... Federal... 

1. Tom Connelly
2. Colleen Pirkle
3. Teresa Heard
4. Mitzi Proffitt
5. Kylie Moore

Council Members to review Proposals & serve on Selection Committee.
We can take the cut because we aren't expanding. Real cut until next year. We haven't used CIP money.

3% cut this year. State:

President asked for level funding for 2014. Will have to wait and see what happens.

Sequestration cuts:

- $2,067,000 left between now-Oct 1st
- $95,000 cut

Cut 4.47% Federal

DD Councils

FEDERAL

25% Match

Grants vs Procurement

Payment Oversight

Exceptions

Coalitions: Under $25,000 independent agreement
A strategic plan for self-advocacy is not going to be used this year.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

- $15,000 for technical assistance
- $30,000 for 2 colleges
  Break Down
  - $15,000 for 2 colleges
  - $45,000 to support KSL (pay mentors)

- $50,000 to South GA College
  - $45,000 to KSL
  - $50,000 to GA

Post Secondary to 3-4 Colleges

Legislature from $100,000

From DBHDD $110,000
To get that through, but said it would be hard.
Eric acknowledged the staff.
Their butts off bonuses they are working to give staff a
record to say... Find wanted to go on the

Learned... Capture lessons Program to tell their

Sustainability expansion and

$47,000 TA - build future
$20,000 for other college
$67,000 added to Post Secondary

Georgia added to Employment First

$15,000 added to DSP Certificate

Additions:
At Large: Josette Akhmas 3 vote for Geneice McGay 3 of 3

Nominees on Ballot:
- Mitzi Pratt - chair
- Tom Connolly - vice chair
- Lisa Newberry - advisory rep

We do have a quorum

Governor appointed members... are not Governor agency reps that can't vote

Advisory members... aren't appointed - serve a year term - includes

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Watched Real DVD: is in back of Annual Report... Share it with others

* Article: Korean Coalition

Handouts

Travel Request
Amended Budget

Vote: 1 Abstention (Don Grimmings) - 1 Absent (Jim)

MOTION: Christine Fleming

Amend: Tom Connolly

Vote on Amended Budget Proposal

Joe: Akhars
At Large: Gaynelle Mccoy
Advisory Rep: Lise Newberry
Vice Chair: Tom Connolly
Chair: Mike Poftelk

FOLLOW: Revealed ... and the elected state is as
between Joe, Teresa and Teresa H. Members
Ballots were counted. There was a tie
Public Policy

Engagement... working together

- Ideas - Interests

- Asked for input about what worked
- Calls - 1x wk during the session
- Things move so fast
- Trip to DC - Hill Visits
- 1. D'Arcy has an open door when it comes to ideas...
- Let her know what you are thinking
- Teresa B.

Calls were good for
- Teresa
- F. who can't travel

Minutes from calls were very helpful... couldn't be on calls due to work but wanted to stay informed.
Capital Impact - Tracks Relationships

Are back home with your legislators when they

Great time to have conversations

bills ... getting things ready

things happening ... Prep for

During “off season” there are

ad hoc Call if needed

or an

legislative isn’t in session

of what is going on

Maybe a 1x month email


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Teresa - would like a master list

are doing

of what GCDP members

Yes... Public info... we want to be

Transparent.

Can we share these minutes?

M: warehouse
- How to call them off the floor
- Tour of the Capitol
- How can you relate to them?
- Maximize off season
- Get to know them (gated keeper)
- (Legislators & their staff)
- Building long term relationships
- in a good way
- How to be recognized/noticed
- Being prepared

Meeting ... Interactive/Participative

Do it as part of next Council

Having a game plan

Tell your story

Talking to legislators

Education... About Public Policy

National Alerts

Members also have access to
Ask for her help...
Legislator Communications Keep Diary Informed about your
Always follow-up question.... Let them know you will find
Don't make up answers.... Be a Reliable Source of Info.

Extreme.

You can be upset about an issue. You want to be labeled as
But not with the person. You
They work for you.
* balanced
* active
* persistent
* cordial
* confident
Power lobbyist don't have it. "Readiness is something the Констиuent to you vote. Your Feel constituent... you are a Appearance... wear comfortable shoes.

The closer to the vote... they

But do personalize it.

Helpful... could copy/paste Sample letters/emails would be

Opposing positions important to try to understand

On hearings/locatins/times hard to always have timely info

Educate them. Use short/direct emails to legislators.
May want to include some media education components, too.

... want specific point of view
... we have fingers in a lot of things
... the story
... clarity
... elevator speech

You may have an opinion on an issue as an individual, but you are also a member of GCDD. Represent the GCDD position if you are wearing that hat.

AVA's LAW (continued)

Appreciated respect for differing opinions.
Want to try to understand both sides.
Are there other ways to
language it?

Kids

Push is access to services for
Council Members

Need education for generals public.

Creates controversy

Need clarity different definitions

Don't pit disabilities against each other

Autism focus... why not other developmentals

35 States have something similar

Gather info compare

May never agree on ABA

Avoids using ABA wording

"Behavioral Health Therapies"

Other laws
Valerie D'Arcy's Update
Real (c) Expansion Photo/Directory Coming Want feedback on magazine and Annual report

Colleen Passion of the Group

Josetta Legislative Update Circular tables would be better

D'Arcy's report Provides me focus

Geniece Liked D'Arcy's report Discussion good

Executive Committee reviews written evals... please complete them

Even friendship Notable

Dan 5 years on Council Reconnect to Mission

Tom Hearing thoughts of A+ Creative Events Notes Ministry Leadership

Sharon D'Arcy's Update Agree that circular seating would be better
Previous application organization? May be legislator recommendation?

How did we get appointed? Even if his mom wants to come back to camp.


On Gift? Would like more activities on point. Saving $ for

CoHesion

New Leadership

Ruby
- Get to know you
- Share core gifts
- Use comfy chairs
- Move tables around
- Get along
- Agree
- Disagree
- Want to share that with other groups
- Advisory - appreciate
- See cohesion in group
- Rested in pm
- Statewide vision
- Go on trips/learning
- Commonalities we
- Share
- Warmth cohort
- Thanks for productive discussion
- Gift of passage
- Long day
- Have surgery
- More breaks
- Informative
- Feedback on accommodations
- Put it on eval form
- Do more on gifts
- Real
- Real
- Real
- Real
- Statewide vision
Lisa
Amazing group
Opportunities offered
Real D'Arcy... on board
DDay T-shirts - set aside ones for Council Members Next year

Gary
New leaders
Congratulations
Get your reimbursements in

Eric J.
New leadership team
In a ++ direction
Channel thoughts/ideas to Executive Committee
Staff serve as support we never stop
Policy ... new process
Real - Bringing together
Roles - what do you want to learn
July - Strategic planning
Let him know about upcoming events
Drive home safely!