PRESENT
RUBY MOORE
JEFF ALLEN
WESLEY FORD
DOROTHY HARRIS
RENA HARRIS
TERESA HEARD
DEBBIE HIBBEN
NANDI ISAAC
LISA NEWBERN
EVAN NODVIN
NICK PERRY
DEBBIE REAGIN
THOM SNYDER
ZO STONEMAN
MARK CRENSHAW

GCDD
GEORGIA COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Quarterly Council Meeting
July 15 - 16, 2021

THE COUNCIL VOTED TO
ADOPT THE CONSENT
AGENDA

STRATEGIC PLAN
2022-2026
THE COUNCIL VOTED TO
ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN
2021-2022 BUDGET
THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADOPT THE BUDGET

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
OCT. 14-15 2021

CONSENT AGENDA
• APRIL MEETING MINUTES
• QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORT
• QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOME TO GCDD!
T'aira Samuel Fair
(Grants Manager)
TONYA
(Manager)
ACL & NACDD TAINSTITUTE-JULY
THE COUNCIL IS STILL NOT APPROVING TRAVEL REQUESTS
NACDD- AUGUST
**GCDDD**

**5 YEAR PLAN**

**OUR MISSION:**
Bring about social & policy changes that promote opportunities for the wide spectrum of diverse people & persons with DD & their families to live, learn, work, play & worship in their communities.

**SYSTEMS CHANGE**
Looking @ the ecosystem of Georgia
Healthcare, education, transportation, employment

**DIVERSITY**

**EQUITY & EFFICIENT COUNCIL**
Total: $3,777,658
Revenue: $1,402,213
Program expenses: $2,313,345
Public info: $357,350
Efficient & effective council: $1,473,250

**BUILDING CAPACITY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS**
ABC0D

**SELF-ADVOCACY**

**ALL POLICY IS DISABILITY POLICY**
Everyone having access to & benefiting from quality services & supports

**MORE FOLKS PARTICIPATING IN CIVIC LIFE**
Getting more self-advocates into leadership roles
Making their own decisions
The Future of Council Meetings

What changes would you like to see?
- Meetings around state
- Self-advocates having mentors on the board
- Networking group
- Changing the pace of the meetings to allow time for processing info

What do you like about council meetings now?
- Our meetings are interactive - I feel encouraged to participate
- Love having Gabby graphically recording the meetings
- Visuals help to understand the material
- Flexibility in the agenda
- Coming & hearing people talk
- Working & playing together

What do you want on the agenda?
- One day meetings or one day of council business
- Materials ahead of time
- Someone to talk about etiquette & support for folks using alternative communication devices
- More self-advocates...

Pacing agenda
Building intentional bridges with other orgs...
They know us & we know them

Presentations on projects we support
Meeting in person
Hybrid option
HUMANIZING FOLX W/ DISABILITIES & THEIR FAMILIES

HOW ARE WE DEHUMANIZING FOLKS W/ DISABILITIES & THEIR FAMILIES?

BUILDING COMMUNITY & CREATING CHANGE

WHY STORYTELLING?

BUILDING EMPATHY

STORYTELLING IS ABOUT MAKING CONNECTIONS & COMMUNITY

ADVOCACY

STORIES ARE JUST DATA WITH A SOUL - BRENÉ BROWN

A MORE INCLUSIVE GEORGIA

RECOMMENDATIONS

MAKE STORYTELLING CORE OF GCDD

GCDD AS NAT'L LEADER IN STORYTELLING & ADVOCACY

LONGER TERMS
Federal Updates

American Rescue Plan $500m for GA to spend on HCBS

HMM... How are we going to spend these $$?

GA spends half on HCBS... GA could be doing more.

Medicaid Long Term Services & Supports (LTSS) funding

Still have concerns... Hasn't been approved by CMS

Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act

Would phase out sub-minimum wages for people w/disabilities

Better Care, Better Jobs Act

The bill was reintroduced

Could potentially $400 billion nationally

Have you read it? What did you think?

Be sure to share your thoughts w/ DCH & DBHDD!

Dear Senator, this is what I think about the better care better jobs act...

Hello... I am calling to share my thoughts on subminimum wages in Georgia...